Anne Xuan-Lan Nguyen

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Biography (IN ENGLISH): Dr. Anne Xuan-Lan Nguyen is pursuing a DPhil in Molecular and Cellular Medicine at the University of Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar under the supervision of Professor Alexander Clarke. At the Oxford's Kennedy Institute of Rheumatology she investigates the mechanisms underlying thyroid eye disease. Using single-cell genomics, spatial transcriptomics and translational immunology, she studies how immune and stromal cells interact to drive inflammation and fibrosis. The aim is to understand disease pathogenesis and identify new therapeutic targets for this complex autoimmune disease. Originally from Montreal, Dr. Nguyen completed her Doctor of Medicine and Master of Surgery (MD, CM) at McGill University before beginning residency in the Department of Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences at the University of Toronto. Following completion of her DPhil, she will return to the University of Toronto to complete her ophthalmology residency before pursuing a career as a surgeon-scientist. She hopes to establish a translational research programme that bridges molecular medicine and clinical care to develop new therapies for patients with thyroid eye disease and other vision-threatening disorders in Canada. Dr. Nguyen is grateful to the Canadian Centennial Scholarship Fund for supporting her studies at Oxford and hopes her work will contribute to advancing Canadian vision research and improving the lives of patients with thyroid eye disease.