

Spotlight on the 2020 CRA Abstract Awards



Ian Watson Award for the Best Abstract on SLE Research by a Trainee

Sponsored by the Lupus Society of Alberta

Winner: Kimberley Yuen, Queen's University

Abstract Title: Using Classification and Regression Tree Analysis to Determine the Validity of the ANAM in the Assessment of Cognitive Impairment in Patients with SLE Compared to the American College of Rheumatology Neuropsychological Battery

Supervisor: Dr. Zahi Touma

Phil Rosen Award for the Best Abstract on Clinical or Epidemiology Research by a Trainee

Sponsored by the Arthritis Society – Phil Rosen Memorial Award

Winners: Kristina Roche & Eugene Krustev, Memorial University of Newfoundland & University of Calgary

Abstract Title: Development of an Affordable and Remotely Accessible Tool in Joint Injection and Arthrocentesis

Supervisors: Drs. Shaina Goudie, Sam Aseer and Proton Rahman

Best Abstract by a Rheumatology Resident

Sponsored by the CRA

Winner: Dr. Julie Mongeau, Dalhousie University

Abstract Title: Review of Outpatient Referrals to Rheumatology; Adherence to Choosing Wisely Recommendations Regarding Anti-Nuclear Antibody Testing at the Referral Level

Supervisors: Dr. Trudy Taylor

Best Abstract on Basic Science Research by a Trainee

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Winner: Sonya Kim, University of Ottawa

Abstract Title: Interferon-Induced Cytokines as Surrogate Markers of the Interferon Signature in Asymptomatic and Symptomatic ANA+ Individuals

Supervisor: Dr. Joan Wither

Best Abstract by a Post-Graduate Research Trainee

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Winner: Carolina Muñoz-Grajales, University of Toronto

Abstract Title: Investigating the Differences in ANA Specificities Between Asymptomatic and Symptomatic ANA+ Individuals

Supervisor: Dr. Joan Wither

Best Abstract on Quality Care Initiatives in Rheumatology

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Winner: Dr. Arielle Mendel, University of Toronto

Abstract Title: An Initiative to Improve Timely Glucocorticoid Tapering in Vasculitis

Supervisor: Dr. Christian Pagnoux

Best Abstract by a Medical Student

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Winner: Declan Webber, University of Toronto

Abstract Title: Genetics of Avascular Necrosis in Children and Adults with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

Supervisor: Dr. Linda Hiraki

Best Abstract by an Undergraduate Student

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Winner: Chloe Lee, University of Calgary

Abstract Title: Development and Pilot of Novel Process Using Machine Learning and Crowdsourcing to Conduct a Living Systematic Review of Rheumatoid Arthritis Drug Therapy

Supervisor: Dr. Glen Hazlewood

Best Abstract by a Rheumatology Post-Graduate Research Trainee

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Winner: Dr. Nancy Maltez, University of Ottawa

Abstract Title: Longitudinal Changes in Health-related Quality of Life in Systemic Sclerosis Treated with Autologous Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant Compared to Standard of Care

Supervisor: Dr. Marie Hudson

Best Abstract on Research by Young Faculty

Sponsored by the CRA

Winner: Dr. Lily Lim, University of Manitoba

Abstract Title: Are Patterns of Early Disease Severity Predictive of Grade 12 Academic Achievement in Patients with Childhood-onset Chronic Rheumatic Diseases?

Best Abstract on Spondyloarthritis Research

Sponsored by the Canadian Spondylitis Association

Winner: Anas Samman, University of Toronto

Abstract Title: Differential Expression of Synovial Fluid microRNAs in Psoriatic Arthritis and Osteoarthritis

Supervisor: Dr. Vinod Chandran