

**The Spine Journal** and NASS Announce “2018 Outstanding Paper Awards”


Winning manuscripts receive a $10,000 prize and will be published in an early 2019 issue of *The Spine Journal*. Winning authors will present their work from the main podium Thursday and take questions following the awards presentations.

**2018 Outstanding Paper in Surgical Science:**

*Alterations in 90-Day Morbidity, Mortality and Readmission Rates Following Spine Surgery in Medicare Accountable Care Organizations (2009-2014)*

Andrew Schoenfeld, MD; Daniel J. Sturgeon, MS; Justin A. Blucher, MS; Adil H. Haider, MD, MPH; and James D. Kang, MD

**2018 Outstanding Paper in Basic Science:**

*Digital Biomarkers of Spine and Musculoskeletal Disease from Accelerometers: Defining Phenotypes of Free-Living Physical Activity in Knee Osteoarthritis and Lumbar Spinal Stenosis*

Christy Tomkins-Lane, PhD; Justin Norden, MPhil; Aman Sinha, MPhil; Richard Hu, MD; and Matthew Smuck, MD

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