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 <Jin Qatar, cardiovascular diseases are the leading cause of death. Studies show that depression is associated with an increased morbidity and mortality among cardiovascular patients. "Thus, early detection of and intervention for depression among cardiovascular patients can reduce cardiovascular morbidity and mortality, as well as save health care costs." UCCQ dean and chief executive Dr Carolyn Byrne, who will also be participating in the project, stated: "We are grateful to the Qatar National Research Fund for its confidence in the expertise at UCCQ and in our Qatar partners."

The partners include: HMC cardiologists Dr Awad al-Qahani and Dr Nidal Asaad, HMC psychiatrist Dr Najla al-Haj, and HMC biostatistician Dr Rajvir Singh, University of Calgary main campus' senior mathematical/statistical consultant Dr Tak Shing Fung will also serve as consultant. "I am so very happy and grateful to QNRF for the grant. We can now work on a project that will address the healthcare needs and benefit people of Qatar," Dr Donnelly added.

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