

JNM Editors' Choice Awards for 2019

Johannes Czernin, MD, editor-in-chief of *The Journal of Nuclear Medicine (JNM)*, and his associate editors and editorial board announced in April the articles chosen as the most outstanding contributions to the journal appearing in 2019. The *JNM* Editors' Choice Awards are scheduled for June presentation as part of the SNMMI Annual Meeting. Awarded articles are selected by the associate editors by anonymous vote. "Along with my colleagues on the editorial board, I am pleased to recognize these contributions as outstanding in a year of high-quality submissions to *JNM*," said Czernin. "The articles selected for these awards represent visionary activities in our field, from laboratory to clinical applications. They represent the future of nuclear theranostics and brain imaging biomarkers, respectively."



Clemens Kratochwil, MD

In the category of Best Clinical Article, the award goes to researchers from University Hospital Heidelberg (Germany) for "⁶⁸Ga-FAPI PET/CT: Tracer uptake in 28 different kinds of cancer" (*J Nucl Med.* 2019; 60:801–805). The authors include Clemens Kratochwil, Paul Flechsig, Thomas Lindner, Labidi Abderrahim, Annette Altmann, Walter Mier, Sebastian Aderberg, Hendrik Rathke, Manuel Röhrich, Hauke Winter, Peter K. Plinkert, Frederik Marme, Matthias Lang, Hans-

Ulrich Kauczor, Dirk Jäger, Jürgen Debus, Uwe Haberkorn, and Frederik L. Giesel. This extraordinary contribution, with relevance across the spectrum of oncologic practice, was also named the best overall article in *JNM* for 2019. At the 2019 SNMMI Annual Meeting, an image from this article was named the SNMMI Image of the Year.

Investigators from University Hospital of Munich/LMU Munich (Germany) are the recipients of the award for Best Basic Science Article for "Early and longitudinal microglial activation but not amyloid accumulation predicts cognitive outcome in PS2APP mice" (*J Nucl Med.* 2019; 60:548–554). The authors include Carola Focke, Tanja Blume, Benedikt Zott, Yuan Kleinberger, Simon Lindner, Franz-Josef Gildehaus, Leonie Beyer, Barbara von Ungern-Sternberg, Peter Bartenstein, Laurence Ozmen, Karlheinz Baumann, Mario M. Dorostkar, Christian Haass, Helmuth Adelsberger, Jochen Herms, Axel Rominger, and Matthias Brendel.



Carola Focke, MD

"The associate editors and I are grateful for these outstanding contributions," said Czernin. "The research teams represented here include both young and more experienced nuclear medicine investigators as well as dedicated collaborators from other fields. These and similar efforts ensure that *JNM* remains the journal of choice for publishing clinical, basic, and translational research in nuclear medicine, including both molecular imaging and therapy."

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its extensive clinical trial infrastructure to support experimental vaccines through phase 1 safety and dosing testing while simultaneously planning for advanced clinical testing of the most promising candidates.

The research priorities document summarized these efforts: "NIAID is focusing its considerable expertise and emerging infectious disease resources to facilitate the development of med-

ical countermeasures including diagnostics, therapeutics, and vaccines. The resulting discoveries will not only help mitigate the current pandemic, but also inform prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of future emerging infectious diseases."

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Newsline Is Looking for First-Hand Accounts

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the nuclear medicine community in multiple ways—some that we all share but also with many highly personal or practice-site-specific repercussions. The Newsline editor is seeking first-hand reports from nuclear medicine physicians, technologists, physicists, and others about their experiences in dealing with, working through, and meeting the challenges of this difficult time. A special Newsline issue will be dedicated to these reports and to overall effects on nuclear medicine practice and research. Contributions can be short anecdotes or longer reports and can be sent to Nancy Knight, PhD, the consulting Newsline editor, at nknight@umm.edu.

Also note: The SNMMI COVID-19 Resource Center continues to post information and resources relevant to nuclear medicine practice and research at <http://www.snmmi.org/COVID-19>. Resources are updated frequently.