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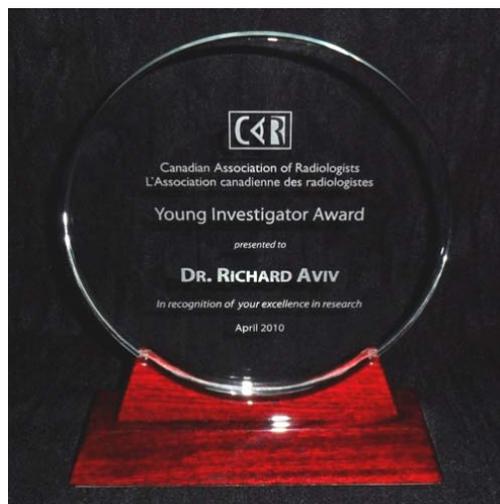
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2010 Young Investigator Award

Dr. Richard Aviv

Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Toronto, Ontario



Dr. Richard Aviv joined Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in 2004, after completing a fellowship in Toronto from July 02-May 03. In addition to being a neuroradiologist at Sunnybrook, he is part of the Sunnybrook radiology group's management committee, spearheading major changes in the group's governance.

On top of managing a full clinical load at Sunnybrook, Dr. Aviv has also become an associate scientist in the Sunnybrook Research Institute, and runs a research program mainly in stroke imaging and supervises graduate students.

He discovered multiple new neuroradiology signs, especially the CTA hematoma "spot sign", revolutionized management of brain hemorrhage. His "spot sign" publication in the journal *Stroke* in 2007 stimulated the establishment of a multi-centre randomized treatment outcome trial using the "spot sign", now funded by Canadian Institutes of Health Research. It is unusual for a new radiological sign to become a pivotal management determinant in such a short time.

He's received major grants for multiple projects and is working successfully to utilize these to improve patient care for devastating neurological illnesses like stroke, intracranial bleeding, multiple sclerosis and brain metastases. With Dr. Aviv as a pioneer driving force in stroke imaging, this neuroradiology group has become the recognized advanced stroke center among University of Toronto hospitals.

He contributes substantially to the neuroradiology and stroke neurology literature through his publications in major journals, books, and text books chapters.

Dr. Aviv was appointed to the University of Toronto in December 2004, and has established his research program, and matured with it, in 5 years. This list would be laudable for radiologist investigators for whole careers, yet he has accomplished this in 5 years. He is a model not just for the trainees at the University of Toronto, but also for the profession as a whole.

At the 2010 Annual Scientific Meeting of the CAR, Dr. Edward Lyons, CAR President, was thrilled to announce Dr. Aviv as the winner of the CAR's 2010 Young Investigator Award.