# Winners of 2024 CAPA GoPath Best Abstract Award

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Dear CAPA members,

We are pleased to announce the winners of 2024 CAPA GoPath Best Abstract Award competition. Please join us in congratulating the winners for their excellent academic work!

| Rank | Name | Training | Training institution | Title of abstract |
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| 1st place | Shi, Wangpan | PGY-1 | University of California, San Diego | Molecular Profile of Poorly Cohesive Carcinoma of the Stomach: A Five-Year Institutional Experience |
| 2nd place | Bai, Lixia | PGY-5 | Stanford University School of Medicine | Clinicopathologic and Genomic Characterization of Breast Histiocytoid Carcinomas |
| | Zhang, Yong | PGY-4 | Penn State Health Hershey Medical Center | Evaluation of Risk Factors for Recurrence of Upper Tract Urothelial Carcinoma after Radical Nephroureterectomy: A Single Institution's Experience |
| 3rd place | Ding, Yanna | PGY-6 | NIH/NCI | The Genetic and Morphologic Features of Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS) and Pre-MDS States in Patients with VEXAS Syndrome |
| | Di, Jing | PGY-3 | University of Kentucky Health Center | Characterizing the Small Cell Lung Cancer Tumor Immune Microenvironment for Precision Immunotherapy: A Pilot Study |

This year, we received 35 qualified abstracts from 25 pathologists-in-training for the competition. Winners were selected after a careful review of all qualified abstracts by 13 members of the award committee. Each member reviewed abstracts independently. Blind review was performed by removing author names and institution names from all abstracts to ensure fair and unbiased evaluation. In addition, committee

members did not score abstracts they coauthored to avoid conflict of interest. Two committee members who organized the abstracts (and hence knew author and institutional information) did not participate in evaluation.

Each abstract was scored based on its quality including originality of ideas, novelty of method, significance, and clinical relevance on a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 is the lowest and 10 the highest. The average score was calculated for each abstract. This year the competition was very tight; the winning scores ranged from 7.92 to 8.19 with a difference of 0.27 between the first place and third place.

We would like to thank all applicants for their participation.

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