

Spotlight on the 2023 CRA Abstract Awards

BEST ABSTRACT ON SLE RESEARCH BY A TRAINEE – IAN WATSON AWARD

Sponsored by the Lupus Society of Alberta

Winner: Laura Whittall-Garcia, Toronto Western Hospital
Abstract Title: Neutrophil Extracellular Traps as a Biomarker to Predict Outcomes in Lupus Nephritis
Supervisors: Drs. Murray Urowitz and Zahi Touma

BEST ABSTRACT ON CLINICAL OR EPIDEMIOLOGY RESEARCH BY A TRAINEE – PHIL ROSEN AWARD

Sponsored by the Arthritis Society – Phil Rosen Memorial Award

Winner: Timothy Kwok, University of Toronto
Abstract Title: Adherence to Serum Urate Monitoring Guidelines Amongst Older Adults with Gout in Ontario, Canada: A Population-based Study
Supervisor: Dr. Jessica Widdifield

BEST ABSTRACT BY A RHEUMATOLOGY RESIDENT

Sponsored by the CRA

Winner: Mats Junek, McMaster University
Abstract Title: Characteristics of relapse of individuals with ANCA-associated vasculitis enrolled in the PEXIVAS trial
Supervisor: Dr. Michael Walsh

BEST ABSTRACT ON BASIC SCIENCE RESEARCH BY A TRAINEE

Sponsored by the CRA

Winner: Marie-Hélène Normand, Université de Montréal
Abstract Title: Vascular Injury Derived Exosomes Stimulate Lymphocyte Infiltration in the Kidney of Lupus Prone Mice
Supervisor: Dr. Mélanie Dieudé

BEST ABSTRACT BY A POST-GRADUATE RESEARCH TRAINEE

Sponsored by the CRA

Winner: Leah Flatman, McGill University
Abstract Title: Hospitalization with Infection in Offspring Exposed During Late Pregnancy to Tumour Necrosis Factor Inhibitors with High versus Low Placental Transfer Ability
Supervisors: Drs. Évelyne Vinet and Sasha Bernatsky

BEST ABSTRACT ON QUALITY CARE INITIATIVES IN RHEUMATOLOGY

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Winner: Amanda Steiman, University of Toronto
Abstract Title: "If you didn't chart it, you didn't do it:" Developing a template to address quality indicators in patients with childhood-onset systemic lupus erythematosus (cSLE) transitioning from pediatric to adult care



BEST ABSTRACT BY A MEDICAL STUDENT

Sponsored by the CRA

Winner: Shakeel Subdar, University of Toronto
Abstract Title: Preparing for a Shared-Care Model: What Proportion of Patients with Stable Rheumatoid Arthritis Could be Followed in Primary Care?
Supervisor: Dr. Claire Barber

BEST ABSTRACT BY AN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT

Sponsored by the CRA

Winner: Jeremiah Tan, University of British Columbia
Abstract Title: Risk for Hospitalization, Intensive Care Unit Admission, and Mortality Among COVID-19 Patients Receiving Immunosuppressive Medications: A Population-Based SCOUT (underStanding COvid-19 in immUnosuppressed paTients) Study
Supervisor: Dr. J. Antonio Aviña-Zubieta

BEST ABSTRACT BY A RHEUMATOLOGY POST-GRADUATE RESEARCH TRAINEE

Sponsored by the CRA

Winner: Nicole Andersen, McGill University
Abstract Title: Cannabis Use in Inflammatory Arthritis: Characteristics and Comparisons Between Users and Non-Users
Supervisors: Drs. Deborah Da Costa and Annett Korner

BEST ABSTRACT ON RESEARCH BY YOUNG FACULTY

Sponsored by the CRA

Winner: Alexandra Legge, Dalhousie University
Abstract Title: Comparison of the Systemic Lupus International Collaborating Clinics Frailty Index (SLICC-FI) and the FRAIL Scale for Identifying Frailty Among Individuals Living With Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

BEST ABSTRACT ON SPONDYLOARTHRITIS RESEARCH AWARD

Sponsored by the Canadian Spondylitis Association

Winner: Patricia Remalante-Rayco, University of Toronto
Abstract Title: Does Concurrent Inflammatory Bowel Disease Alter the Profile of Axial Spondylarthritis?
Supervisors: Drs. Robert D. Inman and Nigil Haroon