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The Spine Journal and NASS Announce 2020 Outstanding Paper Awards

CHICAGO – The Spine Journal and the North American Spine Society (NASS) announced three winners of the 2020 Outstanding Paper Awards at the society’s 35th 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 These awards recognize excellence in unpublished research in spine care.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. Their presentations are included in an OnDemand session titled: The Spine Journal Outstanding Paper Awards moderated by TSJ editor in chief Christopher Bono, MD.

Award Winners/Presenters:

**Outstanding Paper: Basic Science**
Uncovering molecular targets for regenerative therapy in degenerative disc disease: do small leucine-rich proteoglycans hold the key?
Shanmuganathan Rajasekaran, PhD; Dilip Chand Raja, MS; Chitraa Tangavel, PhD; Sharon Miracle Nayagam, MSc; Vijay Anand, MS; R. Sunmathi, MTech; Monica Steffi Matchado, MTech; M. Raveendran, PhD; Ajoy Prasad Shetty, MS; Rishi Mugesh Kanna, MS; K. Dharmalingam, PhD

**Outstanding Paper: Clinical Care**
Vertebral bone quality score predicts fragility fractures independently of bone mineral density
Jeff Ehresman BS; Andrew Schilling AB; Xinghai Yang MD; Zach Pennington BS; A. Karim Ahmed BS; Ethan Cottrill BS; Daniel Lubelski MD; Majid Khan MD; Kendall F. Moseley, MD; Daniel M. Sciubba, MD

**Outstanding Paper: Clinical Care**
Prospective validation of a clinical prediction score for survival in patients with spinal metastases: The New England Spinal Metastasis Score
Andrew J. Schoenfeld, MD; Marco L. Ferrone, MD; Joseph H. Schwab, MD, MS; Justin A. Blucher, MS; Lauren B. Barton, BS; Daniel G. Tobert; John H. Chi, MD, MPH; John H. Shin, MD; James D. Kang, MD; Mitchel B. Harris, MD

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Committee of Medical Journal Editors, Committee on Publication Ethics and other best editorial practices.

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