

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2008 SMJ BEST RESEARCH PAPER AWARD WINNERS

On behalf of the Singapore Medical Association (SMA), the Singapore Medical Journal (SMJ) is pleased to announce the following recipients of the 2008 SMJ best research paper awards:

First Prize

Does computer-assisted surgical navigation total knee arthroplasty reduce venous thromboembolism compared with conventional total knee arthroplasty?

Authors: Ooi L H, Lo N N, Yeo S J, Ong B C, Ding Z P, Lefi A

Published in: Singapore Med J 2008; 49:610-614

Second Prizes (tie)

Comparison of nested-polymerase chain reaction and virus culture for the diagnosis of genital herpes simplex virus infection

Authors: Sen P, Sun Y J, Tan H H, Tan S H, Chan R

Published in: Singapore Med J 2008; 49:466-469

Predictors of newborn admission after labour induction at term: Bishop score, pre-induction ultrasonography and clinical risk factors

Authors: Tan P C, Suguna S, Vallikkannu N, Hassan J

Published in: Singapore Med J 2008; 49:193-198

Haemodynamic and ventilatory effects of preoperative epidural analgesia during laparoscopic hysterectomy using NICO™

Authors: Hong J Y

Published in: Singapore Med J 2008; 49:233-238

The award winners received a cash prize, commemorative trophy and a certificate, which were presented at the SMA annual dinner held at The Fullerton Hotel on May 16, 2009.

All 141 original articles published in the January to December 2008 issues (volume 49, issues 1–12) of the SMJ were eligible for consideration for this award. The following criteria were adopted by the judging panel in determining the winning articles:

- the paper with the most potential impact on clinical practice,
- the paper with the most rigorous study design/research methodologies,
- the paper with comprehensive data analysis and balanced discussion, and
- the quality of the data interpretation

We thank the distinguished panel of judges for their diligent and conscientious efforts:

Professor Chee Yam Cheng

Professor Lee Eng Hin

Professor Ong Yong Yau

The following Editorial Board members performed the initial evaluation of original articles:

January–June articles: Dr Cynthia Chee Bin Eng, Dr Liau Kui Hin, Dr Cuthbert Teo Eng Swee

July–December articles: Dr Chang Haw Chong, A/Prof Chng Wee Joo, Prof Fong Kok Yong,

Announcements for the 2009 SMJ best research paper award were published in the January to April issues of the journal. Please submit your best papers. Our journal depends on articles of high quality.

Professor Wilfred C G Peh

Editor

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