The Spine Journal and NASS Announce 2014 Outstanding Paper Awards


Winning manuscripts receive a $10,000 prize and are published in The Spine Journal. Winning authors will present their work from the main podium Thursday and take questions following the awards presentations.

This year’s award winners are:

**Outstanding Paper: Basic Science**

A Multiscale Structural Investigation of the Annulus-Endplate Anchorage System and its Mechanisms of Failure  
*Samantha A. Rodrigues, BE; Ashvin Thambyah, PhD; Neil D. Broom, PhD*  
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**Outstanding Paper: Surgical Science**

A Clinical Prediction Model to Assess Surgical Outcome in Patients with Cervical Spondylotic Myelopathy: Internal and External Validation Using the Prospective Multicenter AOSpine North American and International Datasets of 743 Patients  
*Lindsay A. Tetreault, BSc; Pierre Côté, DC, PhD; Branko Kopjar, MD, PhD; Paul Arnold, MD; Michael G. Fehlings, MD, PhD, FRCSC*  
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**Outstanding Paper: Surgical Science**

Cervical Spine Clearance Protocols in Level I, II and III Trauma Centers in California  
*Murat Pekmezci, MD; Alexander A. Theologis, MD; Robert Dionisio, BS; Robert Mackersie, MD; R. Trigg McClellan, MD*  
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