# Yizhe Xu - CV

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## Research Interests

I am interested in causal inference, semiparametric and nonparametric statistics, and machine learning methods. I am passionate about applying advanced methods in statistics and machine learning to answer meaningful questions in biomedical research. My recent research has focused on the estimation of heterogeneous treatment effects in clinical trials or observational studies and identification of individualized treatment rules.

## Education

**Stanford University** — Stanford, California, USA

- **Postdoctoral fellow in Biomedical Informatics.** — 08/2020 – present
  Advisor: Nigam Shah

**University of Utah** — Salt Lake City, Utah, USA

- **Ph.D. in Population Health Sciences. (Emphasis in Biostatistics)** — 08/2016 – 08/2020
  Thesis advisor: Jincheng Shen and Tom Greene
  Thesis title: Estimating the optimal individualized treatment rule from a cost-effectiveness perspective.
- **M.Sc. Statistics** — 2014 - 2016
  Thesis advisors: Nan Hu

**Liaoning Medical University** — Liaoning, China

- **B.Sc. Nursing** — 2008 - 2012

## Awards

**Joint Statistical Meeting, Student Paper Award** — 2021
Health Policy Statistics Section, Virtual Conference
**American Statistical Association, Student Travel Award** — 2019
Biopharmaceutical Section Regulatory-Industry Statistics Workshop Program, Washington D.C., USA.
**Student of the Year**, Master of Statistics, University of Utah — 2017
**Phi Kappa Phi Inductee**, Division of Public Health, University of Utah — 2017
**Student of the Year**, Liaoning Medical University — 2011

## Book Chapter

1. Xu, Y., Ignatiadis, N., Sverdrup E., Fleming S., Wager, S., and Shah, N. (2022). **Handbook of Matching and Weighting Adjustments for Causal. Chapter: Inference Treatment Heterogeneity with Survival Outcomes.** Chapman Hall/CRC Press (forthcoming).

## Journal Publications

2. Xu, Y., Greene, T.H., Bress, A.P., Sauer, B.C., Bellows, B.K., Zhang, Y., Weintraub, W.S., Moran, A.E. and Shen, J. (2022). **Estimating the optimal individualized treatment rule from a cost-effectiveness perspective.** Biometrics, 78(1), pp.337-351.
3. Xu, Y., Greene, T.H., Bress, A.P., Bellows, B.K., Zhang, Y., Zhang, Z., Kolm, P., Weintraub, W.S., Moran, A.S. and Shen, J. (2022). **An Efficient Approach for Optimizing the Cost-effective Individualized Treatment Rule Using Conditional Random Forest.** Statistical Methods in Medical Research (forthcoming).
4. Pfohl, S.R., Zhang, H., Xu, Y., Foryciarz, A., Ghassemi, M. and Shah, N.H. (2022). **A comparison of approaches to improve worst-case predictive model performance over patient subpopulations.** Scientific reports, 12(1), pp.1-13.
5. Bress, A.P., Greene, T., Derington, C.G., Shen, J., Xu, Y., Zhang, Y., Ying, J., Bellows, B.K., Cushman, W.C., Whelton, P.K. and Pajewski, N.M. (2021). **Patient selection for intensive**

**blood pressure management based on benefit and adverse events.** Journal of the American College of Cardiology, 77(16), pp.1977-1990.

6. Corbett, K.L., Presson, A.P., Zhang, C., Xu, Y., Bratton, S.L. and Dixon, R.R. (2021). **Does Non-Neurologic Multiorgan Dysfunction After Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest among Children Admitted in Coma Predict Outcome 1 Year Later?** Journal of Pediatric Intensive Care, 10(03), pp.188-196.
7. Sauer, B.C., Chen, W., Xu, Y., Shen, J., Accortt, N.A., Collier, D.H. and Cannon, G.W. (2020). **Empirical evidence of disease activity thresholds used to indicate need for major therapeutic change in US veterans with rheumatoid arthritis.** Arthritis research therapy, 22(1), pp.1-10.
8. Bailey, T.L., Stephens, A.R., Adeyemi, T.F., Xu, Y., Presson, A.P., Aoki, S.K. and Maak, T.G. (2019). **Traction time, force and postoperative nerve block significantly influence the development and duration of neuropathy following hip arthroscopy.** Arthroscopy: The Journal of Arthroscopic Related Surgery, 35(10), pp.2825-2831.
9. Lucas*, J., Myers, J., Keihani, S., Moses, R., Xu, Y., Morris, B., Majercik, S., Hewitt, T., Burks, F., Schwartz, I. and Elliott, S. (2019). **MP04-03 Treatment Complications Associated with Extraperitoneal Bladder Injuries: Results from the Multi-Institutional AAST Study of Bladder Trauma.** The Journal of Urology, 201(Supplement 4), pp.e30-e31.
10. Kazmers, N.H., Stephens, A.R., Presson, A.P., Xu, Y., Feller, R.J. and Tyser, A.R. (2019). **Comparison of direct surgical costs for proximal row carpectomy and four-corner arthrodesis.** Journal of Wrist Surgery, 8(01), pp.066-071.
11. Bailey, T., Maak, T.G., Stephens, A., Adeyemi, T., Xu, Y. and Presson, A. (2018). **The Association of Traction Time, Force and Postoperative Nerve Block on the Development and Duration of Neuropathy Following Hip Arthroscopy.** Arthroscopy, 34(12), p.e18.
12. Kazmers, N.H., Presson, A.P., Xu, Y., Howenstein, A. and Tyser, A.R. (2018). **Cost implications of varying the surgical technique, surgical setting, and anesthesia type for carpal tunnel release surgery.** The Journal of hand surgery, 43(11), pp.971-977.
13. Kazmers, N.H., Stephens, A., Presson, A.P., Xu, Y., Feller, R.J. and Tyser, A. (2018). **Comparison of Direct Surgical Costs for Proximal Row Carpectomy and 4-Corner Arthrodesis: Level 3 Evidence.** Journal of Hand Surgery, 43(9), p.S52.
14. Kazmers, N.H., Judson, C.H., Presson, A.P., Xu, Y. and Tyser, A.R. (2018). **Evaluation of factors driving cost variation for distal radius fracture open reduction internal fixation.** The Journal of hand surgery, 43(7), pp.606-614.
15. Kwok, A.C., Edwards, K., Donato, D.P., Tatro, E., Xu, Y., Presson, A.P. and Agarwal, J.P. (2018). **Operative time and flap failure in unilateral and bilateral free flap breast reconstruction.** Journal of Reconstructive Microsurgery, 34(06), pp.428-435.
16. Pirozzi, C.S., Mendoza, D.L., Xu, Y., Zhang, Y., Scholand, M.B. and Baughman, R.P. (2018). **Short-term particulate air pollution exposure is associated with increased severity of respiratory and quality of life symptoms in patients with fibrotic sarcoidosis.** International journal of environmental research and public health, 15(6), p.1077.
17. Workman, J.K., Wilkes, J., Presson, A.P., Xu, Y., Heflin, J.A. and Smith, J.T. (2018). **Variation in adolescent idiopathic scoliosis surgery: implications for improving healthcare value.** The Journal of pediatrics, 195, pp.213-219.
18. Keihani, S., Moses, R., Xu, Y., Putbrese, B., Rogers, D., Luo-Owen, X., Mukherjee, K., Morris, B., Majercik, S., Piotrowski, J. and Dodgion, C. (2018). **MP25-18 Imaging Findings Associated with Renal Bleeding Interventions after High-grade Trauma: Results from the American Association for Surgery of Trauma (AAST) Genito-urinary Trauma Study.** The Journal of Urology, 199(4S), pp.e333-e334.
19. Keihani, S., Xu, Y., Presson, A.P., Hotaling, J.M., Nirula, R., Piotrowski, J., Dodgion, C.M., Black, C.M., Mukherjee, K., Morris, B.J. and Majercik, S. (2018). **Contemporary management of high-grade renal trauma: Results from the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma Genitourinary Trauma study.** Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery, 84(3), pp.418-425.
20. Corbett, K., Xu, Y., Presson, A., Bratton, S. and Dixon, R. (2018). **Multiple Organ Dysfunction Prevalence Following Out-of-hospital Cardiac Arrest in Pediatrics.** Critical Care Medicine, 46(1), p.220.
21. Awad, A.W., Karsy, M., Sanai, N., Spetzler, R., Zhang, Y., Xu, Y. and Mahan, M.A. (2017). **Impact**

**of removed tumor volume and location on patient outcome in glioblastoma.** Journal of neuro-oncology, 135(1), pp.161-171.

22. Matsen, C.B., Fagerlin, A., Xu, Y., Presson, A. and Kaphingst, K.A. (2017). **An Intervention Aimed at Improving Decision Role Concordance in Newly Diagnosed Breast Cancer Patients.** In JOURNAL OF WOMENS HEALTH (Vol. 26, No. 9, pp. 1032-1033).
23. Elkeeb, D., Xu, Y., Presson, A., Petersen, M. and Secrest, A. (2017). **Nonmodifiable patient characteristics as predictors of patient satisfaction in dermatology.** In JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY (Vol. 76, No. 6, pp. AB181-AB181).
24. Keihani, S., Xu, Y., Presson, A.P., Smith, B.P., Reilly, P.M., Luo-Owen, X., Mukherjee, K., Morris, B.J., Majercik, S., Thomsen, P.B. and Erickson, B.A. (2017). **MP79-01 Nephrectomy after High-grade Renal Trauma: Results from the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma (AAST) Genitourinary Trauma Study.** The Journal of Urology, 197(4S), pp.e1072-e1073.

## Conference proceedings

25. Xu, Y. and Yadlowsky, S. (2022). **Calibration Error for Heterogeneous Treatment Effects.** In International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (pp. 9280-9303) (AISTAT 2022)
26. Pfohl, S.R., Xu, Y., Foryciarz, A., Ignatiadis, N., Genkins, J. and Shah, N.H. (2022). **Net benefit, calibration, threshold selection, and training objectives for algorithmic fairness in healthcare.** Accepted by the ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (ACM FAccT 2022).

## Preprints

27. Xu, Y., Bechler K., Callahan A., and Shah, N. (2022). **Evaluating the Treatment Effect Heterogeneity of Dabigatran in Efficacy and Safety Outcomes.** Working paper. Submitted to The Journal of the American Medical Association.

## Software

**R packages**:

- survlearners: Metalearerns for estimating heterogeneous treatment effects for survival outcomes.
- CEAOptimalITR: Estimating the optimal individualized treatment rule (ITR) from a cost-effectiveness perspective.
- CEAOptimalITREfficient: An improved version of CEAOptimalITR, and it provides more accurate estimates of the optimal cost-effective ITR with less variability.
- ECETH: Calibration Error for Heterogeneous Treatment Effects.

## Research appointments

**Center for Biomedical Informatics Research (BMIR)** 2020 – Present
Stanford University, California, USA
Postdoctoral fellow, funded by the NHLBI R01 grant 'applying statistical learning tools to personalize cardiovascular treatment'.

**Department of Population Health Sciences (PHS)** 2018 – 2020
University of Utah, Utah, USA
Graduate assistant, funded by the R01 grant 'Optimize-SPRINT study'.

**Value and Epidemiology Research Using Causal Inference and Data** 2017 - 2020
Veteran Affairs, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA
Research assistant in the group of Dr. Brian Sauer

**Study Design and Biostatistics Center (SDBC)** 2016 - 2019
University of Utah, Utah, USA
Research assistant in the group of Prof. Tom Green.

**Department of Family and Preventive Medicine (FPMD)** 2014 - 2016
University of Utah, Utah, USA
Research assistant in the group of Prof. Joseph Stanford.

## Talks and Presentations

**Metalearners for Heterogeneous Treatment Effects on Survival Outcomes in Experiments.**
May 2022
American Causal Inference Conference
University of California, Berkeley

**Calibration Error for Heterogeneous Treatment Effects.** March 2022

International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)
Virtual Conference

**A Conditional Random Forest Approach to Estimating the Most Cost-effective Individualized Treatment Rule.** August 2021
Journal of Statistical Meetings, Health Policy Statistics Section
Virtual Conference

**Estimating the Optimal Individualized Treatment Rule from A Cost-Effectiveness Perspective.** September 2019
American Statistical Association, Biopharmaceutical Section Regulatory-Industry Statistics Workshop Program
Washington D.C.

**Random-Forest Based Personalized Treatment Rule Optimization from A Cost-Effectiveness Perspective with An Application to the SPRINT Study.** September 2019
The 3rd Annual Translational Hypertension Symposium and Early-Stage Investigator Workshop
University of Utah

**Was the Effect of Intensive Blood Pressure Intervention on CVD Risk Heterogeneous in the SPRINT Study?** September 2018
The 2nd Annual Translational Hypertension Symposium and Early-Stage Investigator Workshop
Salt Lake City, Utah

**Optimal Study Design for Diagnostic Accuracy Studies: Differential Verification versus Partial Verification.** September 2017
Association for Clinical and Translational Science
Washington D.C.

## Teaching

**Teaching Assistant (TA)** at University of Utah

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| Math 5010: Introduction to Probability | Fall 2016 |
| Math 5080: Statistics Inference I. | Fall 2017 |
| Math 5090: Statistics Inference II. | Fall 2018 |

## Peer Review

**Journals**
Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Safety
npj Digital Medicine

**Conferences**
AISTATS 2022