The Spine Journal and NASS Announce 2019 Outstanding Paper Awards

CHICAGO – The Spine Journal and the North American Spine Society (NASS) announced three winners of the 2019 Outstanding Paper Awards at the society’s 34th annual meeting. These awards recognize excellence in unpublished research in spine care.

Winning manuscripts receive a $10,000 prize and will be published in The Spine Journal. Winning authors will present their work Thursday and take questions following their presentations.

2019 Outstanding Paper in Basic Science:
Inflammaging determines health and disease in lumbar discs: evidence from differing proteomic signatures of healthy, aging and degenerating discs
S. Rajasekaran, PhD; Chitraa Tangavel, PhD; Sri Vijay Anand, K S MS; Dilip Chand Raja, S MS; Sharon Miracle Nayagam, MSc; Monica Steffi Matchado; M. Raveendran, PhD; Ajoy Prasad Shetty, MS; Rishi Mugesh Kanna, MS; K. Dharmalingam, PhD

2019 Outstanding Paper in Surgical Science:
Laboratory markers as useful prognostic measures for survival in patients with spinal metastases
Andrew J. Schoenfeld, MD; Marco L. Ferrone, MD; Peter G. Passias, MD; Justin A. Blucher, MS; Lauren B. Barton, BS; John H. Shin, MD; Mitchel B. Harris, MD; Joseph H. Schwab, MD, MS

2019 Outstanding Paper in Value in Spine Care:
Are current DGR-based bundled payment models for lumbar fusions risk-adjusting adequately? An analysis of Medicare beneficiaries
Azeem Tariq Malik, MBBS; Frank M. Phillips, MD; Elizabeth Yu, MD; Safdar N. Khan, MD
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More than 3,000 spine professionals will meet at the NASS 34th Annual Meeting in Chicago, September 25-28, 2019 at McCormick Place to share the latest information, innovative techniques and procedures, best practices and new technologies in the spine field. NASS 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 8,500 members from several disciplines, including orthopedic surgery, neurosurgery, physiatry, neurology, radiology, anesthesiology, research and physical therapy. For more information, visit www.spine.org, NASS Facebook and NASS Twitter.

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