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**Society for Clinical Trials Selects the Emergency Medicine Study as 2012 Trial of the Year**

The **Rapid Anticonvulsant Medication Prior to Arrival Trial (RAMPART)** earned recognition as “Trial of the Year” by the Society for Clinical Trials (SCT) as an important clinical trial that produced remarkable results.

Lead investigators from the winning trial will address the Society for Clinical Trials 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting at the Sheraton Boston, during a plenary session on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. Visit [www.sctweb.org](http://www.sctweb.org) for more information on the meeting.

The study (Silbergleit et al, New England Journal of Medicine, February 16, 2012), sponsored by the National Institute of Neurologic Disorders and Stroke, was conducted in children and adults using the emergency medical services system and a consent exception. As quoted from their publication, “This double-blind, randomized, noninferiority trial compared the efficacy of intramuscular midazolam with that of intravenous lorazepam for children and adults in status epilepticus treated by paramedics” and found “For subjects in status epilepticus, intramuscular midazolam is at least as safe and effective as intravenous lorazepam for prehospital seizure cessation.” This means that emergency medical technicians have a quicker and more practical way of treating this life-threatening seizure condition even before patients reach the hospital.

Trial of the Year has always attracted great interest to SCT meeting attendees. Each year since 2008, it is awarded to the randomized clinical trial published (either electronically or in print) in the previous calendar year that best fulfills the following standards:

- It improves the lot of humankind.
- It provides the basis for a substantial, beneficial change in health care.
- It reflects expertise in subject matter, excellence in methodology, and concern for study participants.
- It overcomes obstacles in implementation.

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- The presentation of its design, execution, and results is a model of clarity and intellectual soundness.

Nominations came from Society members, investigators, and interested scholars from around the world. The 2012 Trial of the Year selection committee, headed by Lawrence Friedman, included Kay Dickersin, KyungMann Kim, Jonathan Kimmelman, and Steve Goodman. Attendees at the SCT 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting will have the opportunity to learn more about this exciting work. The 2013 Trial of the Year selection committee will issue a call for nominations in fall, 2013. Visit [www.sctweb.org](http://www.sctweb.org) for updates.

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**About the Society for Clinical Trials:** The Society for Clinical Trials, created in 1978, is an international professional organization dedicated to the development and dissemination of knowledge about the design, conduct and analysis of government and industry-sponsored clinical trials and related health care research methodologies. Visit [www.sctweb.org](http://www.sctweb.org).

**About the Trial of the Year:** Find a list of past [Trials of the Year](#) on the SCT website.

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