Dr. Manohar Gowda Memorial Young Investigator Cardiovascular Research Award

The life of Dr. Manohar Gowda was one of continuous learning and education. He was a dedicated and compassionate cardiologist who provided excellent care to his patients. Over the course of his training, Dr. Gowda published several abstracts in peer-reviewed medical journals and presented at national meetings. In addition to his clinical skills and contributions to cardiovascular research, he was remembered by his colleagues as brilliant, insightful, and extremely hard-working. He was rarely seen without a smile, and was unfailingly kind and thoughtful to all with whom he interacted.

We are pleased to announce the Third Annual Dr. Manohar Gowda Memorial Young Investigator Cardiovascular Research Award, to be presented at the 2012 Kansas Heart Rhythm Symposium. This award has been established in appreciation of the late Dr. Gowda's contributions to cardiovascular research as an investigator and a mentor to young investigators.

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**2012 winners include:**

**FIRST PLACE:** Srinivas Sannella

“Antiplatelet Therapy for Vascular Inflammation: a Role in Cardiovascular Disease”

**SECOND PLACE:** Saurabh Malhotra

“Potential Role of Interleukin-10 in Prevention of Ischemia-Reperfusion Injury”

**THIRD PLACE:** Luigi DiBiase

“Ischemia-Induced Transmural Heterogeneity and Its Impact on Cardiac Electrical Propagation”

Cardiovascular fellows, electrophysiologists, fellows, and residents are eligible to submit their work for consideration. Submissions must meet the following criteria:

- Original cardiovascular research (basic science or clinical trials)
- May not have been previously published at the time of submission, or if previously published, must not be currently in press

Applicants will be asked to select a category for their submission from the following:

- Cardiovascular Medicine
- Interventional cardiology
- Cardiac imaging
- Basic research
- Clinical research
- Miscellaneous topics

Deadline for submission of abstracts is 4-30-2012. The winners will be announced at the Kansas Heart Rhythm Symposium.

_Recipient of KU Pioneers in Electrophysiology Award in 1999 by the Heart Rhythm Society of which he is a fellow. He In recognition of his major contributions to the field of electrophysiology, Dr. Masood Akhtar was honored as the founder of the Comprehensive Cardiovascular Care (C3) Group, one of the largest multi-specialty cardiology practices in the Midwest. Dr. Akhtar now serves as executive medical director of the Cardiovascular System Clinical Program. He is a board certified cardiologist and co-wrote the first three test (ABIM) for the clinical electrophysiology boards.

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