

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2004 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 2004 SMJ best research paper awards:

**First prize**

Ethnic differences among Chinese, Malay and Indian patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus in Singapore

*Authors: Hong Ching Ye, Chia Kee Seng, Kenneth Hughes, Ling Sing Lin*

*Published in: Singapore Med J 2004; 45: 154-160.*

**Second prize**

Prevalence, awareness, treatment and control of hypertension in the Malaysian adult population: results from the National Health and Morbidity Survey 1996

*Authors: Lim Teck-Onn, Zaki Morad, Hypertension Study Group*

*Published in: Singapore Med J 2004; 45: 20-27*

**Third prize**

The impact of diabetes mellitus on the prognostic value of a normal dobutamine stress echocardiogram in patients with intermediate to high cardiovascular risk

*Authors: Adrian Low Fatt How, Ng Wai Lin, Lim Yean Teng, Yeo Tiong Cheng*

*Published in: Singapore Med J 2004; 45: 161-165*

The award winners will each receive a cash prize, commemorative trophy and a certificate, to be presented at the SMA annual dinner to be held at the Raffles Town Club on 30 April 2005.

All 53 original articles published in the January to December 2004 issues (volume 45, nos. 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 healthcare,
- most rigorous study design/research methodologies,
- comprehensive data analysis and balanced discussion, and
- data interpretation

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

1. Professor Chee Yam Cheng
2. Professor Lee Seng Teik
3. Professor Tan Chorh Chuan

We also acknowledge the efforts of the following editorial board members who formed the preliminary judging panel: A/Prof Paul Ananth Tambyah, Dr Chin Jing Jih and Dr Jackie Tan Yu Ling.

Announcements for the 2005 SMJ best research paper award have been published in the March 2005 and May 2005 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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