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CDC/ATSDR Statistical Science Awards

The Statistical Advisory Group (SAG) sponsors the annual CDC & ATSDR Statistical Science Awards Program to recognize outstanding CDC/ATSDR-related scientific contributions made by statisticians at CDC and ATSDR, which involves an intensive review of nominated peer-reviewed publications written or co-written by CDC/ATSDR statisticians.

The awards date from 1987 and are recognized as career awards by CDC/ATSDR and are unique among CDC/ATSDR awards in that they explicitly and exclusively address the quality of statistical science by working statisticians at CDC/ATSDR and are driven exclusively by the judgment of peer-statisticians at CDC/ATSDR.

The winners, runners-up and other participants are recognized at a ceremony, typically held in the spring or summer of each year. The inclusion of a nationally prominent statistical speaker at the ceremony reinforces and addresses the importance of the quality of statistical science at CDC/ATSDR. The annual frequency of the awards cycle ensures a sustained and regular impact. The Statistical Science Awards recognize sustained, highly visible contributions to the promotion of scientific integrity and quality in the area of statistical theory and applications.

2022 Applied	Sarah A Collier, Li Deng , Elizabeth A Adam, Katharine M Benedict, Elizabeth M Beshearse, Anna J Blackstock , Beau B Bruce, Gordana Derado , Chris Edens, Kathleen E Fullerton, Julia W Gargano, Aimee L Geissler, Aron J Hall, Arie H Havelaar, Vincent R Hill, Robert M Hoekstra , Sujan C Reddy, Elaine Scallan, Erin K Stokes, Jonathan S Yoder, Michael J Beach. Estimate of Burden and Direct Healthcare Cost Infections Waterborne Disease in the United States. <i>Emerg Infect Dis</i> . 2021;27(1):140-149. PMID: 33350905 PMCID: PMC7774540 DOI: 10.3201/eid2701.190676
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2018 Applied	Sternberg M . Multiple imputation to evaluate the impact of an assay change in national surveys. <i>Statistics in Medicine</i> 2017; 36(17):2697-2719 PMID: 28419523 PMCID: PMC5701520 DOI: 10.1002/sim.7302
2018 Theoretical	Feng Z, Hill AN , Curns AT, Glasser JW. Evaluating targeted interventions via meta-population models with multi-level mixing. <i>Mathematical Biosciences</i> 2017; 287:93-104. PMID: 27671169 PMCID: PMC5723927 DOI: 10.1016/j.mbs.2016.09.013

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2015 Applied	Zhang X , Holt JB, Lu H, Wheaton AG, Ford ES, Greenlund KJ, Croft JB. Multilevel Regression and Poststratification for Small-Area Estimation of Population Health Outcomes: A Case Study of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Prevalence Using the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. <i>Am J Epidemiol.</i> 2014 Apr 15;179(8):1025-33. PMID: 24598867 DOI: 10.1093/aje/kwu018
2015 Theoretical	Li R, Stewart B, Weintraub E , McNeil MM. Continuous Sequential Boundaries for Vaccine Safety Surveillance. <i>Stat Med.</i> 2014 Aug 30;33(19):3387-97. PMID: 24691986 DOI: 10.1002/sim.6161
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