NCCS consultant Dr Iain Tan receives ASCO Merit Award

For the second time in two consecutive years, National Cancer Centre Singapore (NCCS) Consultant Dr Iain Tan has been awarded the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Merit Award for his research entitled ‘Comparing the classification precision and prognostic performance of an intrinsic gastric cancer signature with existing genomic signatures in six independent datasets’. The award was presented earlier this month at the 2011 ASCO Annual Meeting held in Chicago.

A/Prof Patrick Tan, Principal Investigator of the Laboratory of Molecular Development at NCCS who supervises Dr Tan’s research, says, “Iain is a superb candidate for the ASCO Merit Award. His work is cutting edge, clinically impactful, and balances high quality clinical expertise with the latest genomic technologies. Importantly, beyond his own research, Iain is a very good collaborator, and is always willing to help others in the laboratory. He is a wonderful example of a home-grown clinician scientist, doing work that is competitive on the world stage.”

Dr Tan’s research is among the eight papers from NCCS that have been accepted to be presented as poster sessions to an audience of 30,000 world renowned cancer experts. The presentations, covering topics such as diagnostics, patient outcomes, novel therapeutics and drug development relating to sarcoma, breast, stomach and colon cancers, will also be published in an upcoming supplement of the Journal of Clinical Oncology.