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2017-2018
RESEARCH GRANT & PRIZE RECIPIENTS

St. Louis Ovarian Cancer Awareness Research Grant – $60,500

Youyou Zhang, MD, PhD
University of Pennsylvania

Novel therapeutic approach to HR-proficient ovarian cancer

Laura Crandall Brown Foundation Ovarian Cancer Early Detection Research Grant – $50,000

Sarah Giardina, PhD
Weill Cornell Medicine

CpG methylation markers as plasma-based indicators of early stage ovarian cancer

Caring Together, NY Ovarian Cancer Research Grant – $50,000

Christopher LaFargue, MD
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Unraveling and reversing resistance to anti-angiogenesis therapies in ovarian cancer

Wilna Williams Education and Clinical Research Award for Endometrial Cancer – $25,000

Emily Hinchcliff, MD
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Mechanisms of antigen presentation that impact immune evasion in endometrial cancer

MESTRONG Young Investigator’s Award – $25,000

Shanshan Yang, MD
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Disrupting stress biology in cervical cancer

Pacira Pharmaceuticals Inc. Clinical Research Grant – $25,000

Larissa Meyer, MD
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Randomized pilot of self-hypnosis to improve post-operative pain outcomes and reduce opioid intake in an ERAS program

Ovarian and Gynecologic Cancer Coalition/Rhonda’s Club Uterine Research Excellence Award – $12,500

Gregory Gressel, MD
Montefiore Medical Center

Circulating tumor DNA as a liquid biopsy for endometrial cancer: Methylomic profiling of uterine carcinosarcoma cell-free DNA

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Ovarinnovate: Ovarcome Research Excellence Award – $10,000

Satish Kumar Ramraj, PhD
University of Oklahoma

Synergistic combination of mortalin targeting and p53 reactivator drugs as a highly potent and safe treatment option for ovarian cancer

Christine Rojas, MD
Walter Reed National Military Medical Center

Ovarian cancer neoadjuvant proteomics investigation

Bruce Patsner Research Grant for Innovative Research and Technology – $10,000

Lauren Turk, MD
Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Patient acceptability and end of life outcomes after administration of an online goals of care module compared to traditional palliative care counseling

Foundation for Women’s Cancer/Norma Livingston Ovarian Cancer Foundation "Excellence in Ovarian Cancer Research Prize" in honor of Ronald Alvarez, MD – $5,000

Vivian von Gruenigen, MD
Northeast Ohio Medical University

Perlman Family CCARE Lynch Syndrome Research Prize – $1,500

Shahla Bari, MD
Morehouse School of Medicine

Nina Donnelley and The Dickens Fund of the Donnelley Foundation Young Investigator Award in honor of Laurel W. Rice, MD – $1,000

Christopher Tarney, MD
Walter Reed National Military Center Bethesda