The Spine Journal and NASS Announce 2013 “Outstanding Papers” Winners

New Orleans—Today, The Spine Journal and NASS announced four winners of the 2013 Outstanding Paper Awards at the 28th Annual Meeting of the North American Spine Society (NASS). The Spine Journal and NASS created the Outstanding Paper Awards in 1989 to recognize excellence in unpublished research in spine care. This year’s award winners are:

**Outstanding Paper: Medical and Interventional Science**

Does Physical Activity Influence the Relationship Between Low Back Pain and Obesity?
Matthew W. Smuck, MD; Ming-Chih Kao, PhD, MD; Nikhraj Brar, MD; Agnes Martinez-Ith; Jongwoo Choi; Christy Tomkins-Lane, PhD
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**Outstanding Paper: Value**

Comparative Outcomes and Cost Utility following Surgical Treatment of Focal Lumbar Spinal Stenosis Compared with Osteoarthritis of the Hip or Knee: Part 1. Long-Term Change in Health-Related Quality of Life. Part 2. Estimated Lifetime Incremental Cost-Utility Ratios
Part 1: Raja Y. Rampersaud, MD, FRCS; Stephen J. Lewis, MD; Rajiv Gandhi, MD; Roderick Davey, MD, FRCSC; Nizar Mahomed, MD.
Part 2: Raja Y. Rampersaud, MD, FRCSC; Peggy Tso, BHSc, MSc Candidate; Kevin Walker, BSc, MSc; Stephen J. Lewis, MD, FRCSC; Rajiv Gandhi, MD, FRCSC; Roderick Davey, MD, FRCSC; Nizar Mahomed, MD, ScD, FRCSC; Peter Coyte MA, PhD
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**Outstanding Paper: Surgical Science**

Nerve Injury and Recovery after Lateral Lumbar Interbody Fusion With and Without Bone Morphogenetic Protein-2 Augmentation: A Cohort Controlled Study
Marios G. Lykissas, MD, PhD; Alexander Aichmair, MD; Andrew A. Sama, MD; Alexander P. Hughes, MD; Darren R. Lebl, MD; Fadi Taher, MD; Frank P. Cammisa, MD; Federico P. Girardi, MD
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Back Pain’s Association with Vertebral Endplate Signal Changes in Sciatica
Abdelilah el Barzouhi, MD, MSc; Carmen L.A.M. Vleggeert-Lankamp, MD, PhD; Bas F. van der Kallen, MD; Geert J. Lycklama à Nijeholt, MD, PhD; Wilbert B. van den Hout, PhD; Bart W. Koes, PhD; Wilco C. Peul, MD, PhD

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The Spine Journal is an international, multidisciplinary journal that publishes original, peer-reviewed articles on research and treatment related to the spine and spine care, including basic science and clinical investigations. With a 3.355 Impact Factor, The Spine Journal is the top-rated spine journal and the third-ranked orthopedic journal among 63 in the world. Published online continuously and printed monthly by Elsevier, Inc., The Spine Journal is the scientific publication of the North American Spine Society. NASS adheres to a policy of editorial independence for the journal’s editorial board, which follows guidelines of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors, Committee on Publication Ethics and other best editorial practices.

More than 3,000 spine professionals are meeting at the NASS 28th Annual Meeting in New Orleans, October 9-12, 2013 at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. The North American Spine Society is a multidisciplinary medical organization dedicated to fostering the highest quality, evidenced-based and ethical spine care by promoting education, research and advocacy. NASS is comprised of more than 8,000 members from several disciplines, including orthopedic surgery, neurosurgery, physiatry, neurology, radiology, anesthesiology, research and physical therapy. For more information, visit www.spine.org and find NASS on: NASS Facebook and NASS Twitter.

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