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Dr. Carlos Ferrario Selected as the 2024 Moreton Research Award Recipient

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The Southern Medical Association is pleased to announce that Carlos Ferrario, MD, FAHA, FASH, FAPS, FISH, FACC, has been selected as the 2024 recipient of the Dr. Robert D. and Alma W. Moreton Research Award to be presented at this year's Annual Scientific Assembly in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Ferrario is Professor Emeritus, Department of Surgery, and Founder of the Hypertension and Vascular Research Center, Atrium Health Wake Forest School of Medicine. In addition, he is the Founder of the Consortium for Southeastern Hypertension Control (COSEHC™), an organization which has pioneered medical and educational efforts directed to reduce cardiovascular deaths in the South, serving as its President and Chief Executive Officer until 2008. Dr. Ferrario has published over 500

papers, more than 70 book chapters, and five books and has mentored physicians, many of whom have become major medical leaders throughout the world.

Dr. Ferrario will present the Moreton Lecture on Friday, October 25, 2024 during SMA's Annual Scientific Assembly. In his lecture, "The Janus Paradox. The Two Faces of ACE2 in Cardiovascular Disease", he will discuss the clinical importance of the ACE2/Ang-(1-7)/Mas-R axis in counteracting Ang II pathological actions and elaborate on potential therapies to enhance ACE2 activity or directly supplement Ang-(1-7) to restore the protective balance in patients with severe COVID-19.

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