ASDS Awards 10 Clinical Research Grants

Recent CERG recipients focused on innovation in dermatologic surgery

Rolling Meadows, Ill. (PRWEB) November 17, 2015 -- The American Society for Dermatologic Surgery has awarded a total of $96,000 to 10 new clinical research projects through its Cutting Edge Research Grant program.

This year’s research projects will focus on topics ranging from examining the effectiveness of specific lasers on surgical/traumatic scars to a study of whether certain pre-operative methods improve the functional status of patients undergoing Mohs surgery for non-melanoma skin cancer.

“These grants play a vital role in allowing ASDS to remain at the forefront of innovation and leadership in dermatologic surgery,” said ASDS President Naomi Lawrence, M.D. “The research that the CERG program empowers continues to yield findings that make a difference for our specialty.”

The Society’s Cutting Edge Research Grant program – which unites education and innovation to encourage clinical research and the transfer of new technologies from the research setting to surgical practice – has awarded more than $1 million in clinical research funding since 2000.

This year’s recipients and their research projects include:
• Jerry D. Brewer, M.D. (Mayo Clinical Research, Rochester, Minn.): A Phase II Randomized Controlled Trial of Educational Modification Sessions and Sunless Tanner as a Method of Reducing the Incidence of Tanning Bed Use in Young Adults.
• Conroy Chow, M.D. (University of California, San Francisco): Prospective Evaluation of Complications in Dermatologic Surgery Associated with Hypertension.
• Ian A. Maher, M.D. (Saint Louis University): Examining Body Image Concerns in Patients with Head and Neck Skin Cancer as well as Mohs Micrographic Surgery’s Role in Improving Body Image.
• Emily Newsom, M.D. (Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center/Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, N.Y.): Modernizing the Mohs Consultation: Instituting a Video Module for Improved Patient Counseling and Satisfaction.
• Bichchau (Michelle) Thi Nguyen, M.D. (Tufts Medical Center, Boston): Preoperative Acetaminophen and Carbohydrate Loading to Reduce Pain and Improve Functional Status in Patients Undergoing Mohs Micrographic Surgery for Non-Melanoma Skin Cancers.
• Ashley Wysong, M.D. (University of Southern California): Integration of Patient Satisfaction, Functional Status and Quality of life in Determining Appropriateness of Skin Cancer Treatment in Elderly Patients.

About ASDS
The American Society for Dermatologic Surgery is the largest specialty organization exclusively representing dermatologic surgeons who have unique training and experience to treat the health, function and beauty of your skin. ASDS members are pioneers in the field. Many are involved in the clinical studies that bring popular treatments to revitalize skin and fill and diminish wrinkles to the forefront. Their work has helped create and enhance many of the devices that remove blemishes, hair and fat, and tighten skin. Dermatologic surgeons also are experts in skin cancer prevention, detection and treatment. As the incidence of skin cancer rises, dermatologic surgeons are committed to taking steps to minimize the life-threatening effects of this disease. For more information, visit asds.net.

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