

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2010 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 2010 SMJ Best Research Paper Award:

**First Prize**

Development of quantitative-fluorescence polymerase chain reaction for the rapid prenatal diagnosis of common chromosomal aneuploidies in 1,000 samples in Singapore

*Authors: Baig S, Ho S S Y, Ng B L, Chiu L, Koay E S C, Leow G H, Gole L, Kothandaraman N, Chan J, Sun X, Chan Y H, Rauff M, Su L L, Biswas A, Choolani M*

*Published in: Singapore Med J 2010; 51(4): 343-348*

**Second Prize**

Novel electrogram device with web-based service centre for ambulatory ECG monitoring

*Authors: Tan B Y, Ho K L, Ching C K, Teo W S*

*Published in: Singapore Med J 2010; 51(7): 565-569*

**Third Prize**

Combination of bolus dose vitamin D with routine vaccination in infants: a randomised trial

*Authors: Shakiba M, Sadr S, Nefei Z, Mozaffari-Khosravi H, Lotfi M H, Bemanian M H*

*Published in: Singapore Med J 2010; 51(5): 440-445*

The award winners received a cash prize, commemorative trophy and a certificate, which were presented at the SMA annual dinner held at Grand Hyatt Singapore Hotel on 14 May, 2010.

A total of 104 original articles published in the January to December 2010 issues (volume 51, issues 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 clinical practice;
- the paper with the most rigorous study design/research methodologies;
- the paper with comprehensive data analysis and balanced discussion; and
- the quality of the data interpretation

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

Prof Chee Yam Cheng, Prof Wilfred Peh, A/Prof Tan Eng King

The following Editorial Board members performed the initial evaluation of original articles:

January–June articles: Dr Chan Yiong Huak, Dr Tehoyoson Lim, A/Prof Ho Nai Kiong

June–December articles: A/Prof Benny Tan, A/Prof Kelvin Tan, Dr Tan Ngiap Chuan

Announcements for the 2010 SMJ Best Research Paper Award were published in the January to December issues of the journal. Please submit your best papers. Our journal depends on articles of high quality.

**Professor Teo Eng Kiong**

Editor

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