Thank you for an exceptional year in 2023—a period of tremendous growth and opportunities for SIR Foundation. Your support has been pivotal in driving forward interventional radiology and transforming healthcare.

The expansion of interventional radiology underscores the increasing need for research. SIR Foundation stands as the sole advocate dedicated to advancing IR research, fueling innovation and elevating care quality. Since 1994, we have funded over 380 grants, supporting researchers throughout their journey. Looking ahead to the coming year, we are excited about the possibilities of funding more innovative research that creates a lasting impact on the lives of those we serve.

Operating independently of SIR membership dues, SIR Foundation relies solely on your contributions to push the specialty forward. Your generosity has equipped IR researchers with vital tools, enabling them to advance the specialty, nurture future leaders, and impact patients globally. I invite you to review the detailed highlights and accomplishments of the past year in this annual report.

As we eagerly anticipate the opportunities that lie ahead in 2024, I want to thank you for your unwavering dedication to advancing interventional radiology.

Sincerely,

Keith M. Hume
SIR and SIR Foundation Executive Director
The results of the Predicting the Safety and Effectiveness of Inferior Vena Cava Filters (PRESERVE) trial, were published jointly on Feb. 23, 2023, in the Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology and the Journal of Vascular Surgery—Venous and Lymphatics. Investigators found few adverse events are connected to the use of inferior vena cava filters to help prevent deep vein blood clots from developing into pulmonary embolisms.

PRESERVE was an FDA-directed multicenter, prospective, open-label, non-randomized trial that studied the safety and efficacy of IVC filters from six manufacturers. It was a joint effort of the Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR) and the Society for Vascular Surgery (SVS), with staff support coming from the SIR Foundation team and SVS’ research division. The study was conducted at 54 sites in the United States between Oct. 10, 2015, and March 31, 2019. During that time, filters were implanted in 1,421 patients, of which 1,019 patients had an existing deep vein thrombosis (DVT) or pulmonary embolism (PE). To date, PRESERVE is the largest prospective study investigating the real-world patient outcomes of IVC filter use. The co-principal investigators were Matthew S. Johnson, MD, FSIR, and David L Gillespie, MD, FACS.
I was honored to be working as a medical and clinical affairs intern at Becton Dickinson (BD). This internship was unique in that it was centered on gaining experience in medical device development. I was regularly meeting with the different teams that work together to bring a medical device to market. This included research and development, marketing, medical affairs, patent law, and health economics. Every team was filled with dedicated and skilled professionals who knew the ins and outs of their respective fields. I was able to work on several projects including creating a value story for a well-known peripheral intervention’s device. In addition, I helped perform a literature review to answer a question regarding the use of a product that is set to launch soon. I was able to practice biopsies on chicken breasts with Dr. J.D. Meler and Elaine Schuessler, NP. During this visit, I was also able to scrub into a study involving endovascular procedures on animals. I want to express my great appreciation to Dr. Meler and Elaine Schuessler for their great mentorship and guidance. This summer was a perfect combination of business engagement and IR training.”

— STEVEN BISHAY
2023 Summer Medical Intern and 4th year medical student at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

“This program has been exceedingly beneficial for me. The two most beneficial aspects of this program were the network of physicians, who are always willing to be mentors and encourage and to teach students like myself who are super interested in becoming interventional radiologists, as well as the wisdom and the knowledge that I have gained through this program about the different types of interventional radiology procedures and techniques. This has definitely built the foundation of the knowledge that I need in order to excel during my training and also during my career. And I’ve also gained a network of support that I probably would never have gained without this program. I am exceedingly grateful for the financial, mental, emotional and academic support. And I hope to inspire students in the years coming to pursue a career in interventional radiology as well as apply to this astounding program. Thank you so much for this opportunity.”

— UCHECHUKWU UZOMAHA
2023 GEMS Scholar and 4th year medical student at Florida International University, Herbert Warham College of Medicine

Research education and outreach

Be inspired by the experiences of our SMIP and GEMS participants. The following testimonials have been edited for length.
Frederick S. Keller, MD Philanthropy Award winner
Dr. Cressman

SIR Foundation honored Erik N.K. Cressman, MD, PhD, FSIR, as the 2023 Frederick S. Keller, MD, Philanthropy Award recipient. Dr. Cressman exemplifies exceptional generosity, a remarkable ability to inspire others to give, and outstanding commitment to SIR Foundation. Dr. Cressman is an associate professor of interventional radiology at UT MD Anderson Cancer Center. His philanthropic journey includes significant contributions to the SIR Foundation Research Policy Committee from 2006 to 2014 and the Payment, Research and Policy (PReP) Task Force from 2016 to 2018. Serving as the SIR Foundation Board of Director Grants and Education Division Chair from 2013 to 2020, Dr. Cressman’s visionary leadership has left an enduring impact, shaping the foundation’s success and inspiring a culture of giving within the community.

A gift of research

In March 2023, John Lipman, MD, FSIR, made a generous gift to SIR Foundation to honor two pioneers in women’s health interventions, James B. Spies, MD, MPH, FSIR, and Scott C. Goodwin, MD, MBA, FSIR. The gift funds the Dr. James B. Spies Summit for Uterine Fibroid Research and the Dr. Scott C. Goodwin Grant for Adenomyosis. The first research summit was held in July 2023 and focused on fibroids and fertility. A second summit on fibroids and health equity is being planned for 2025. The grant for adenomyosis will be awarded in early 2024.
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$1,682,957
51.5%

FUNDRAISING
$642,758
19.7%

RESEARCH EDUCATION
$194,669
6%

GRANTS
$535,679
16.4%

GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION
$208,680
6.4%
SIR FOUNDATION

Activities by department

CLINICAL RESEARCH
- Clinical research special projects
- IR Clinical Trials Network
- C-TRACT
- Sarcoplasty Registry
- Research Consensus Panels

RESEARCH EDUCATION
- Advanced Course in Grant Writing
- Clinical Trials Methodology Workshop
- GEMS
- IR Lunch & Learn
- Introduction to Research Online Program (ITROP)
- Summer Medical Internship Program

FUNDRAISING
- Annual Fund
- Major gifts
- Gala
- Giving Circle for the Advancement of Women

GRANTS
- Grant program administration
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