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The University of Montana microbiology department has been awarded a U.S. Public Health Service Grant of $59,322 for a three-year study of "Clostridium perfingens food poisoning," according to Dr. M. J. Nakamura, department chairman.

Dr. Nakamura will conduct the research, assisted by James Converse. Clostridium perfingens food poisoning is a common problem in the United States and abroad, stemming primarily from improperly cooked meat and warmed over foods, such as stew and gravy.

The usual effect of such food poisoning is not death but a loss of man-hours.

Dr. Nakamura will examine the mechanism of this food poisoning and attempt to develop means for rapid identification and diagnosis of such cases.