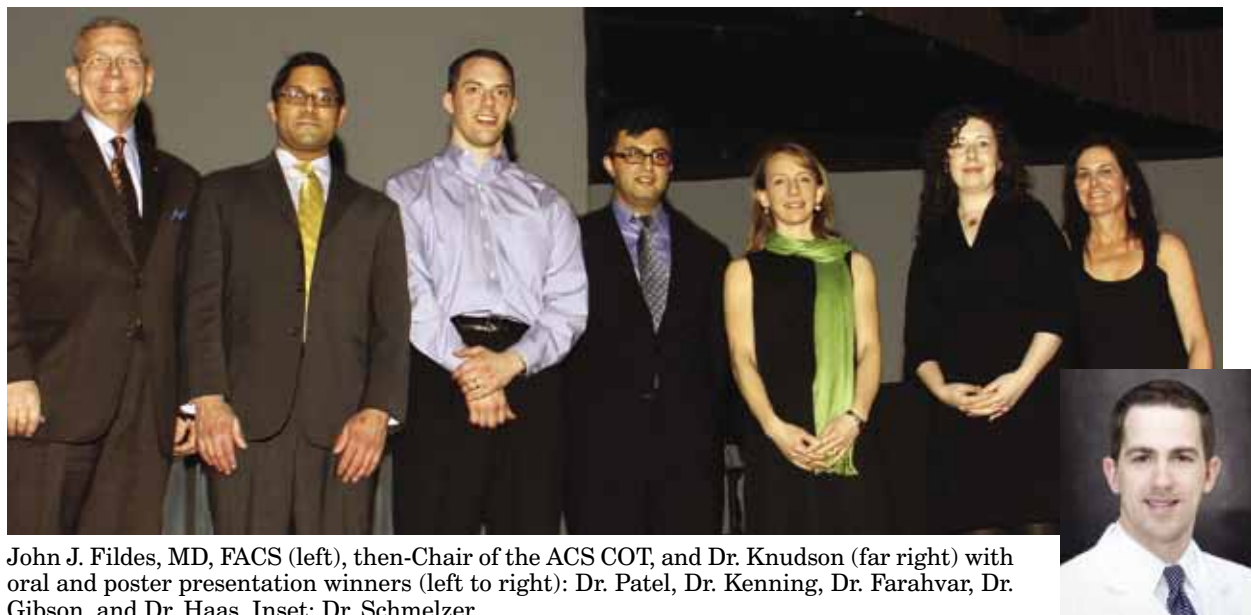


2010 COT Residents Trauma Papers Competition winners announced



John J. Fildes, MD, FACS (left), then-Chair of the ACS COT, and Dr. Knudson (far right) with oral and poster presentation winners (left to right): Dr. Patel, Dr. Kenning, Dr. Farahvar, Dr. Gibson, and Dr. Haas. Inset: Dr. Schmelzer.

The Committee on Trauma (COT) announced the winners of the 33rd annual Residents Trauma Papers Competition at its annual meeting in Las Vegas, NV. The competition is open to surgical residents and

trauma fellows. Submissions describe original research in the area of trauma care and/or prevention in one of two categories: basic laboratory research or clinical investigation. The competition is funded by the

Eastern and Western States COTs, Region 7 (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska), the National Trauma Institute, and the American College of Surgeons.

Submissions begin at the state or provincial level, and winners are then judged at regional competitions. Each region is then eligible to submit two abstracts to a panel of COT judges, who make the final selection for presentation at the Scientific Session of the COT meeting.

This year, 15 oral presentations were given at the session, which was moderated by M. Margaret Knudson, MD, FACS, Vice-Chair of the

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COT and Chair of the COT Regional Committees. Each of the 15 presenters received a prize of \$500, with an additional \$500 awarded to the second-place winners in each category, and an extra \$1,000 was awarded to the two first-place winners.

The oral presentations were given by these winners from the following COT regions: Chad M. Patton, MD, MS, Burlington, VT (Region 1); Arash Farahvar, MD, PhD, Rochester, NY (Region 2); CPT Ian R. Driscoll, MD, Washington, DC (Region 3); Thomas M. Schmelzer, MD, Charlotte, NC (Region 4); Angela L.F. Gibson, MD, PhD, Madison, WI (Region 5); Shinil K. Shah, DO, Houston, TX (Region 6); Christopher J. Cooper, MD, Columbia, MO (Region 7); John C. Eun, MD, Denver, CO (Region 8); Chirag Patel, MD, Phoenix, AZ (Region 9); Philbert Y. Van, MD, Portland, OR (Region 10); Ryan T. M. Mitchell, MD, BSc, Winnipeg, MB (Region 11); Bar-

bara Haas, MD, Toronto, ON (Region 12); Captain Suzanne M. Gillern, MD, Washington, DC (Region 13); Guillermo Jose Borjas Salas, MD, Cabi-mas, Venezuela (Region 14); and Andrew B. Martin, BHB, MBCHb, Eleebana, Australia (Region 16).

The 2010 final winners are as follows:

- *First Place, Basic Laboratory Research:* Angela L. F. Gibson, MD, PhD, Madison, WI (Region 5): Expression of an hBD-3 Transgene in Keratinocytes Using an Ex-Vivo, Non-Viral Strategy Produces an Antimicrobial Human Skin Substitute.

- *First Place, Clinical Investigation:* Barbara Haas, MD, Toronto, ON (Region 12): Survival of the Fittest: Overcoming Survivor Bias in Evaluating the Transfer Process.

- *Second Place, Basic Laboratory Research:* Arash Farahvar, MD, PhD, Rochester, NY (Region 2): Transplantation of Glial-Restricted Progeni-

tor Cells following Traumatic Brain Injury in the Rat.

- *Second Place, Clinical Investigation:* Thomas M. Schmelzer, MD, Charlotte, NC (Region 4): Vancomycin Intermittent Dosing versus Continuous Infusion for Treatment of Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia in Trauma Patients.

In addition to the oral presentations, the COT is pleased to announce that a poster session was added to the competition this year, with two first-place awards in the Basic Laboratory Research and Clinical Investigations categories. The participants in this inaugural poster session were as follows:

- Dipan C. Patel, MD, Providence, RI (Region 1); Tyler J. Kenning, MD, Albany, NY (Region 2); Brian P. Smith, MD, Philadelphia, PA (Region 3); Eric L. Long, MD, Macon, GA (Region 4); Thomas Sitzman, MD, Madison, WI (Region 5); Sasha D. Adams, MD, Houston, TX (Region 6); Jacob A. Quick, MD, Columbia, MO (Region 7); Todd W. Costantini, MD, San Diego, CA (Region 9); and Captain Danielle B. Holt, MD, Honolulu, HI (Region 13).

- *First Place, Basic Laboratory Research:* Dipan C. Patel, MD, Providence, RI (Region 1): Neutrophil Mechanosensing Regulates Effector Functions.

- *First Place, Clinical Investigation:* Tyler J. Kenning, MD, Albany, NY (Region 2): A Comparison of Hinge Craniotomy and Decompressive Craniectomy for the Treatment of Malignant Intracranial Hypertension: Need for Cranial Revision and Long-Term Clinical Outcomes.

Trauma meetings calendar

The following continuing medical education courses in trauma are cosponsored by the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma and Regional Committees:

- **Advances in Trauma**, December 10–11, 2011, Kansas City, MO.

- **Medical Disaster Response**, April 10, 2011, Las Vegas, NV.

- **Trauma, Critical Care, and Acute Care Surgery 2011**, April 11–13, 2011, Las Vegas, NV.

Complete course information can be viewed online (as it becomes available) through the American College of Surgeons' Web site at <http://www.facs.org/trauma/cme/traumtgs.html>, or contact the Trauma Office at 312-202-5342.