

Research Day 2014 Award Winners

Awards are presented at Ochsner's annual Research Day for outstanding submissions from 4 groups of researchers. The Ochsner Alumni Association presents awards to the top 3 presentations by residents or fellows. System Nursing Professional Development and Research present the Nursing Research Award, a rotating plaque that is engraved each year with the winner's name. Pharmacy leaders acknowledge the outstanding pharmacy submission. Faculty of The University of Queensland, Ochsner Clinical School select first, second, and third place winners from the medical student submissions.

Congratulations to the 2014 award winners!

Figure 1. From left, Sohail Rao, MD, MA, DPhil and Daniel Morin, MD, MPH congratulate the winners of the Ochsner Alumni Association Resident Research Award. First place was presented to Saima Karim, DO for Correlation Between Positron Emission Tomography Stress Myocardial Blood Flow and Ventricular Tachyarrhythmia or Death in Patients with Cardiomyopathy. The second place winner was Kaustubh Shiralkar, MD (Improved Methodology for Calculating Hepatorenal Index), and third place was awarded to Tariq Javed, MD (Repair and Regeneration of the Diabetic Kidney).



Figure 2. Karen Rice, DNS, APRN, ACNS-BC, ANP (left) presented the Nursing Research Award to Anne Pirrone, BSN, CCRN for An Evidence-Based Approach to Creating a Restraint-Free Environment in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. Also acknowledged were Cynthia Boudreaux, MS, APRN, IBCLC (second place for Early Skin-to-Skin Contact and Exclusive Breast-feeding Rates), Jean Shiber, MN, RN-BC, OCN (third place for Reducing Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infections Through the Addition of Disinfecting Port Protectors to the Central Line Bundle), and Raymond Egger, BSN, RN, CNRN (honorable mention for Stroke Central: An Innovative Approach to Coordinated Comprehensive Stroke Care).





Figure 3. Presenting the Pharmacy Research Award to Ushma Patel, PharmD (center) for Cytomegalovirus Infection in Liver Transplant Recipients after Protocol Change to Universal Prophylaxis were Nicole Lacoste, PharmD (left) and Debbie Simonson, PharmD (right).



Figure 4. The University of Queensland, Ochsner Clinical School students recognized at Research Day for outstanding abstract/poster submissions were first place winner Asia Downing, MBBS (fourth from left) for Missed Opportunities for HIV Diagnosis in a New Orleans Area Health System, second place winner Brian Reuter, BS for Combination Therapy for Colorectal Cancer Metastasis Using an Orthotopic Xenograft Model, third place winner Matthew Clark, BS for Exclusion Criteria in Prehospital Stroke Screens Contribute to Their Insensitivity, and honorable mention for John Patrick Sisney, BS for Enhanced Nanoparticle Delivery to In Vivo Pig Skin. Also pictured (from left) are Jawed Alam, PhD; William Pinsky, MD; Sohail Rao, MD, MA, DPhil; and Murray Mitchell, DPhil, DSc (far right).