TMJA Young Investigator Awards

At the TMJ Association's Sixth Scientific Meeting, *Comorbid Chronic Pain Conditions – Mechanisms, Diagnosis and Treatments*, June 5-7, 2011, the Association recognized the following young investigators for their research interests in the area of TMJ disorders and associated conditions. Many of the young investigator listed below received a travel grant award to attend our meeting with the opportunity to meet and learn from prominent research scientists, government officials and TMJ patients.

The TMJ Association would like to thank the National Institutes of Health for making these travel awards possible.

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**Poster: Subject-specific Modeling and Biomechanical Assessment of the TMJ and TMJ Implants**

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**Poster: A Population-based Study of Comorbid Conditions of Vulvodynia and Temporomandibular Joint Disorder: Findings from a Pilot Survey of the National Vulvodynia Association**

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**Poster: Inflammatory Mediator Levels in TMJ Synovial Fluid Increase with Progression of TMJ Disease**

Mentor: Dr. Sharon M. Gordon