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Michael Heggeness, M.D., wins Lodwick Award

WICHITA, KAN. – Michael Heggeness, M.D., Ph.D., professor, KU School of Medicine Department of Orthopaedics, has been selected to receive the 15th Annual Lodwick Award by the Musculoskeletal Division of the Department of Radiology at the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) and Harvard Medical School.

Heggeness was chosen because of his paper, “Ablation of the basivertebral nerve for treatment of back pain: A clinical study” (The Spine Journal 2017), which was recognized by MGH and Harvard Medical School as the best paper published during the last calendar year in the fields of musculoskeletal radiology, medicine or biology.

While accepting the award in Boston this October, Heggeness also will give a lecture titled “Vertebrogenic Pain, is it possible that back pain can have an intraosseous source,” which will extend beyond the topic of his paper. As an award winner, he will become an honorary member of the Musculoskeletal Division.

“Receiving this award is about as big a thrill as a 65-year-old man can hope to have,” said Heggeness. “It is a tremendous honor that I hope I can prove worthy of.”

The award is named after Gwilym Lodwick, M.D., a renowned musculoskeletal radiologist and former member of the Department of Radiology at Mass General Hospital, according to the MGH website. It also states that thousands of published papers in more than 20 general and subspecialty journals are reviewed each year.

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