
2009 COT Residents Trauma Papers Competition winners announced

The Committee on Trauma (COT) announced the winners of this year's Residents Trauma Papers Competition at its annual meeting in Chicago, IL. There were 15 regional winners, who each received a prize of \$500. An additional \$500 was received by the two second-place winners, and an extra \$1,000 was awarded to the two first-place winners. The competition is funded by the Eastern and Western States COTs, Region 7 (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska), the National Trauma Institute, Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, and the American College of Surgeons.

The competition is open to surgical residents and trauma fellows. Papers are first submitted for state or provincial competitions. Those winners are then judged at a regional level. Papers

should describe original research in the area of trauma care and/or prevention in one of two categories: basic laboratory research or clinical investigation.

Winning papers from 15 regions were presented at the Scientific Session of the COT meeting, which was moderated by M. Margaret Knudson, MD, FACS, Vice-Chair of the COT and Chair of the COT Regional Committees. The four final winners were announced at the Trauma Banquet on March 20.

The 2009 final winners are as follows:

- *First Place, Basic Laboratory Research:* Elizabeth A. Sailhamer, MD, Boston, MA: Histone Deacetylase Inhibition: A Novel Treatment for Lethal Septic Shock.

- *First Place, Clinical Investigation:* Alexios A. Adamides,

BmedSci, BMBS, MRCSEd, Melbourne, Australia: Patterns of Brain Tissue Metabolites Predict Episodes of Intracranial Hypertension in Patients with Severe Traumatic Brain Injury.

- *Second Place, Basic Laboratory Research:* Captain Reed B. Kuehn, MD, MC, Washington, DC: Behavioral and Histological Evaluation of a New Closed Head Injury Model in Rats by Utilizing Frontal Impact with Rotation and Extension.

- *Second Place, Clinical Investigation:* Maj. Joseph DuBose, MD, Los Angeles, CA (Major DuBose was stationed in Balad, Iraq, so the paper was presented by co-author, Maj. Bradley S. Putty, MD): Measurable Outcomes of Quality Improvement Using a Daily Rounds Checklist: One-Year Analysis in a Trauma ICU.



Left to right: Drs. Adamides, Putty, Kuehn, and Sailhamer at the COT Residents Trauma Papers Competition awards ceremony.



Dr. DuBose.