BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVE
The Norton M. Ross Award for Excellence in Clinical Research was established to recognize investigators whose clinical research has had a meaningful impact on some aspect of clinical dentistry. Twenty-four distinguished recipients have received the award since its inception in 1991.

This award honors the memory of Dr. Norton M. Ross (1925–1990), a dentist and pharmacologist who spent most of his career in academic and research positions. Dr. Ross elevated clinical research to a higher level of scientific standards. His considerable contributions to the fields of oral medicine and dental clinical research have had a positive and lasting influence on the public's oral health.

This award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions in clinical investigations that have advanced the diagnosis, treatment and/or prevention of craniofacial-oral-dental diseases, as well as outstanding research endeavors in other areas.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE
Submit a concise letter of nomination describing the nominee’s accomplishments in the context of the award’s objectives, along with the nominee’s curriculum vitae and a list of publications. The letter should be explicit in describing the impact of the nominee’s research on clinical dentistry.

CRITERIA
Selection is based upon the scope of the nominee’s research, with special emphasis on its impact on clinical dentistry and on publications in refereed journals.

Award recipients typically demonstrate a high level of creativity and innovation. For example, individuals who have not only developed new materials but also conducted the clinical trials necessary to translate the research results to clinical application are more probable candidates than those involved solely in clinical testing of dental materials or other products. They may have generated new insights into disease etiology and/or pathogenesis, which, in turn, have led to changes in therapeutic and/or preventive measures for a given disease.

AWARD AND RECOGNITION
The recipient will receive a $5,000 honorarium and a plaque.

SPONSORSHIP
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DEADLINE
Nominations must be received at ADA headquarters by June 26, 2015.

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Recipients of the Norton M. Ross Award for Excellence in Clinical Research to date comprise a group of distinguished clinical investigators. The diversity of disciplines represented and the outstanding contributions to clinical research by each recipient truly reflects the objectives of the Award, thereby honoring the memory of Dr. Norton M. Ross.

Listed are the past winners of the Norton M. Ross Award for Excellence in Clinical Research.

1991 Sigurd P. Ramfjord Periodontics
1992 Sture Nyman Periodontics
1993 Daniel M. Laskin Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
1994 William R. Proffit Orthodontics
1995 Robert J. Gorlin Oral Pathology
1996 Sol Silverman, Jr. Oral Medicine
1997 Karl F. Leinfelder Dental Materials
1998 Roy C. Page Periodontics
1999 Sigmund S. Socransky Periodontics
2000 Bruce J. Baum Oral Medicine
2001 Lorne M. Golub Periodontics
2002 Thomas E. Van Dyke Periodontics
2003 Robert J. Genco Periodontics
2004 Deborah Greenspan Oral Health Issues, HIV/AIDS
2005 Samuel F. Dworkin Orofacial Pain
2006 Steven Offenbacher Periodontics
2007 John D. B. Featherstone Cariology
2008 Jack G. Caton Periodontics
2009 Jan T. Lindhe Periodontics
2010 Jane A. Weintraub Dental Public Health
2011 Leonard B. Kaban Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
2012 Peter Milgrom Access to Baby & Child Dentistry
2013 Paul A. Moore Dental anesthetics/pain control
2014 Sebastian G. Ciancio Dental Therapeutics

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