2015 Research Symposium Awards

We are pleased to announce the following award recipients at the 2015 Research Symposium:

**ORAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**First Place:**
G. Paul Wright  
Grand Rapids Medical Education Partners General Surgery Residency  
“Using Next-Generation Sequencing to Determine Potential Molecularly-Guided Therapy Options for Patients with Resectable Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma”

**Second Place:**
Stacey L. Thomas  
Division of Neurosurgery, Department of Clinical Neurosciences, Spectrum Health System  
“Loss of Sparc in p53-null Astrocytes Alters Collagen Deposition and Promotes Macrophage Activation Resulting in Decreased Tumor Size”

**Third Place (Tie):**
A. Samer Al-Homsi  
Blood and Marrow Transplantation, Spectrum Health System  
“Short Post-Transplant Course of High Dose Cyclophosphamide and Bortezomib for Prevention of Graft-Versus-Host Disease after Matched Related or Unrelated Donor Blood and Marrow Transplant”

Brittany Holly  
Michigan State University College of Human Medicine  
“In Search of the Adequate Aliquot – Evaluation of Human Fat Xenograft in vivo”

**POSTER PRESENTATIONS:**

**First Place:**
Nadia Sunny  
Grand Valley State University  
“Durability of Sutures Used in Partial Nephrectomy: Tested Across Commonly Used Diameters and Materials Stopped with Suture Clips and Ligation Systems under a Given Tension”

**Second Place:**
William Golembieski  
Division of Neurosurgery, Department of Clinical Neurosciences, Spectrum Health System  
“Combination Chemotherapy to Suppress HSP27 Phosphorylation in Glioma”

**Third Place:**
Michael Strug  
Department of OB/GYN and Repro Bio, Michigan State University  
“Intrauterine hCG Infusion in Oocyte Donors Promotes Uterine Synchrony and Induction of Early Decidual Marker Genes”

**CASE REPORTS:**
Lou Mitchell  
Frederik Meijer Heart and Vascular Institute, Spectrum Health System  
“Carvedilol as Treatment for Asymptomatic Decline in Cardiac Function due to Trastuzumab Toxicity”