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AFMR Henry Christian Award Recipient



Smooth Muscle Cell PIEZO1 in Small Bowel Contractility and Growth
 Geoanna Bautista
 University of California Los Angeles

WAFMR Subspecialty Award Recipients

Neuroscience I

**SUPEROTEMPORAL RETINAL AMYLOID
 IMAGING SIGNALS PATHOLOGIC
 NEURODEGENERATION AND MEMORY
 DEFICITS IN SUBJECTS WITH COGNITIVE
 DECLINE**

Tania Torbati
 Western University of Health Sciences College
 of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific,
 Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

Immunology and Rheumatology

**NOVEL CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC- 2019
 AND PATIENT EXPERIENCE COMPARING
 TELEMEDICINE WITH CONVENTIONAL
 CLINIC VISIT IN PATIENTS WITH JUVENILE
 IDIOPATHIC ARTHRITIS AND CHILDHOOD
 SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS**

Theodore Gross
 Valley Children's Hospital

Infectious Diseases I

**RE-EMERGENCE OF ARBOVIRUS DISEASES
 IN THE STATE OF RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL
 2014-2019**

Olivia Man
 University of California Los Angeles David
 Geffen School of Medicine

Hematology and Oncology

**CDK8-MEDIATOR COMPLEX PLAYS
 POSITIVE TRANSCRIPTIONAL ROLE IN
 MYC-AMPLIFIED MEDULLOBLASTOMA**

Caitlin Ritz
 University of Colorado

Surgery I

**SIMULATION OF POST-PROCEDURAL
 COMPRESSION ON AUTOLOGOUS FAT
 GRAFTS: A PILOT STUDY**

Hannah Peterson
 Loma Linda University School of Medicine

Pulmonary and Critical Care

**HYPERGLYCEMIA AND HYPOGLYCEMIA
 CONTRIBUTIONS TO ACUTE RESPIRATORY
 DISTRESS SYNDROME**

Jonathan Repine
 University of Colorado

Cardiovascular I

**CARDIAC SODIUM/CALCIUM EXCHANGER
 IS NECESSARY FOR NORMAL
 ATRIOVENTRICULAR NODE FUNCTION**

Adina Hazan
 Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

COVID - Infectious Diseases II

**EFFECTS OF COVID-19 ON MORBIDITY
 AMONGST PATIENTS WITH PRE-EXISTING
 ASTHMA IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY
 DURING THE EARLY PANDEMIC**

Amitoj Singh
 University of California San Francisco

COVID - Infectious Diseases II

**INCORRECT FACE MASK USE AND
 POTENTIAL COVID-19 EXPOSURES IN
 PUBLIC LOCATIONS**

Dana Button
 Oregon Health & Science University

Cardiovascular, Nephrology and

**Hypertension
 AGE-SPECIFIC ASSOCIATION BETWEEN
 STANDING HEIGHT AND PULSE PRESSURE
 IN ADULTS**

Pranay Maniar
 New Jersey Institute of Technology

Endocrinology and Metabolism II

**AN INVESTIGATION OF DIET QUALITY
 AND HYPOTHALAMIC GLIOSIS IN
 CHILDHOOD OBESITY**

Sarah Kee
 University of Washington

Southern Regional Meeting | February 25-27, 2021

AFMR Henry Christian Award Recipients



Mohammed Alsagoff, Ochsner Health System, King Abdulaziz University
 Arya Mariam Roy, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
 Malinda Wu, Emory University School of Medicine, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

SAFMR/SSCI Junior Faculty Research Award

Aleli Campbell
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 Alexander Philipovskiy

Manavjot Sidhu
 Zanthia Wiley
 Tadashi Yoshida

SAFMR/SSCI Student Research Award

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 Ali Esmaili

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 Alla Kozubenko

Xinyi Luo
 Matthew McMullan
 Khoa Nguyen
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 Owen Richfield
 Namrata Shivaprakash

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 Aayush Visaria
 Joseph Walker

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Nicholas Helmstetter
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 Radia Ksayer
 Naji Maaliki
 Jonathan Martinez
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 Saria Tasnim
 Akesh Thomas
 Vipin Varghese
 Aditi Varma-Doyle
 Myrian Vinan Vega

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 Pablo Altieri
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 Martha Arrieta
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Brandon Bunch
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 Krishna Desai
 Austin Jones
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Sally McClung
 Hemanth Nannapaneni
 Saihariharan Nedunchezian
 Hao Nguyen
 Joel Raja

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