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**1<sup>st</sup> Annual SADS Foundation Young Investigator Award  
in Cardiac Channelopathies**

**To Be Awarded at *Heart Rhythm 2008, the Heart Rhythm Society's  
29th Annual Scientific Sessions***

Salt Lake City, UT—The Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes (SADS) Foundation is proud to announce the First Annual SADS Foundation Young Investigator Award in Cardiac Channelopathies. The Award will be administered by the Pediatric and Congenital EP Society (PACES), and will be presented at the annual PACES evening meeting, Wednesday May 14th at *Heart Rhythm 2008, the Heart Rhythm Society's 29th Annual Scientific Sessions*.

“The Board of Trustees would like to encourage the next generation of researchers in SADS conditions”, said Dr. Michael Ackerman, SADS Foundation Board Chair and researcher at the Mayo Clinic. The SADS Foundation Young Investigator Award will recognize an outstanding, original academic work in the field of cardiac channelopathies, which has not been published prior to the 2007 Heart Rhythm Society annual meeting, and/or presented in the prior year by a junior investigator.

The award committee received numerous submissions and we would like to thank them for their service: J. Philip Saul, MD, Medical University of South Carolina—chair; Michael Ackerman, MD, PhD, Mayo Clinic; Robert Hamilton, MD, University of Toronto.

The recipient will receive \$500 and recognition with a SADS Foundation Young Investigator Award plaque that will be presented at the PACES dinner. The institution will receive \$1,250 to offset the cost of attending the annual meeting.

Information about the recipient and the unique research that was done can be obtained from the SADS Foundation's new website, [www.StopSADS.org](http://www.StopSADS.org), a comprehensive health information center. The criteria and deadline for the 2009 SADS Foundation Young Investigator Award in Cardiac Channelopathies will also be posted.

The StopSADS website is the premier online resource for you and your patients, offering accessible, authoritative information about cardiac channelopathies and sudden death in the young, its prevention, management and care.

The Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes (SADS) Foundation exists to save the lives and support the families of children and young adults who are genetically predisposed to sudden death due to heart rhythm abnormalities. SADS is the leader in educating and empowering arrhythmia patients and their families.

**Supporting Families. Saving Lives**