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DE MONTFORT IN DIABETES BREAKTHROUGH

Scientists at De Montfort University in Leicester are developing a pioneering artificial pancreas, otherwise known as a "closed loop" insulin delivery system, that could revolutionise the treatment of diabetes.

The artificial pancreas contains insulin and is designed to be inserted near to the liver to dispense insulin to the organ. The device includes a special gel barrier layer that allows insulin through it.

The gel is sensitive to the glucose as it rises and falls in the surrounding body fluids, letting more insulin out when glucose levels rise after a meal. When the extra insulin has worked, the gel returns to its previous state and limits the insulin again until the next meal.

Another part of the artificial pancreas project is research into how people cope with using insulin to control their diabetes. The research is in



Prof. Joan Taylor of Leicester School of Pharmacy

the form of an anonymous survey of Type 1 and Type 2 diabetics who use insulin. Silver Star supporters can complete the survey by visiting <http://www.dmu.ac.uk/diabetes> - the survey can be printed, filled in and returned with a FREEPOST address.

Professor Joan Taylor, who is leading the research, told The Globe, 'The project sounds complicated but it is actually quite feasible. Our design is in the early stages of development and we can't yet promise it will work, but it's a step in the right direction.'

In addition to their research work, the School of Pharmacy at De Montfort University are linking with Silver Star to send a student to Goa in India to work on Silver Star's development in the region.

The placement will take place in September and will provide the selected student

with valuable practical experience whilst allowing Silver Star to benefit from the expertise they have gained during their pharmacy degree.

A lucky student at De Montfort University, said 'I'm really looking forward to getting out to India and helping to establish Silver Star in Goa. The placement compliments my studies perfectly and I'm counting down the days until it begins!'



Present status of artificial pancreas.

Voice of Mickey Mouse dies of Diabetes Complications



Wayne Anthony Allwine (1947 - 2009) the American actor who was the voice of Mickey Mouse for 32 years has died at the age of 62.

Wayne Allwine had worked for The Walt Disney Co since 1966 and had started out in their mailroom before he became the voice of the

famous cartoon mouse in 1977 for The New Mickey Mouse Club. The Walt Disney Co has said Allwine died of complications from diabetes, with his wife, an actress who was the voice of Minnie Mouse, by his side. They wed in Hawaii in 1991. His voice can still be heard

at Disney theme parks around the world. Allwine also voiced Mickey in Mickey's Christmas Carol and Who Framed Roger Rabbit.

In addition to his voice, he was also a sound effects editor on films and TV shows including Splash, Three Men and a Baby, Innerspace, Alien Nation and Star Trek V: The Final Frontier.

In 1986 he won an Emmy Award for sound editing the NBC series Amazing Stories.

He was the third person to voice Mickey - following Walt Disney himself and Jimmy MacDonald. He once said: "Mickey's the real star. You know you just have to love the little guy while you have him, because he won't be yours forever."

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