BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVE
The Norton M. Ross Award for Excellence in Clinical Research was established to recognize investigators whose clinical research has had a meaningful impact on some aspect of clinical dentistry. Twenty-nine distinguished recipients have received the award since its inception in 1991.

This award honors the memory of Dr. Norton M. Ross (1925-1990), a dentist and pharmacologist who spent most of his career in academic and research positions. Dr. Ross elevated clinical research to a higher level of scientific standards. His considerable contributions to the fields of oral medicine and dental clinical research have had a positive and lasting influence on the public’s oral health.

This award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions in clinical investigations that have advanced the diagnosis, treatment and/or prevention of craniofacial-oral-dental diseases, as well as outstanding research endeavors in other areas.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE
Submit a concise letter of nomination describing the nominee’s accomplishments in the context of the award’s objectives, along with the nominee’s curriculum vitae and a list of publications. The letter should be explicit in describing the impact of the nominee’s research on clinical dentistry.

CRITERIA
Selection is based upon the scope of the nominee’s research, with special emphasis on its impact on clinical dentistry and on publications in refereed journals.

Award recipients typically demonstrate a high level of creativity and innovation. For example, individuals who have not only developed new materials but also conducted the clinical trials necessary to translate the research results to clinical application are more probable candidates than those involved solely in clinical testing of dental materials or other products. They may have generated new insights into disease etiology and/or pathogenesis, which, in turn, have led to changes in therapeutic and/or preventive measures for a given disease.

AWARD AND RECOGNITION
The recipient will receive a $5,000 honorarium and a plaque.

SPONSORSHIP
The American Dental Association sponsors the award with the generous support of Johnson & Johnson Consumer Inc.

DEADLINE
Nominations must be received via email or hard copy by December 15, 2020.

Please address nominations to:
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Listed are the past winners of the Norton M. Ross Award for Excellence in Clinical Research.

1991 Sigurd P. Ramfjord
Periodontics
1992 Sture Nyman
Periodontics
1993 Daniel M. Laskin
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
1994 William R. Proffit
Orthodontics
1995 Robert J. Gorlin
Oral Pathology
1996 Sol Silverman, Jr.
Oral Medicine
1997 Karl F. Leinfelder
Dental Materials
1998 Roy C. Page
Periodontics
1999 Sigmund S. Socransky
Periodontics
2000 Bruce J. Baum
Oral Medicine
2001 Lorne M. Golub
Periodontics
2002 Thomas E. Van Dyke
Periodontics
2003 Robert J. Genco
Periodontics
2004 Deborah Greenspan
Oral Health Issues, HIV/AIDS
2005 Samuel F. Dworkin
Orofacial Pain
2006 Steven Offenbacher
Periodontics
2007 John D. B. Featherstone
Cariology
2008 Jack G. Caton
Periodontics
2009 Jan T. Lindhe
Periodontics
2010 Jane A. Weintraub
Dental Public Health
2011 Lorne M. Golub
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
2012 Peter Milgrom
Access to Baby & Child Dentistry
2013 Paul A. Moore
Dental anesthetics/pain control
2014 Sebastian G. Ciancio
Dental Therapeutics
2015 Niklaus P. Lang
Periodontics
2016 Jocelynne Feine
Pain control/implants
2017 Paul S. Casamassimo
Pediatric Dentistry
2018 William Giannobile
Periodontics
2019 Laurie K. McCauley
Periodontics
2020 Leonard B. Kaban
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