

Department of Medicine Resident Research Day 2026 Winners

Best Oral Presentation, PGY1-7 (2 awarded):

Michael MacNeill (PGY-4)

Supervisor: Dr. Jenny Ho

Title of abstract: Post-Renal Transplant Erythrocytosis: A Regional Transplant Centre Retrospective Review

Best Oral Presentation, PGY1-7 (2 awarded):

Ahmed Mohammad (PGY-2)

Supervisor: Dr. Qasim Khan

Title of abstract: GLP-1 Receptor Agonists as a Bridge to Solid Organ Transplantation: A Systematic Review of Metabolic Optimization and Transplant Eligibility

Best Oral Presentation, Undergrad or Postgrad Student Category (1 awarded):

Garth Blackler (PhD Student)

Supervisor: Dr. Tom Appleton

Title of abstract: Reprogramming pathologic synovial macrophages and fibroblasts with semaglutide in knee osteoarthritis

Best Poster Presentation, PGY1-3 (2 awarded):

Christopher McChesney (PGY-3)

Supervisor: Dr. John Basmaji

Title of abstract: Impact of Short-Acting Beta-Blockers on the Outcomes of Patients With Septic Shock: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

Best Poster Presentation, PGY1-3 (2 awarded):

Graham Lean (PGY-2)

Supervisor: Drs. Radha Joseph and Erin Spicer

Title of abstract: Reducing 30-Day Readmissions Following Acute Respiratory Hospitalizations: A Quality Improvement Initiative Targeting Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

Best Poster Presentation, PGY4-7 (1 awarded):

Monica Boctor (PGY-4)

Supervisor: Dr. Stan VanUum

Title of abstract: Beyond Conventional Treatment: A Case Series of the Use of Continuous Subcutaneous Hydrocortisone Infusion in the Treatment of Adrenal Insufficiency

Best Poster Presentation, MSc/MD/Undergrad (1 awarded):

Syeda Taliya Rizvi (MD Student)

Supervisor: Dr. Raffael Zamper

Title of abstract: Unexpected Left Coronary Artery Occlusion After SAVR Presenting as Refractory Post-Bypass Ventricular Failure

Best Poster Presentation, PhD/Post-Doctoral/Clinical Fellow (1 awarded):

Sofya Ulanova (PhD Student)

Supervisor: Dr. Lillian Barra

Title of abstract: Pro-Inflammatory T-Cell Responses to Homocitrullinated Peptides in Rheumatoid Arthritis

Margaret Banks Research Prize in Geriatric Medicine (1 awarded):

Daniel Cui (MD Student)

Supervisor: Dr. Jaspreet Bhangu

Title of abstract: Cerebral Blood Flow and Amyloid and Tau Pathology in Alzheimer's Disease: A Scoping Review of Regional Associations

Quality Improvement Research Award (1 awarded):

Graham Lean (PGY-2)

Supervisor: Drs. Radha Joseph and Erin Spicer

Title of abstract: Reducing 30-Day Readmissions Following Acute Respiratory Hospitalizations: A Quality Improvement Initiative Targeting Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease