
2008 Ralph R. Tompsett Writing Award winner

Dr. William C. Roberts, editor in chief, announced that Shawn Steen, MD (Figure), is the winner of the eighth Ralph R. Tompsett Writing Award. Dr. Steen published three articles in *Proceedings* in 2008: “Acute gastric dilation and ischemia secondary to small bowel obstruction” (with Jeffrey Lamont, MD, and Laura Petrey, MD); “Circulating tumor cells in melanoma: a review of the literature and description of a novel technique” (with John Nemunaitis, MD, Tammy Fisher, RN, and Joseph Kuhn, MD); and “Current treatment of soft tissue sarcoma” (with Gerald Stephenson, MD). Dr. Steen, now chief resident in surgery, graduated from the University of Colorado School of Medicine and will begin a surgical oncology fellow-



Figure. Shawn Steen, MD.

ship in July 2009 at the John Wayne Cancer Institute in Santa Monica, California. He has received other recent awards as well, including a Best Paper Award from the North Texas Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, and he was a cowinner of the ACS’s Resident Jeopardy Competition.

The *Proceedings* staff thanks all the residents and fellows who published articles in 2008. First authors on articles included David D. Bolton, MD, Brett W. Carter, MD, Poorya Fazel, MD (two articles), Wende N. Gibbs, MD (two articles), Gaurav Gupta, MD, Sajjan Mahajan, MD, Karen L. McQuade, MD, Pushkar Mehra, DMD, Ankit N. Mehta, MD, Alka Mittal, MD, Clayton J. Sanders, MD, Margaret M. Sullivan, MD, and Anumeha Tandon, MD.

The Ralph R. Tompsett Writing Award was initiated in 1999 to encourage residents and fellows to write for the journal and to acknowledge outstanding contributions. The award is named in honor of Dr. Tompsett, who was the chief of internal medicine from 1957 to 1979.