

Press Release

I am pleased to announce that Dr. David Strauss, OCP's Senior Advisor for Translational and Experimental Medicine (TEM), has received the prestigious HHS Secretary's Award for Meritorious Service. He is the only FDA staff member to receive this award for 2014 and only one of 4 FDA staff members (out of 32 recipients across HHS) to receive a Department-level award for 2014. David is being recognized for the exceptional work he led with the support of Dr. Victor Krauthamer in predicting individualized responses (e.g., by sex) to implantable heart devices and improving the assessment of drug-induced arrhythmias. He has employed a variety of approaches in this work including modeling and simulation, meta-analysis, pre-clinical laboratory experimentation, and clinical experiments. Additionally, his work is hallmarked by a strong track record of excellent mentorship of FDA staff and fellows.

ABOUT THE SECRETARY'S AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

This Award is the second highest honor award granted by the Department and is conferred by the Secretary. The Award recognizes HHS employees for their achievements and for inspiring others. In order to be considered for this Award, the nominee must have 1) demonstrated exceptional leadership and sustained achievements in advancing the mission and goals of HHS; and 2) performed in an exemplary manner as to set a record of achievement that will inspire others to improve the quality and quantity of their work. The Award consists of a plaque and is presented annually at the Departmental Awards Ceremony.

ABOUT OCP's TEM ACTIVITIES

David Joined OCP in July 2015 to provide strategic, scientific, and operational leadership in several OCP TEM priority areas including early pharmacology studies, biomarker development and evaluation, disease and pharmacologic modeling, stem cell research, and pharmacoepidemiology. We are building on our strong TEM foundation and making notable gains in a variety of areas including comprehensive proarrhythmia liability assessment/cardiac safety, women's health, and personalized medicine. These efforts are informing guidance and policy development, as well as individual product reviews. Further, an OCP Strategic Plan for Science is forthcoming. For more information on our TEM activities, please contact David Strauss or Issam Zineh.

The HHS Departmental Awards Ceremony will be Tuesday, November 17th at 10:00 AM in The Great Hall Hubert H. Humphrey Building 200 Independence Avenue, Southwest Washington, D.C. Please join me in congratulating David for his accomplishment