

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

Dinh MT, Gunaratnam NT, Shehab TM: Survey of treatment practices of primary care physicians in the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System. Research Advisory Committee, Research Funds, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Dinh MT: Management of clostridium difficile colitis: Survey of treatment practices of primary care physicians in the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System.

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**ABSTRACTS, PRELIMINARY COMMUNICATIONS, PANEL DISCUSSIONS AND SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS**

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