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Hi everyone,

This week's Departmental Acknowledgement singles out four Departmental members who achieved recent success in two granting competitions. **Brett Burstein**, **Wissam Shalish** and **Aimee Ryan** were successful in the 2019 Foundation of Stars competition, while **Gabriel Altit** achieved success in the inaugural Department Pilot Study completion sponsored by our Practice Plan (MSSA). I take particular delight in the success of Brett, Wissam, and Gabriel as they have been recruited during my mandate reflecting a deliberate targeting of clinician investigators. Though I can't take credit for recruiting Aimee, I take admiration in her continuing research success and productivity while playing a major role in the Faculty as an Associate Dean for Biomedical, Graduate and Postdoctoral Education.



I have listed below the affiliations and projects of this week's DAs.

- Brett Burstein (Emergency Medicine) for his project "*Derivation and validation of a novel clinical prediction rule for febrile young infants incorporating procalcitonin and viral testing: A multi-center cohort study*".
- Wissam Shalish (Neonatology) for his project "*Detection of Respiratory Events Using Acoustic Monitoring in preterm infants on continuous positive airway pressure: the DREAM Pilot Project*".
- Aimee Ryan (Endocrinology & Experimental Medicine) for her project "*Pre-clinical assessment of new therapeutic strategies to prevent folate-resistant neural tube defects*".
- Gabriel Altit (Neonatology) for his project entitled "*Pulmonary vascular disease and cardiac performance in extremely preterm infants: A prospective cross-sectional study*".

Have a great weekend everyone!

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