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JVIR, SIR Foundation honor studies that improve patient care for those with liver disease and cancer

Awards given during Society of Interventional Radiology’s Annual Scientific Meeting in Vancouver

VANCOUVER, British Columbia—The Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology (JVIR)—the Society of Interventional Radiology’s peer-reviewed scientific journal—presented the 2015 JVIR Editor’s Best awards during the April 3 general session of the SIR Annual Scientific Meeting, April 2–April 7 in Vancouver, British Columbia. The annual awards, supported by SIR Foundation, are made after a comprehensive review of all papers submitted to JVIR during the prior year.

2015 JVIR EDITOR’S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CLINICAL RESEARCH PAPER

Dong Il Gwon, M.D., an associate professor at University of Ulsan College of Medicine, Asan Medical Center, Seoul, South Korea, was honored with the award for outstanding clinical research paper for “Vascular Plug-assisted Retrograde Transvenous Obliteration (PARTO) for the Treatment of Gastric Varices and Hepatic Encephalopathy: A Prospective Multicenter Study.” In citing why this paper stood out JVIR Editor-in-chief Ziv J Haskal, M.D., FSIR, noted, “Patients with life-threatening bleeding complications from cirrhosis have increasingly benefited from balloon-occluded retrograde transvenous obliteration and PARTO procedures. Dr. Gwon’s study is the first large-scale study to validate the effectiveness of a newer, rapid, single-session means of performing this procedure, which is poised to replace, worldwide, the multi-hour, overnight option practiced since 1989.”

2015 JVIR EDITOR’S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING LABORATORY INVESTIGATION

Ron C. Gaba, M.D., FSIR, a faculty member in the interventional radiology division of the University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System, Chicago, was honored with the award for outstanding laboratory investigation for “Gene Expression in Hepatocellular Carcinoma: Pilot Study of Potential Transarterial Chemoembolization Response Biomarkers.” Haskal, a professor with the department of radiology and medical imaging at the University of Virginia Health System in Charlottesville, said, “Interventional radiologists are the leading specialists for targeted treatment of liver cancers. The research shows how gene analysis may lead to better patient outcomes by
helping to identify patients and measuring outcomes better. This is the basis of highly personalized, patient-specific therapies, which are widely regarded as the future of medicine."

Haskal also recognized the authors of an additional six clinical and five laboratory papers for their contributions.

More information about the Society of Interventional Radiology, finding an interventional radiologist in your area, minimally invasive treatments, and the Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology can be found online at sirweb.org.

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About the Society of Interventional Radiology

The Society of Interventional Radiology is a nonprofit, professional medical society representing more than 6,100 practicing interventional radiology physicians, scientists and clinical associates, dedicated to improving patient care through the limitless potential of image-guided therapies. SIR’s members work in a variety of settings and at different professional levels—from medical students and residents to university faculty and private practice physicians. Visit sirweb.org. The Society of Interventional Radiology is holding its Annual Scientific Meeting April 2–7 at the Vancouver Convention Centre, British Columbia, Canada. Visit sirmeeting.org.


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