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College of American Pathologists Honors Top Five Junior Member Abstract Winners

Northfield, IL. – The College of American Pathologists (CAP) recognized five CAP junior members for their outstanding scientific posters and original research. The award recipients were honored at a special ceremony on October 13, 2013, at the Gaylord Palms Orlando, in Kissimmee, Fla., during the College's annual meeting, [CAP'13—THE Pathologists' Meeting™](#). All winners have their abstracts published in the October issue of the [Archives of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine](#).

"It is an honor to recognize these five exceptional CAP members for their original research," said CAP President Gene N. Herbek, MD, FCAP. "Their dedication to pathology and the advancement of science in an effort to enhance patient care is remarkable."

A CAP-sponsored competition, the CAP '13 Abstracts Program provides pathologists with a unique opportunity to enhance their research skills, develop writing proficiency, gain practical experience at presenting their findings, and contribute to the advancement of pathology. It is designed to promote a broad range of research in pathology and offers pathologists and research scientists the opportunity to submit original research to their peers in a poster presentation format. Editors from the *Archives of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine* evaluated submissions to this program.

The top five CAP junior member abstract winners for the CAP'13 meeting are:

First Place

Jie Xu, MD, PhD

Department of Pathology, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Alabama

"p16 Overexpression: A Better Prognostic Discriminator Than Transcriptionally Active Human Papillomavirus 16"

Second Place

Riyam Zreik, MD

Department of Pathology, Scott & White Healthcare, Temple, Texas

"Ulcerated Versus Non-Ulcerated Melanoma: An Evaluation of EMT Gene Expression Patterns and Cancer Hotspot Mutation Testing Using Ion Torrent Next-Generation Sequencing"

Third Place

Kerry Nagee, MD

Department of Pathology, University of Florida-Jacksonville, Florida

"Characterization of *KRAS* Mutation in Acinar and Langerhans Islet Cells of Patients With Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma"

Fourth Place

Amy G. Zhou, MD

Department of Pathology, University of Massachusetts, Worcester, Massachusetts

"The Utility of Relative Loss of 9p21 in UroVysion Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization for the Detection of Urothelial Carcinoma"

Fifth Place

Haijun (Steve) Zhou, MD, PhD

Department of Pathology and Genomic Medicine, Houston Methodist Hospital, Texas

"Constitutive Activation of IGF-IR-mTOR-AKT Pathway in Diffuse Idiopathic Pulmonary Neuroendocrine Cell Hyperplasia"

About Pathologists and Pathology

Pathologists are physicians who use laboratory medicine and technology to identify and diagnose disease. They work with primary care physicians and others on the patient care team to guide treatment plans. In fact, more than 70 percent of all decisions about diagnosis, treatment, hospital admission, and discharge rest on the pathologist's report.

About the CAP

As the leading organization for board-certified pathologists, the College of American Pathologists (CAP) serves patients, pathologists, and the public by fostering and advocating excellence in the practice of pathology and laboratory medicine worldwide. With more than 18,000 physician members, the CAP has led laboratory accreditation for more than 50 years with more than 7,500 CAP-accredited laboratories in 50 countries. Find more information about the CAP at cap.org. Follow CAP on Twitter: [@pathologists](https://twitter.com/pathologists).

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