



2007 Annual Conference of the Society for Acupuncture Research

The Status and Future of Acupuncture Research: 10 Years Post - NIH Consensus Conference

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In November, 1997, a landmark report by a consensus panel convened by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) concluded that there is clear evidence of acupuncture efficacy for postoperative and chemotherapy related nausea and vomiting, for nausea of pregnancy, and for postoperative dental pain. The NIH panel also cited other conditions for which acupuncture may be effective as a stand alone or an adjunct therapy, but for which there is less convincing scientific data. These other conditions included drug addiction, stroke rehabilitation, headaches, menstrual cramps, tennis elbow, low back pain, carpal tunnel syndrome, and asthma. This consensus report has served as one of the most significant government statements that has contributed to increased acceptance of acupuncture and Oriental medicine by the biomedical profession in the United States.

This 10th anniversary of the 1997 NIH Consensus Conference on Acupuncture will feature:

- Keynote presentations that will assess scientific progress in acupuncture research during the past decade and examine opportunities and challenges for future studies.
- International speakers who will deliver original presentations in three major areas: controlled clinical trials, basic science, and critical methodological issues.
- Panel discussions and poster sessions that will evaluate key topics in acupuncture and Oriental medicine.
- Pre-conference workshops that will focus on understanding the fundamentals of research in Oriental medicine for practitioners, educators, and students new to the research field.

Scientific Abstracts are solicited for conference presentations in the areas of clinical research, basic science and research methodology. The abstract submission deadline is April 1, 2007. Visit the SAR website for specific instructions.

Young Investigator Awards: In order to encourage young investigators in this field, the National Acupuncture Foundation and SAR will award three \$1000 awards to the best research paper by a student or a graduate of an acupuncture and Oriental medicine program. Entries will be judged on originality, significance, methodology, validity and conclusions. Further information and submission forms can be found on the SAR website. Abstracts should be sent by e-mail and should designate the submitter's educational status.

For registration and further information about this conference, visit the SAR website at:

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