

2022 G-CAN Award Recipients



Gold Medal Investigator Award

Hyon Choi, MD, Dr. P.H.

Dr. Hyon K. Choi, is a leading clinical rheumatologist and Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School as well as the Director of Clinical Epidemiology in the Division of Rheumatology, Allergy, and Immunology at Massachusetts General Hospital and Director of the Gout and Crystal Arthropathy Center at the Massachusetts General Rheumatology Unit. Dr. Choi co-founded G-CAN along with Robert Terkeltaub in 2015 and serves as organizations' Co-Director and Treasurer.

Dr. Choi received his medical degree from Yonsei University College of Medicine in Seoul, South Korea, and completed residency training in internal medicine at Framingham Union Hospital (University of Massachusetts). He received his rheumatology fellowship training at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School, and his master's and doctorate degrees in epidemiology from Harvard University.

Dr. Choi's current clinical rheumatology practice is focused on gout and other inflammatory rheumatic conditions, and his research interests include gout, rheumatoid arthritis, and vasculitis, as well as clinical research/epidemiology in rheumatic diseases.

G-Can Presidential Emerging Career Investigator Awards



Fabio Becce, MD

Fabio Becce is an Associate Physician, Deputy Head of Musculoskeletal Radiology at Lausanne University Hospital, and Senior Lecturer at University of Lausanne, Switzerland. Becce has a special interest in the rheumatologic applications of advanced CT imaging techniques, especially in crystal-related arthropathies such as gout and calcium crystal deposition diseases and has written or contributed to over 130 publications in the field.



Jessica Bertrand, PhD

Jessica Bertrand, PhD is a Professor of Experimental Orthopaedics and a member of the medical faculty at the Otto-von-Guericke University in Magdeburg, Germany. Her research interests include the role of Basic Calcium Phosphate and Calcium Pyrophosphate Deposition in osteoarthritis and chondrocalcinosis. Dr. Bertrand has been a speaker at the previous two G-CAN annual meetings and is an active member of the organization.

Lifetime Achievement Awards



Geraldine McCarthy, MD, FRCPI

Geraldine McCarthy MD, FRCPI graduated in Medicine from University College Dublin, National University of Ireland and received her Fellowship in Rheumatology at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Her research has focused on the biological effects of calcium-containing crystals in degenerative joint disease as well as in atherosclerosis and breast cancer. She was promoted to Associate Professor of Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin in 1996 where she remained until her return to Dublin, Ireland. In 1999 she was appointed Consultant in Rheumatology and General Internal Medicine at the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital where she continues to run a busy clinical practice in both rheumatology and general internal medicine as well as a clinical research program. In 2021, she received the Royal College of Physicians in Ireland Institute of Medicine Bryan Alton Medal in recognition of her contribution to clinical and academic medicine. She is the current President of the Irish Society for Rheumatology.



Ann Rosenthal, MD

Dr. Rosenthal is the Will and Cava Ross Professor of Medicine in the Division of Rheumatology at the Medical College of Wisconsin and is the Chief of the Rheumatology Division. She recently became Associate Chief of Staff for Research and Development at the Zablocki VA Medical Center. Dr. Rosenthal received her MD from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and completed a residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Rochester, receiving her rheumatology training at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Her principal research interests revolve around the pathogenesis of calcium pyrophosphate deposition disease (also known as pseudogout). Dr. Rosenthal is currently a standing member of the Skeletal Biology Development and Disease panel for NIH. She is an active mentor for the US Bone and Joint Decade Young Investigators Initiative and has a strong interest in faculty development. She maintains an active clinical practice, has been elected a fellow in the American College of Physicians, and is the winner of several teaching awards.



Alexander So, MD



Thomas Bardin, MD