**The 2018 David Sackett Trial of the Year Award**

The Scleroderma: Cyclophosphamide or Transplantation (SCOT) trial is the recipient of the prestigious David Sackett Trial of the Year Award, presented annually by the Society for Clinical Trials (SCT). Dr. Lynette Keyes-Elstein, Principal Statistical Scientist at Rho will accept the award on behalf of the SCOT trial team. She will present the SCOT trial on May 20, 2019 at the Society’s 40th Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Scleroderma is a devastating progressive heterogeneous autoimmune disease that is associated with considerable mortality and morbidity. No FDA-approved therapy is available for patients with scleroderma, and mortality rates have remained constant over the past forty years. In the SCOT trial, adults with severe scleroderma were randomly assigned to undergo myeloablative autologous hematopoietic stem-cell transplantation (AHCT) or to receive cyclophosphamide. AHCT resulted in improvement in the primary end point a global rank composite score incorporating survival, event-free survival (survival without respiratory, renal, or cardiac failure), forced vital capacity, the score on the Disability Index of the Health Assessment Questionnaire, and the modified Rodnan skin score. The American Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation Task Force now recommends AHCT as the standard of care for patients with severe disease. The SCOT trial was supported by the National Institute of Allergy and infectious Diseases of the National Institutes of Health.

Each year since 2008, the SCT has awarded the David Sackett Trial of the Year Award to a randomized, controlled trial published (either electronically or in print) in the previous calendar year that best fulfills the following standards:

* Improves the lot of humankind;
* Provides the basis for a substantial, beneficial change in health care;
* Reflects expertise in subject matter, excellence in methodology, and concern for study participants;
* Overcomes obstacles in implementation; and
* Based on the presentation of its design, execution, and results is a model of clarity and intellectual soundness.

Nominations are submitted by Society members, investigators, and interested scholars from around the world. The 2018 Trial of the Year selection committee included Marc Buyse, Henry Bob Dworkin, Susan Ellenberg, Scott Evans (Chair), Dean Follmann, Toshimitsu Hamasaki, Frank Rockhold, Dan Rubin, and Yves Rosenberg.

The 2019 Trial of the Year Selection Committee will issue a call for nominations in fall, 2019. Visit www.sctweb.org for updates.

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About the Trial of the Year: find a list of past Trials of the Year on www.sctweb.org.