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BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE RESEARCHER RECEIVES GRANT
FROM ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION

Boston, Mass.--Boston University School of Medicine (BUSM) was recently awarded a \$157,625 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to be used by Michael T. Watkins, M.D., to continue his research on the effects of ischemia--decreased blood flow and oxygen supply--on the arterial wall. Watkins, a researcher at Boston University School of Medicine's (BUSM) Mallory Institute of Pathology, is studying ischemic injury on the cellular level in order to prevent loss of limb or loss of limb function due to hardening of the arteries.

An assistant professor of surgery and pathology at BUSM, Watkins graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1980. He performed his residency at the University of Rochester in 1986. From 1986 to 1987 he was a vascular fellow at Massachusetts General Hospital. He joined BUSM in July of 1987.

Watkins' advisor for the grant is Dr. Christian Haudenschild from BUSM's Pathology Department.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Minority Medical Development Program offers four-year, post-doctoral research grants to support minority physicians who have demonstrated superior academic and clinical skills and who are committed to careers in academic medicine and biomedical research.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation became a national philanthropy in 1972. Since then, it has awarded more than \$1 billion in grants to improve health care in the United States.

BUSM is located in the South End of Boston between two of its teaching hospitals, the University Hospital and Boston City Hospital.