Ending the HIV/AIDS Pandemic

From Scientific Advances to Public Health Implementation

2015 Charles C. Shepard Science Awards

Keynote Speaker:
Anthony S. Fauci, MD
The preeminent science awards of CDC/ATSDR, inaugurated in 1986, are named in honor of Charles C. Shepard, MD, the internationally recognized microbiologist who was chief of the Leprosy and Rickettsia Branch at CDC for more than 30 years, until his death on February 18, 1985.

Charles Carter Shepard was born in Ord, Nebraska, on December 18, 1914. He attended Stanford University (1932–1935) and then transferred to Northwestern University, where he received BS, MS, and MD degrees. In 1941, he joined the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service. From 1942 through 1948, he worked at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland.

While on sabbatical during 1948–1949, he worked in the laboratory of Arne Tiselius in Uppsala, Sweden, and learned the new physical separation techniques that would revolutionize immunology and biochemistry. He returned to Bethesda for a year before moving to the Rocky Mountain Laboratory, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH, in Hamilton, Montana, to study various pathogenic bacteria and their phages at the biochemical and ultrastructural levels. In 1953, he came to CDC, where he continued his outstanding work with rickettsiae and began his distinguished and definitive experiments with mycobacteria, which culminated with the cultivation of the leprosy bacillus, *Mycobacterium leprae*, in mice. His landmark article, “The Experimental Disease that Follows the Injection of Human Leprosy Bacilli into Foot-Pads of Mice” (*Journal of Experimental Medicine* 1960;112:445–454), is still considered a classic in microbiology. His achievement made possible the large-scale evaluation of antibiotic efficacy and reduced testing time from several years to only months. It also paved the way for leprosy vaccine studies.
Dr. Shepard made significant early contributions to the diagnosis, natural history, and epidemiology of Rocky Mountain spotted fever; Q fever; and scrub, murine, and epidemic typhus. He was also codiscoverer (with Joseph McDade) of the Legionnaires’ disease bacterium (*Legionella pneumophila*) after the now famous outbreak of virulent pneumonia in Philadelphia in 1976.

Dr. Shepard received numerous awards, among them the Gorgas Medal (1962), the Kimble Methodology Award (1962), the Philip R. Edwards Award (1964), the World Leprosy Day Award (1970), and the first CDC Medal of Excellence (1977). He also received the HEW Distinguished Service Medal (1978), the Raol Folleraux Award (1978), and the Richard and Hinda Rosenthal Award (1979). He was active in multiple professional organizations, including the Armed Forces Epidemiologic Board Commission on Rickettsial Diseases; the WHO Immunology of Leprosy Program; the WHO Advisory Panel on Leprosy; the Heiser Program for Research in Leprosy; and the Leprosy Research Council, which he chaired. He was also involved in many editorial activities, having served on the board of directors of the *International Journal of Leprosy* and as a frequent reviewer for numerous prestigious journals.

Although Dr. Shepard’s contributions to science and public health were prodigious, perhaps his greatest legacy is the influence he has had on the CDC scientists who have followed in his footsteps and have continued to find inspiration in the scientific integrity and excellence he has come to represent.
Keynote Speaker:

Anthony S. FAUCI

Director
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Dr. Anthony S. Fauci is director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) at the National Institutes of Health. Since his appointment as NIAID director in 1984, Dr. Fauci has overseen an extensive research portfolio devoted to preventing, diagnosing, and treating infectious and immune-mediated diseases—including HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections, influenza, tuberculosis, malaria, and illness from potential agents of bioterrorism.

As the long-term chief of the NIAID Laboratory of Immunoregulation, Dr. Fauci has made many discoveries related to HIV/AIDS and is one of the most-cited scientists in the field. He is one of the key advisors to the White House and Department of Health and Human Services on global AIDS issues and on initiatives to bolster medical and public health preparedness against emerging infectious disease threats such as pandemic influenza. He was one of the principal architects of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), which has already been responsible for saving millions of lives throughout the developing world.

Dr. Fauci is a member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and is the recipient of numerous prestigious awards for his scientific and global health accomplishments, including the National Medal of Science, the Mary Woodard Lasker Award for Public Service, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. He has been awarded 38 honorary doctoral degrees. He serves on the editorial boards of many scientific journals; as an editor of *Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine*; and as author, coauthor, or editor of more than 1,200 scientific publications, including several major textbooks.

Publication Award NOMINEES

Nominated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) for the 2015 Charles C. Shepard Science Awards

The nominated articles were judged on scientific merit and the significance of their effect on the mission of CDC/ATSDR. Following is a complete citation and brief description of each article, listed by category and in alphabetical order by the first author’s last name.
**ASSESSMENT**

Lara J. Akinbami, Jeanne E. Moorman, Alan E. Simon, and Kenneth C. Schoendorf

*Trends in Racial Disparities for Asthma Outcomes Among Children 0 to 17 years, 2001–2010*

*The Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology* 2014;134(3):547–553.e5

The continued rise in asthma prevalence is not well understood. Using nationally representative data from the National Center for Health Statistics, this paper shows that black children were twice as likely as white children to have asthma and that asthma prevalence has increased since 2001 among black children but not among white children.


*Hospital-Associated Outbreak of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus: A Serologic, Epidemiologic, and Clinical Description*

*Clinical Infectious Diseases* 2014;59(9):1225–1233

Novel serologic assays were developed to identify cases of MERS-CoV in a hospital-associated outbreak in Jordan. The investigation informed the epidemiology of an emerging and high-mortality virus and determined the extent of the outbreak. Findings showed the effect of the rapid development of serologic assays and the role assays have in outbreak investigations—in particular, in diagnosing less-severe MERS-CoV cases that would otherwise have been undetected.

Jane A. Gwira Baumblatt, Caleb Wiedeman, John R. Dunn, William Schaffner, Leonard J. Paulozzi, and Timothy F. Jones

*High-Risk Use by Patients Prescribed Opioids for Pain and Its Role in Overdose Deaths*

*JAMA Internal Medicine* 2014;174(5):796–801

Frequent high-risk use of prescription opioids and deaths from overdose are increasing in Tennessee. This study measured the prevalence of high-risk behaviors—such as doctor- or pharmacy-shopping and acquiring multiple or high-dose prescriptions—and their association with opioid analgesic overdose deaths. The authors show that Tennessee’s prescription drug monitoring program can be used to highlight trends in opioid prescribing and identify patients at risk for overdose death.

Katherine E. Bowden, Margaret M. Williams, Pamela K. Cassiday, Andrea Milton, Lucia Pawloski, Marsenia Harrison, Stacey W. Martin, Sarah Meyer, Xuan Qin, Chas DeBolt, Azadeh Tasslimi, Nusrat Syed, Ronald Sorrell, Mike Tran, Brian Hiatt, and Maria Lucia Tondella

*Molecular Epidemiology of the Pertussis Epidemic in Washington State in 2012*

*Journal of Clinical Microbiology* 2014;52(10):3549–3557

Washington state saw an increase in pertussis cases beginning in 2011. In most cases, patients said their vaccinations were up to date. Using pertactin genotyping in a set of isolates, this study makes clear the molecular diversity seen in circulating populations of *B. pertussis* isolated from a highly vaccinated population during an epidemic. The study also supports expanding molecular typing of *B. pertussis* to include whole-genome analysis.

Amy M. Branum, Lauren M. Rossen, and Kenneth C. Schoendorf

*Trends in Caffeine Intake Among U.S. Children and Adolescents*

*Pediatrics* 2014;133(3):386–393

As sales of energy drinks increase, emergency room visits and deaths have been increasingly associated with overconsumption or improperly mixing energy drinks with alcohol and drugs, especially among 18- to 25-year-olds. This study analyzed caffeine intake among youth from nationally representative data and provides a snapshot of caffeine intake in the wake of increasing energy drink and coffee consumption.


*Repeated Measures Study of Weekly and Daily Cytomegalovirus Shedding Patterns in Saliva and Urine of Healthy Cytomegalovirus-Seropositive Children*

*BMC Infectious Diseases* 2014;14(1):569

Congenital cytomegalovirus is a major cause of birth defects and developmental disabilities. Although much is already known about how the virus is transmitted, this study clarified several points about viral shedding, how long the virus is typically shed, which body fluids contain the highest viral loads, and which children and what behaviors are more likely to spread the virus.
Kristin J. Cummings, M. Abbas Virji, Bruce C. Trapnell, Brenna Carey, Terrance Healey, and Kathleen Kreiss

Early Changes in Clinical, Functional, and Laboratory Biomarkers in Workers at Risk of Indium Lung Disease

*Annals of the American Thoracic Society* 2014;11(9):1395–1403

Occupational exposure to indium compounds can cause fatal indium lung diseases, but early effects of exposure are not well understood. The mortality of indium lung disease is high in that 3 of the first 10 recognized cases died at young ages after short tenures in the industry. This paper demonstrates early biomarkers of respiratory effects at substantially lower levels of serum indium than were previously known.


This longitudinal study of firefighters employed by three major cities from 1950 through 2009 found increased risk of oral, digestive, respiratory, and urinary cancers, including the first report of excess malignant mesothelioma. Given its size and design, the study represents a substantial improvement over previous research and presents evidence of a link between firefighting and cancer.

Eric J. Esswein, John Snawder, Bradley King, Michael Breitenstein, Marissa Alexander-Scott, and Max Kiefer

Evaluation of Some Potential Chemical Exposure Risks During Flowback Operations in Unconventional Oil and Gas Extraction: Preliminary Results

*Journal of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene* 2014;11(10):D174–184

Benzene exposure is associated with cancer risks, but hydraulic fracturing often requires workers to be in contact with benzene-rich fluids. This research assesses the risks and exposure criteria for benzene and other chemicals encountered in hydraulic fracturing. The paper also identifies risks and exposure prevention methods and provides an exposure assessment framework for scientists evaluating the health risks of oil and gas extraction.

Linda S. Geiss, Jing Wang, Yiling J. Cheng, Theodore J. Thompson, Lawrence Barker, Yanfeng Li, Ann L. Albright, and Edward W. Gregg

Prevalence and Incidence Trends for Diagnosed Diabetes Among Adults Aged 20 to 79 Years, United States, 1980–2012

*JAMA* 2014;312(12):1218–1226

Diabetes is a major health problem that has increased rapidly in recent decades. This paper examines more than 30 years of survey data to document the increase in the United States. It also shows that the diabetes epidemic may be reaching a plateau. However, although diabetes rates are stabilizing, they continue to increase among Hispanics, non-Hispanic blacks, and people with less than a high school education.

Edward W. Gregg, Yanfeng Li, Jing Wang, Nilka Rios Burrows, Mohammed K. Ali, Deborah Rolka, Desmond E. Williams, and Linda Geiss

Changes in Diabetes-Related Complications in the United States, 1990–2010


This study showed that for the average person with diabetes, the risk of complications has decreased substantially over the past 15 years. However, for the average adult, with or without diabetes, the risk of diabetes-related complications has been stagnant, or improved only marginally, because of large increases in the percentage of people living with diabetes.


Trends in Lifetime Risk and Years of Life Lost Due to Diabetes in the USA, 1985–2011: A Modelling Study

*The Lancet Diabetes & Endocrinology* 2014;2(11):867–874

This study shows the impact of increasing incidence and declining mortality on the public health burden of diabetes. The finding that lifetime risk has increased from about 30% to 40% raises questions about the lifetime risk of diabetes for the average person, the number of years lost to the disease by the population, and the number of years people can expect to live with diabetes.
The authors show that about 90% of Lyme disease tests are negative, indicating excessive testing and resource misallocation. They also estimate that the true number of annual infections is about 10 times higher than reported to CDC through routine surveillance. This new burden estimate may cause policy makers to reassess the cost and impact of Lyme disease on public health and to motivate manufacturers to release a vaccine.

Despite the availability of therapies and prevention measures, HIV remains a global health problem. This study highlights findings from two population-based household surveys in Kenya, which has the third largest HIV epidemic in sub-Saharan Africa. The aim of the surveys was to describe epidemic trends and population-level achievements in Kenya’s response. The paper highlights how data from these surveys have been used to inform HIV programs and policy in Kenya.

This study used World Health Organization (WHO) data to estimate the cost-effectiveness of antenatal syphilis screening and treatment, applying eight generic country scenarios based on prevalence, coverage of services, and health care costs. The finding that antenatal screening and treatment for syphilis is cost-effective has influenced health care policies in WHO regions including the Americas toward recommending universal antenatal screening and treatment for syphilis.
W. Karl Sieber, Cynthia F. Robinson, Jan Birdsey, Guang X. Chen, Edward M. Hitchcock, Jennifer E. Lincoln, Akinori Nakata, and Marie H. Sweeney

Obesity and Other Risk Factors: The National Survey of U.S. Long-Haul Truck Driver Health and Injury

*American Journal of Industrial Medicine* 2014;57(6):615–626

This study found that obesity and smoking were twice as prevalent among long-haul truck drivers as in the 2010 U.S. adult working population. Sixty-one percent of drivers reported having two or more risk factors: hypertension, obesity, smoking, high cholesterol, no physical activity, or 6 or fewer hours of sleep per 24-hour period. The authors suggest a need for targeted interventions and increased surveillance to meet truckers’ health needs.

Sharon G. Smith, Katherine A. Fowler, and Phyllis H. Niolon


*American Journal of Public Health* 2014;104(3):461–466

Intimate partner violence is defined as physical violence, sexual violence, stalking, or psychological aggression (including coercive tactics) by a current or former intimate partner. The authors examine the frequency and characteristics of deaths resulting from intimate partner violence over time. Findings highlight the effects of intimate partner violence on those outside the relationship, especially children.


*Clinical Infectious Diseases* 2014;59(10):1411–1419

Reports of acute hepatitis C in young people in the United States have increased. Hepatitis C affects about 3 million Americans and, even despite gross underreporting on death certificates, causes almost 20,000 deaths annually. This study characterizes an emerging epidemic of hepatitis C virus infection among rural youth in the United States. Increases are particularly common among young users of prescription painkillers and users of injection drugs.

Naomi K. Tepper, Sheree L. Boulet, Maura K. Whiteman, Michael Monsour, Polly A. Marchbanks, W. Craig Hooper, and Kathryn M. Curtis

Postpartum Venous Thromboembolism: Incidence and Risk Factors

*Obstetrics and Gynecology* 2014;123(5):987–996

This study shows how the incidence of venous thromboembolism (VTE) changes by week postpartum in a nationwide sample. The authors also examine how risk factors affect the rate of VTE at different times after childbirth. Findings show that VTE risk is highest in the first 3 weeks after delivery but that complications produce an elevated risk of VTE through 12 weeks postpartum.

Quanhe Yang, Yuna Zhong, Matthew Ritchey, Fleetwood Loustalot, Yuling Hong, Robert Merritt, and Barbara A. Bowman

Predicted 10-Year Risk of Developing Cardiovascular Disease at the State Level in the U.S.


Nearly 800,000 people die each year from cardiovascular disease (CVD), making it the leading cause of death in the United States. Annual costs total $312.6 billion. This study provides the first estimates of the 10-year risk of developing cardiovascular and related illnesses at the state level. Findings support targeted prevention programs by states to prevent CVD, coronary heart disease, and stroke.

**Data Methods and Study Design**


Childhood Vaccines and Kawasaki Disease, Vaccine Safety Datalink, 1996–2006

*Vaccine* 2015;33(2):382–387

Left untreated, Kawasaki disease (KD) can cause coronary artery aneurysms or serious cardiac complications. To address public concerns about childhood vaccinations triggering KD, this study analyzed data from 1.7 million children in seven managed care organizations, totaling 4.4 million person-years—resulting in the strongest evidence to date rejecting concerns that vaccines increase risk of KD. In fact, KD rates are lower in the 42 days after vaccination.
Cynthia Baur and Christine Prue
The CDC Clear Communication Index is a New Evidence-based Tool to Prepare and Review Health Information
Health Promotion Practice 2014;15(5):629–637
Public health practitioners have long struggled to express complex health and safety information in clear and accurate language. The authors build on research literature and use quantitative and qualitative analyses to develop a scoring rubric that can assess and improve the clarity of health materials. CDC evaluation data show positive and sustainable impact from use of this practical tool.

Ligong Chen, Jarad M. Schiffer, Shannon Dalton, Carol L. Sabourin, Nancy A. Niemuth, Brian D. Plikaytis, and Conrad P. Quinn
Comprehensive Analysis and Selection of Anthrax Vaccine Adsorbed Immune Correlates of Protection in Rhesus Macaques
Clinical and Vaccine Immunology 2014;21(11):1512–1520
This study generated the most comprehensive data set of immunological responses to anthrax vaccine in humans and nonhuman primates. It is also the first study to apply a holistic approach to identifying correlates of protection (COP). These COP predict human survival from an animal study and provide the basis for applying the FDA Animal Rule to modify licensure of a human vaccine.

Laura Conklin, James J. Sejvar, Stephanie Kieszak, Raquel Sabogal, Carlos Sanchez, Dana Flanders, Felicia Tulloch, Gerardo Victoria, Giselle Rodriguez, Nestor Sosa, Michael A. McGeehin, and Joshua G. Schier
Long-term Renal and Neurologic Outcomes Among Survivors of Diethylene Glycol Poisoning
JAMA Internal Medicine 2014;174(6):912–917
At least 13 medication-associated diethylene glycol (DEG) mass poisonings have occurred since 1937. This longitudinal study of long-term health outcomes characterizes renal and neurologic outcomes among survivors of a 2006 DEG mass-poisoning event in Panama for 2 years after exposure. Findings provide evidence for physicians and survivors to anticipate the improvement in neurologic and renal sequelae after recovery. Findings may also help in long-term planning of medical resources.

Krista S. Crider, Owen Devine, Ling Hao, Nicole F. Dowling, Song Li, Anne M. Molloy, Zhu Li, Jianghui Zhu, and Robert J. Berry
Population Red Blood Cell Folate Concentrations for Prevention of Neural Tube Defects: Bayesian Model
BMJ (clinical research edition) 2014;349:g4554
About 300,000 neural tube defects occur each year. Up to 85% are preventable if women have sufficient B vitamin and folic acid before and during early pregnancy. This study determined the optimal population-based red blood cell folate concentration to prevent neural tube birth defects. Findings can be used to evaluate prevention programs and to identify women at elevated risk for a neural tube defect during pregnancy due to insufficient folate.

David K. Espey, Melissa A. Jim, Thomas B. Richards, Crystal Begay, Don Haverkamp, and Diana Roberts
Methods for Improving the Quality and Completeness of Mortality Data for American Indians and Alaska Natives
Historically, mortality data for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) have been unreliable because of race misclassification on death certificates. This study accounts for underreporting by linking data from the National Death Index with the Indian Health Service patient registration file. Results show increases in mortality rates for AI/AN over unlinked all-counties data, underscoring the extent of mortality underestimation and revealing regional disparities masked when data are combined.

Joseph R. Holbrook, Steven P. Cuffe, Bo Cai, Susanna N. Visser, Melinda S. Forthofer, Matteo Bottai, Andrew Ortaglia, and Robert E. McKeown
Persistence of Parent-Reported ADHD Symptoms From Childhood Through Adolescence in a Community Sample
One in nine U.S. children age 4 to 17 years (6.4 million) are diagnosed with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). ADHD is associated with poor school performance, substance use, risky sexual behaviors, and unemployment. Understanding patterns, timing, and symptoms has implications for ADHD treatment and management. This study uses a longitudinal community sample to characterize ADHD symptoms among 5- to 19-year-olds.
This paper reports new body measurement information of U.S. firefighters for fire apparatus design applications. It also presents a data method to assist in using body data for research-to-practice propositions. These data represent the demographic characteristics of the current firefighter population and, except for a few dimensions, can be used directly to design fire apparatus. Manufacturers are already using these data to develop better equipment.

Health security is highlighted by recent emergencies such as the H1N1 flu pandemic, hurricanes Katrina and Sandy, and the Boston Marathon bombing. This study produced a preparedness index for the nation, including results for 50 states. The index describes how the nation can respond and recover from an emergency and how quickly it can resume normal operations. The index identifies areas of improvement and quantifies preparedness.

Tobacco use is a preventable cause of premature death and disease worldwide. Most of the world's tobacco-related deaths in the next decade will be in developing countries. Studies have shown that increasing excise taxes can reduce smoking. This study evaluated the effect of cigarette prices on smoking initiation and cessation among adults in two pooled samples of six low- to lower-middle income countries and eight upper-middle income countries.

Multiple imputation is a popular method for handling missing data and for assessing the variability of estimates due to missing data. This study demonstrates that the variability from missing data, as assessed via multiple imputation, can be almost negligible in a survey with a complex design, when the design effects, and in particular, the effects of clustering in the survey are large.

In 2009, enhanced poliovirus surveillance was established in polio-endemic areas of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, India. Polio vaccination campaigns generally target children younger than 5 years of age. Yet a high proportion of people older than 5 years asymptptomatically shed polioviruses. This paper provides the first evidence of community transmission of polioviruses by older adults, prompting a new vaccination strategy. Expanding the target age group for vaccination in polio-endemic areas could accelerate polio eradication.

This paper explains the spread of the 2014 Ebola epidemic in West Africa. Previously, there was no method for determining areas at greatest risk of importing Ebola cases. The authors demonstrate how the risk for infection can be predicted by case counts, population data, and distances between affected and unaffected areas. Results can be easily replicated and understood by a range of responders with no modeling expertise.
Lauren M. Rossen, Diba Khan, and Margaret Warner  
**Hot Spots in Mortality from Drug Poisoning in the United States, 2007–2009**  
*Health & Place* 2014;26:14–20  
Deaths from drug poisoning vary widely by state, but geographic variation at the substate level has largely not been explored. This paper describes the authors’ effort to identify clusters of high- and low-drug poisoning death rates in the United States and groups of counties with high or low age-adjusted death rates due to drug poisoning. Findings may help target interventions and awareness campaigns by indicating where drug poisonings are concentrated geographically.

R. Douglas Scott II, Ronda Sinkowitz-Cochran, Matthew E. Wise, James Baggs, Scott Goates, Steven L. Solomon, L. Clifford McDonald, and John A. Jernigan  
**CDC Central-line Bloodstream Infection Prevention Efforts Produced Net Benefits of at Least $640 Million During 1990–2008**  
*Health Affairs (Project Hope)* 2014;33(6):1040–1047  
This paper provides a financial incentive to invest more in preventing healthcare-associated infections. The authors describe a cost–benefit analysis that combines multiple data sources to estimate the benefit of preventing central-line bloodstream infections. The study provides a framework for public health programs to follow to estimate return on investments in prevention. Findings suggest that investments in CDC programs targeting healthcare-associated infections can lower Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements.

**A Study of Prospective Surveillance for Inhibitors Among Persons with Haemophilia in the United States**  
About 15% to 20% of people with hemophilia will develop an antibody, or inhibitor, to treatment products. Treatment for inhibitors can exceed a million dollars a year per patient. Genotyping revealed 431 mutations causing hemophilia, 151 of which had not previously been reported. Findings show that surveillance can provide valid data to evaluate inhibitor incidence and prevalence, monitor trends in occurrence rates, and identify potential inhibitor outbreaks associated with products.

J. Erin Staples, Manjunath B. Shankar, James J. Sejvar, Martin I. Meltzer, and Marc Fischer  
**Initial and Long-term Costs of Patients Hospitalized with West Nile Virus Disease**  
*The American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene* 2014;90(3):402–409  
The paper describes the long-term U.S. economic burden for specific West Nile virus (WNV) clinical syndromes such as fever, meningitis, encephalitis, and acute flaccid paralysis. Findings may be extrapolated to determine the potential impact of WNV disease in other regions. Estimates also may be used to assess cost-effectiveness of interventions and control measures or to fund vaccines and antiviral agents.

Li Yan Wang, Mary Vernon-Smiley, Mary Ann Gapinski, Marie Desisto, Erin Maughan, and Anne Sheetz  
**Cost-benefit Study of School Nursing Services**  
*JAMA Pediatrics* 2014;168(7):642–648  
This study compared the cost to society of Massachusetts Essential School Health Services (ESHS) program to having no school nurses. Nurses in 933 ESHS schools generated a net benefit of about $98.2 million to society (2009–2010 school year). For every dollar invested in ESHS, society gained $2.20. Of the 10,000 simulation trials, 89% had a net benefit. The authors conclude school nurses are a cost-beneficial investment of public money.

Xingyou Zhang, James B. Holt, Hua Lu, Anne G. Wheaton, Earl S. Ford, Kurt J. Greenlund, and Janet B. Croft  
**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**  
*American Journal of Epidemiology* 2014;179(8):1025-1033  
State and national survey data are not always adequate to make public health decisions at local levels. This paper describes a statistic model for obtaining surveillance data that can be aggregated to census geographic units (e.g., counties, congressional districts) and generate reliable small-area estimates of population health outcomes. This approach uses state and national health survey data, is scalable, and may be adapted for other geocoded national health surveys.
Laboratory Science


Simultaneous Measurement of Tabun, Sarin, Soman, Cyclosarin, VR, VX, and VM Adducts to Tyrosine in Blood Products by Isotope Dilution UHPLC-MS/MS

Analytical Chemistry 2014;86(20):10397–10405

This study provides a simple diagnostic tool that measures exposure to certain nerve agents while eliminating the need for separate analysis and extending the time after an event to confirm exposure. The techniques reduce sample volume and testing costs while improving rate of production. The method is readily transferrable, which would enable labs to quickly ramp up to assist a national response efforts.


Carbapenem-resistant Klebsiella Pneumoniae Producing New Delhi metallo-β-lactamase at an Acute Care Hospital, Colorado, 2012

Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology 2014;35(4):390–397

This paper describes the use of whole genome sequencing (WGS) to assist an epidemiologic investigation of antimicrobial-resistant pathogens among patients at a Colorado acute care hospital. This investigation used traditional methods to identify links among patients and lab and bioinformatics to distinguish among case isolates. WGS was used to narrow transmission routes and localize transmission events.

Tara R. Henning, Katherine Butler, Debra Hanson, Gail Sturdevant, Shanon Ellis, Elizabeth M. Sweeney, James Mitchell, Frank Depyounks, Christi Phillips, Carol Farshy, Yetunde Fakile, John Papp, W. Evan Secor, Harlan Caldwell, Dorothy Patton, Janet M. McNicholl, and Ellen Kersh

Increased Susceptibility to Vaginal Simian/Human Immunodeficiency Virus Transmission in Pig-tailed Macaques Coinfected with Chlamydia Trachomatis and Trichomonas Vaginalis

The Journal of Infectious Diseases 2014;210(8):1239–1247

Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) are associated with increased risk of HIV infection, but their biological effect on HIV susceptibility is not fully understood. This paper describes female macaques inoculated with triple coinfection (SHIV, Chlamydia trachomatis, and Trichomonas vaginalis) and multiple laboratory methods in a complex study design. Findings show C. trachomatis and T. vaginalis infection increase susceptibility to SHIV.

Xiaoyan Lu, Brett Whitaker, Senthil Kumar K. Sakthivel, Shifaq Kamili, Laura E. Rose, Luis Lowe, Emad Mohareb, Emad M. Ellassal, Tarek Al-sanouri, Aktham Haddadin, and Dean D. Erdman

Real-time Reverse Transcription-PCR Assay Panel for Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus

Journal of Clinical Microbiology 2014;52(1):67–75

This paper describes the development of two real-time reverse transcription-PCR (rRT-PCR) assays for detecting Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) with clinical specimens. These and a previous published assay were then evaluated as a panel. A kit consisting of the three assay signatures and a positive control was assembled and distributed to public health laboratories in the United States and internationally to support MERS-CoV surveillance and public health responses.

Diana L. Martin, Brook Goodhew, Nancy Czaicki, Kwanda Foster, Srijana Rajbhandary, Shawn Hunter, and Scott A. Brubaker

Trypanosoma cruzi Survival Following Cold Storage: Possible Implications for Tissue Banking

PloS one 2014;9(4):e95398

This paper examines the risk for transmitting parasite Trypanosoma cruzi via donated tissue. Many tissues (nonsolid organ) are stored for months at < -40°C, and such storage was thought to destroy the parasite. However, the data showed otherwise. This study tackles two neglected topics: parasitic disease infection in the United States and transplantation of nonsolid organ tissue. Findings will inform decision making about the need for testing donated tissue for T. cruzi infection.
Ajay P. Nayak, Justin M. Hettick, Paul D. Siegel, Stacey E. Anderson, Carrie M. Long, Brett J. Green, and Donald H. Beezhold

Toluene Diisocyanate (TDI) Disposition and Co-localization of Immune Cells in Hair Follicles

*Tosoelogical Sciences* 2014;140(2):327–337

About 280,000 workers are exposed to chemical allergens used to make polyurethane products. Toluene diisocyanate (TDI), the second most commonly used diisocyanate in industry, can produce an immune response leading to asthma and allergic disease. Most workers are likely exposed by inhaling TDI, but how the immune system is triggered is unclear. This study shows that skin, hair, and sebaceous glands hold TDI antibodies and may produce immune system response.

James P. O’Callaghan, Kimberly A. Kelly, Reyna L. VanGilder, Michael V. Sofroniew, and Diane B. Miller

Early Activation of STAT3 Regulates Reactive Astroglisis Induced by Diverse Forms of Neurotoxicity

*PloS one* 2014;9(7):e102003

This paper differentiates neuroinflammatory and neurodegenerative responses from chemical exposures. Inflammation of the brain can manifest as pain, asthma, fatigue, or cognitive problems. Neuroinflammatory syndrome, a subtle form of neurotoxicity, contributes to absenteeism and decreased productivity. This paper provides evidence of a novel and sensitive biomarker to detect the adverse effect of chemical exposures and then characterize and treat this subtle form of neurotoxicity rather than relying on symptoms alone.

Gitika Panicker, Ira Rajbhandari, Brian M. Gurbaxani, Troy D. Querec, and Elizabeth R. Unger

Development and Evaluation of Multiplexed Immunoassay for Detection of Antibodies to HPV Vaccine Types

*Journal of Immunological Methods* 2015;417:107-114

Genital human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines hold promise for preventing cervical cancer. Reliable antibody-based assays are needed to determine how effectively vaccines work and to evaluate altered dosing schemes. To monitor dosing schemes requires laboratory support with accurate and reliable assays. The authors’ assay is reproducible, sensitive, amenable to frequent testing, and can be extended to detect antibodies to other HPV types in newly approved vaccines.


Promotion of Lung Adenocarcinoma Following Inhalation Exposure to Multi-walled Carbon Nanotubes

*Particle and Fibre Toxicology* 2014;11:3

Engineered carbon nanotubes are found in numerous consumer and industrial products such as paints, industrial lubricants, cosmetics, and toiletries. Multiwalled carbon nanotubes (MWCNT) are used widely in these products, and their low density and small size makes respiratory exposure in occupational settings likely. This study demonstrates that inhaling MWCNT promotes growth of cancerous tumors in mice, a finding that could also be significant in humans.

Velusamy Srinivasan, Benjamin J. Metcalf, Kristen M. Kniep, Mahamoudou Ouattara, Lesley McGee, Patricia L. Shewmaker, Anita Glennen, Megin Nichols, Carol Harris, Mary Brinnmage, Belinda Ostrowsky, Connie J. Park, Stephanie J. Schrag, Michael A. Frace, Scott A. Sammons, and Bernard Beall

*vanG Element Insertions Within a Conserved Chromosomal Site Conferring Vancomycin Resistance to Streptococcus agalactiae and Streptococcus anginosus mBio* 2014;5(4):e01386–14

Antibiotic resistance accounts for at least 2 million infections and 23,000 deaths each year. This study examines emerging resistance to antibiotic vancomycin in human pathogen group B Streptococcus (GBS) and in streptococcal species *S. anginosus*. Findings raise concerns that vancomycin treatment of skin and soft infections and bacteremia caused by resistant-GBS could lead to treatment failures and deaths.

Hua Yang, Jessie C. Chang, Zhu Guo, Paul J. Carney, David A. Shore, Ruben O. Donis, Nancy J. Cox, Julie M. Villanueva, Alexander I. Klimov, and James Stevens

Structural Stability of Influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 Virus Hemagglutinins

*Journal of Virology* 2014;88(9):4828–4838

This paper explains how the hemagglutinin (HA) instability observed in early 2009 H1N1 pandemic viruses likely played a role in vaccine production delays. HAs from 2010 and 2011 strains proved more stable. This increased stability is attributed to a mutation in the stalk of the influenza HA that emerged naturally in the circulating viruses. It also furthers our understanding of how HA can affect the influenza virus’s stability and affect vaccine effectiveness.
Evidence from 617 Laboratories in 47 Countries for SLMTA-driven Improvement in Quality Management Systems


This study examines the first 4 years of the Strengthening Laboratory Management Toward Accreditation (SLMTA) program, an effort to improve laboratory quality in countries with limited resources. The study uses a lab audit tool to measure progress before and after implication of SLMTA in every laboratory, allowing aggregation and comparison of results across different lab types. The study concludes that SLMTA is transformative, with potential to improve laboratory testing and patient care.

Prevention and Control

Treatment for LTBI in Contacts of MDR-TB Patients, Federated States of Micronesia, 2009–2012
The International Journal of Tuberculosis and Lung Disease 2014;18(8):912–918

Mycobacterium tuberculosis, which causes multidrug-resistant (MDR) TB, is resistant to at least two antibiotics, isoniazid and rifampin. After simultaneous MDR-TB outbreaks in the Federated States of Micronesia, which has few resources and 100 times the U.S. incidence rate of TB, infected close contacts were offered a 12-month fluoroquinolone-based preventive treatment regimen. Results show the treatment regimens were safe and well tolerated, and no TB cases occurred among persons treated.

Ren G. Dong, Daniel E. Welcome, Donald R. Peterson, Xueyan S. Xu, Thomas W. McDowell, Christopher Warren, TakaFumi Asaki, Simon Kudernatsch, and Antony Brammer
Tool-specific Performance of Vibration-reducing Gloves for Attenuating Palm-transmitted Vibrations in Three Orthogonal Directions

Hand-arm vibration syndrome is a musculoskeletal disorder in the workplace. It is linked to the use of vibrating hand tools. Vibration-reducing gloves reduce exposure to vibration, but their effectiveness is unclear. This study estimated the effectiveness of vibration-reducing gloves for almost every type of powered hand tool. Findings suggest that when workers select gloves appropriate for their tools, they can reduce vibration-induced injuries on the job.

Rocky Mountain spotted fever (RMSF) is a potentially fatal tickborne disease found among Arizona tribes at 300 times the rate of the U.S. population. The case-fatality rate is 7 times greater than the U.S. average, and most deaths occur among children. This paper shows the effectiveness of an integrated pest management program, RMSF Rodeo, which demonstrated that the use of new acaricide products can control ticks in tribal communities.

Donatus U. Ekwueme, Vladislav J. Uznangelov, Thomas J. Hoerger, Jacqueline W. Miller, Mona Saraiya, Vicki B. Benard, Ingrid J. Hall, Janet Royalty, Chunyu Li, and Evan R. Myers

Screening for cervical cancer saves lives, but the benefits are unequally distributed by income. This study estimated the benefits of screening to prevent and control cervical cancer among uninsured low-income U.S. women. The model was applied to participants 18 to 64 years old in the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. Findings show that investing in cancer screening reduces deaths among medically underserved low-income women and extends and improves their quality of life.
Influenza is usually controlled by vaccination and antiviral drugs. A commonly used antiviral approved for all ages is oseltamivir. This paper describes a double-blind, randomized controlled trial that measures how well oseltamivir reduces illness and viral shedding among people with influenza in whom treatment was started within 5 days of symptom onset. Oseltamivir was shown to reduce the duration of symptoms and virus shedding in people with uncomplicated influenza infections.


Enhanced Personal Contact with HIV Patients Improves Retention in Primary Care: A Randomized Trial in 6 U.S. HIV Clinics

Clinical Infectious Diseases 2014;59(5):725–734

Patients with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) need uninterrupted medical care to experience the most benefit from antiretroviral therapy. But, many patients miss appointments and have lengthy gaps in care. This study examined whether enhanced personal contact with patients would improve retention in care. The study also looked at whether brief skills training would improve retention beyond enhanced contact. Findings show enhanced contact with patients improves retention in HIV primary care compared with standard practices.

Arielle Lasry, Stephanie L. Sansom, Richard J. Wolitski, Timothy A. Green, Craig B. Borkowf, Pragna Patel, and Jonathan Mermin

HIV Sexual Transmission Risk Among Serodiscordant Couples: Assessing the Effects of Combining Prevention Strategies

AIDS 2014;28(10):1521–1529

Some 1.2 million people in the United States live with HIV, and about 48,000 transmissions occur annually. Treatment regimens are lifelong. This study unveils the cumulative risk of contracting HIV over 1 and 10 years given various prevention strategies. By putting a meaningful number on HIV risk, the study allows people to figure out appropriate prevention measures. Findings may prompt people to understand their own susceptibility.

Measles Outbreak Response Among Adolescent and Adult Somali Refugees Displaced by Famine in Kenya and Ethiopia, 2011

The Journal of Infectious Diseases 2014;210(12):1863–1870

A 2011 outbreak of measles in three Ethiopian refugee complexes, after a large influx of refugees from Somalia, was driven by an unusual number of adolescents and adults, requiring the response be adapted for the different age groups. Personal data (age, sex, vaccination status, arrival date, attack rates, and case fatality ratios), vaccination data, and coverage surveys were reviewed. Findings show that when populations are displaced by measles outbreaks, health authorities should consider routinely vaccinating adults.

Ciara E. O’Reilly, Ethel V. Taylor, Tracy Ayers, Ribka Fantu, Sisay Alemayehu Abayneh, Barbara Marston, Yordanos B. Molla, Tegene Sewnet, Fitsum Abebe, Robert M. Hoekstra, and Robert Quick

Improved Health Among People Living with HIV/AIDS Who Received Packages of Proven Preventive Health Interventions, Amhara, Ethiopia

PloS One 2014;9(9):e107662

Opportunistic infections are significant causes of illness and death among people living with HIV/AIDS. This study measures the impact of giving basic care packages to HIV-infected persons in Ethiopia who were clients of antiretroviral therapy clinics. Through the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, CDC distributes intervention packages (e.g., soap, condoms, albendazole, co-trimoxazole prophylaxis, and household water treatment products). Findings suggest these packages, accompanied by product demos by hospital staff, reduce the risk of opportunistic infections.

Franco Scinicariello and Melanie C. Buser


Environmental Health Perspectives 2014;122(3):299–303

Prenatal exposure to polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) has been associated with obesity in early childhood. PAHs are also carcinogens. This paper uses data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey to examine the association of PAH metabolites with body mass index, waist size, and obesity rate among youth. The study concluded that PAH and naphthalene metabolites correlate with higher body mass index, waist size, and obesity in children and adolescents.

Xin Xu, Robert L. Alexander, Jr., Sean A. Simpson, Scott Goates, James M. Nonnemaker, Kevin C. Davis, and Tim McAfee

A Cost-effectiveness Analysis of the First Federally Funded Antismoking Campaign


In 2012, CDC launched a national antismoking campaign: Tips From Former Smokers. Analysis found that Tips saved about 179,099 quality-adjusted life years and prevented 17,109 premature deaths in the United States. With a campaign cost of roughly $48 million, Tips spent about $480 per quitter, $2,819 per premature death averted, $395 per life years saved, and $268 per quality-adjusted life years gained. The campaign also resulted in a 12% increase in quit attempts.

The RTS,S Clinical Trials Partnership

Efficacy and Safety of the RTS,S/AS01 Malaria Vaccine During 18 Months After Vaccination: A Phase 3 Randomized, Controlled Trial in Children and Young Infants at 11 African Sites

PloS Medicine 2014;11(7):e1001685

This paper describes the safety and efficacy of malaria vaccine RTS,S/AS01 during 18 months after vaccination at 11 African sites. Findings show RTS,S/AS01 prevented many cases of clinical and severe malaria after vaccine dose 3, with the highest impact in areas with the greatest incidence of malaria. The vaccine was more effective in children than in infants, but even among infants, the number of malaria cases prevented was substantial.

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The following current or former CDC/ATSDR employees were nominated for the Lifetime Scientific Achievement Award, which recognizes individuals for a body of work contributing to public health. Nominees were judged on their work’s scientific merit, its effect on public health and the mission of CDC/ATSDR, and on their leadership and recognition by peers.
CAPT Robert Berry's career exemplifies the role of the public health physician, his work extending from basic science to public health promotion. He has devoted his career to preventing birth defects and is the world's leading authority on the safety of folic acid fortification to prevent neural tube defects. His efforts have led to folic acid fortification in food staples in more than 70 countries and prevented tens of thousands of devastating birth defects.

In the 1980s, CAPT Berry started a 30-year collaboration with China to promote birth defects surveillance programs in many low- and middle-income countries. The studies conducted as part of this collaboration have produced dozens of influential manuscripts. The collaboration has improved public health capacity beyond birth defects prevention, including networks and systems still used in treatment for cancer, maternal and infant health, autism, environmental health, and infectious disease.

Data from the China studies and community intervention program are still used in new research to inform public health policy and improve the health of infants and children worldwide. Furthermore, the mothers and children in the China cohort are still being tracked and contacted for new studies.

CAPT Berry's contribution with the China study illustrates his career focus on large and fundamental research projects. He provided extraordinary diplomacy and leadership in pulling together a team of Chinese and American investigators and an understanding of epidemiologic science at the highest levels. His work earned him the Friendship Award, the highest award given by China to foreigners.

CAPT Berry’s work on folic acid laid the foundation for the 2010 launch of Birth Defects COUNT, a global initiative to significantly reduce infant death and lifelong disability. His subject matter expertise has consistently guided the development of surveillance systems and neural tube defect prevention programs in Southeast Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

CAPT Berry has received many awards and recognitions including the Distinguished Service Medal and the Secretary of Health and Human Services Award for Distinguished Service. He is frequently invited to present at international meetings, and he has mentored countless fellows, students, junior scientists, and Epidemic Intelligence Service officers.

Dr. Kenneth G. Castro began his 32-year career at CDC as an Epidemic Intelligence Service officer on the team responding to the AIDS epidemic. Since 1983, he has earned a reputation as a leader and subject-matter expert in HIV and tuberculosis (TB). His work spans the practice of epidemiology, laboratory science, clinical trials, public health program practice, and clinical medicine. Since completing his infectious diseases fellowship in 1989, he has continued to care for patients through his work at the Infectious Diseases Program of Grady Health Systems in Atlanta, Georgia, and he still teaches at Emory University School of Medicine. He also has published more than 150 peer-reviewed publications, MMWR reports, policy statements, and practice guidelines.

Dr. Castro established a case-control study to define risk factors in people from Haiti diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and put together a community-based study in Belle Glade, Florida—a town ravaged by HIV/AIDS. The results of these studies helped dispel fears of acquiring HIV via casual contact or insect vectors. His other contributions to the analyses of AIDS surveillance data helped demonstrate the disparate occurrence of HIV/AIDS in racial and ethnic minorities and draw attention to needs in these populations.

These collaborative analyses of AIDS surveillance data justified the planning and implementation of the first Department of Health and Human Services Conference on AIDS in Racial and Ethnic Minorities. Later in 1988, this information was included in Surgeon General C. Everett Koop’s report Understanding AIDS, mailed to more than 100 million households in the United States. Because of Dr. Castro’s combined subject matter expertise, Hispanic heritage, and fluency in Spanish, he was charged with CDC clearance of the Spanish version of this report. He ensured the information was accurate and worked with other Spanish-speaking professionals to make sure the messages would be understood by the main Hispanic subgroups in the United States.

As the director of the Division of Tuberculosis Elimination, Dr. Castro embodies the principles of servant leadership. He has successfully established a unity of purpose among more than 230 professionals under his charge and has implemented thriving collaborations with partners to work toward the elimination of TB in the United States.
Earl S. Ford, MD, MPH
National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

Dr. Earl S. Ford has been at the forefront of investigating chronic diseases for 27 years. His research covers 7 of the 10 leading causes of death and crosses the lifespan, from health and risk factors in childhood to prevention and treatment in adulthood, to mortality. He has been a leader in areas such as C-reactive protein and measures of inflammation, vitamins B and D and folate, sleep health, asthma, and the contributions of lifestyle versus medical advances in the declines in heart disease and stroke mortality.

A particular area in which Dr. Ford has been a national public health leader is on metabolic syndrome, the clustering of factors that indicate higher risk for diabetes and other chronic disease. His research has been critical to the debate about metabolic syndrome, including who is at risk and how many people have this clustering of risk factors.

Dr. Ford has published more than 370 peer-reviewed manuscripts. Seventy of these articles have been cited more than 100 times, and 10 more than 500 times. His collective publications have been cited an average of 1,300 times per year, totaling more than 32,000 citations. Citation of Dr. Ford's scientific publications remains a staple of chronic disease surveillance and burden reports in the literature.

But Dr. Ford's scientific contributions go beyond publication and debate. His research on healthy behaviors and chronic disease risk factors helped lead the American Heart Association to adopt cardiovascular health as one of its 2020 national goals. This new goal was a significant shift for that international organization to focus more strongly on prevention and health promotion along with the control and treatment of cardiovascular conditions.

Dr. Ford's prominence in the chronic disease field has led to adjunct professor appointments at Morehouse College, Emory University, and Georgia Southern. He has received a number of Commissioned Corps awards and is recognized and sought for global collaborations. He is a requested peer reviewer for more than 80 scientific journals and has been a member of 11 national and international task forces and committees on diabetes, metabolic syndrome, and cardiovascular diseases.

Patricia M. Griffin, MD
National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases

Dr. Patricia M. Griffin is a globally recognized expert in foodborne and enteric infections who has made foundational contributions to the science of food safety—developing new ways of collecting and analyzing data and authoring or coauthoring publications that have shaped the field for three decades. She has defined the health burden of foodborne illness in the United States; established surveillance systems that improve infection tracking; and overseen landmark investigations resulting in new regulation, revamped industry practices, and intensive microbiologic testing.

Dr. Griffin has improved surveillance and developed innovative ways to integrate epidemiologic and laboratory data to detect and respond to problems quickly. Despite heavy supervisory and management responsibilities, she has been for two decades the leading expert in the complex arena of Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC). She early on integrated laboratory and clinical information, assembling and publishing proof that some strains are deadly whereas others cause little harm. Her efforts were central to the U.S. focus on controlling the most dangerous strains. As a result, the U.S. Department of Agriculture declared six serogroups of STEC, in addition to E. coli O157, to be adulterants in beef.

In 1993, Dr. Griffin became chief of bacterial foodborne disease epidemiology at CDC, and in 2005, chief of the Enteric Diseases Epidemiology Branch. The investigative work she has overseen for 20 years has led to product recalls, improvements in processing, new regulations, and improved food industry and consumer practices, all of which prevent illnesses and deaths.

She is a fellow of the Infectious Disease Society of America and the American Epidemiological Society. Her many awards include CDC's Shepard Award for the best scientific paper (first author), the Langmuir Award for best epidemiology paper (co-author), and the Mackel award for the best epidemiological-microbiological science talk (co-author). She has received the U.S. Public Health Service Outstanding Service Medal and the Distinguished Service Medal. In the past three years, she has received three NCEZID Honor Awards and the NCEZID Lifetime Achievement Dowdle Award. She also is the editor of the food safety section for Clinical Infectious Diseases. She also teaches public health courses at Emory University.
Leonard Paulozzi, MD, MPH

National Center for Injury Prevention and Control

Dr. Leonard Paulozzi is a scientific leader whose landmark achievements have advanced the health of Americans—particularly through his development of the National Violent Death Reporting System, or NVDRS, and his discoveries that unveiled the epidemic and causes of prescription drug overdoses. His work on prescription drug overdose and violence fall within the top 10 leading causes of death and the top 3 leading causes of death for younger age groups.

In 2003, Dr. Paulozzi developed NVDRS, one of the Injury Center's most valued public health tools. Before the system, scientists had limited data to help them focus violence prevention programs. Today, NVDRS not only monitors violent deaths, it provides details on circumstances leading to deaths. NVDRS is the first system to link reports from law enforcement officers, medical examiners and coroners, and toxicologists to capture different perspectives on the causes of deaths, leading to better decisions about violence prevention.

In 2007, Dr. Paulozzi sounded the alarm on the rise of prescription drug overdose fatalities. For years, drug overdose was considered a substance abuse problem focused on high-risk addicts. Many believed the epidemic resulted mostly from “doctor shopping” or drug diversion. Dr. Paulozzi shifted attention to the role of opioid prescribing by physicians. His research improved how prescription opioid drugs are formulated, distributed, and prescribed so patients are less prone to addiction. His work also advanced the use of prescription drug monitoring programs. His research even influenced the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Plan.

Dr. Paulozzi spearheaded a partnership with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the Food and Drug Administration, and Brandeis University in developing the Prescription Behavior Surveillance System (PBSS). PBSS gathers data from state prescription drug monitoring programs and monitors metrics on inappropriate prescription drug practices and consumer use of prescription drugs, particularly opioid analgesics.

Dr. Paulozzi has authored and coauthored more than 100 publications and given countless talks and media interviews. His work has been cited over 4,000 times, and his papers have won the Langmuir Prize and been nominated for the Charles C. Shepard Award seven times.

Steven M. Schrader, PhD

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

Dr. Steven M. Schrader has conducted research on the human male reproductive system and been at the forefront of reproductive toxicology research for the past 32 years. He came to CDC in 1983 to work in the reproductive toxicology program, and he used his training in reproductive physiology to develop a state-of-the-art male reproductive health profile for occupational field studies. This pioneering work established the NIOSH male reproductive health assessment program and enabled the NIOSH reproductive health assessment team to conduct field investigations in the United States, Canada, China, and Russia.

Recognizing that the role of sexual function was not being adequately assessed in his original NIOSH male reproductive health profile, Dr. Schrader evaluated a variety of clinical methods and worked with research teams to update the profile. The new profile included the assessment of sexual function in men in occupational population studies. Dr. Schrader conducted the first and most comprehensive longitudinal study of human semen characteristics, measuring several parameters monthly for nine months in a cohort of men. The quality of the research was recognized with two Alice Hamilton Awards for Occupational Safety and Health.

Dr. Schrader's work on the evaluation of sexual function in bicycle police officers inspired more research in this area and showed that workplace exposures can affect a man's ability to have healthy children. This message has been widely accepted, and numerous improved bicycle saddle designs are now in use.

Further, Dr. Schrader developed the methods and procedures for assessing the effects of workplace exposures on the reproductive health of men. This not only established the scientific direction for CDC to study the effects of occupational exposures on fecundity and fertility, it also laid the framework for assessing male reproductive studies across North America, Europe, and Asia.

In addition to the numerous invitations to present his research around the world, Dr. Schrader has served as a reviewer for the Office of Technology Assessment, the National Toxicology Program, the Indo-U.S. Subcommission on Science and Technology, United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development, Department of Veterans Affairs, and Health Canada. He has served on the editorial board of various peer-reviewed journals.
2014

Assessment

Impact of Introduction of the Haemophilus influenzae Type b Conjugate Vaccine into Childhood Immunization on Meningitis in Bangladeshi Infants
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Effect of the First Federally Funded U.S. Antismoking National Media Campaign

Lifetime Scientific Achievement
Nancy J. Cox, PhD
Dr. Cox was recognized for her global leadership, expertise, mentorship, and scientific innovation in the epidemiology of influenza viruses and immunization.

2013

Assessment
Rachel M. Smith, Melissa K. Schaefer, Marion A. Kainer, Matthew Wise, Jennie Finks, Joan Duwve, Elizabeth Fontaine, Alvina Chu, Barbara Carothers, Amy Reilly, Jay Fiedler, Andrew D. Wiese, Christine Feaster, Lex Gibson, Stephanie Griese, Anne Purfield, Angela A. Cleveland, Kaitlin Benedict, Julie R. Harris, Mary E. Brandt, Dianna Blau, John Jernigan, J. Todd Weber, and Benjamin J. Park, for the Multistate Fungal Infection Outbreak Response Team

Fungal Infections Associated with Contaminated Methylprednisolone Injections — Preliminary Report

Data Methods and Study Design
Joseph Y. Abrams, John R. Copeland, Robert V. Tauxe, Kashmira A. Date, Ermias D. Belay, Rajal K. Mody, and Eric D. Mintz

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Epidemiology and Infection 2012; doi: 10.1017/S0950268812001793

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Yen T. Duong, MaoFeng Qiu, Anindya K. De, Keisha Jackson, Trudy Dobbs, Andrea A. Kim, John N. Nkengasong, and Bharat S. Parekh

Detection of Recent HIV-1 Using a New Infection Limiting-Antigen Avidity Assay: Potential for HIV-1 Incidence Estimates and Avidity Maturation Studies

Prevention and Control

Serogroup A Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccination in Burkina Faso: Analysis of National Surveillance Data
**Lifetime Scientific Achievement**

**Larry J. Anderson, MD**  
Dr. Anderson was recognized for his innovative research on respiratory syncytial virus and its disease burden in the United States.

**2012**

**Assessment**

*Immunogenicity of Supplemental Doses of Poliovirus Vaccine for Children Aged 6–9 Months in Moradabad, India: A Community-Based, Randomized Controlled Trial*


**Data Methods and Study Design**
Alula Hadgu, Nandini Dendukuri, and Liangliang Wang

*Evaluation of Screening Tests for Detecting Chlamydia trachomatis Bias Associated with the Patient-Infected-Status Algorithm*  
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**Laboratory Science**

*Rift Valley Fever Virus Vaccine Lacking the NSs and NSm Genes Is Safe, Nonteratogenic, and Confers Protection from Virema, Pyrexia, and Abortion Following Challenge in Adult and Pregnant Sheep*


**Prevention and Control**

*Three Months of Rifapentine and Isoniazid for Latent Tuberculosis Infection*


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**Lifetime Scientific Achievement**

**Henry Falk, MD, MPH**  
Dr. Falk was recognized for his expertise and global leadership in environmental health science and public health policy and practice.

**2011**

**Assessment and Epidemiology**

*Epidemiologic Investigation of Immune-Mediated Polyradiculoneuropathy Among Abattoir Workers Exposed to Porcine Brain*

*PLoS One* 2010;5(3):e9782

**Laboratory and Methods**
Robert D. Gilmore, Jr., Rebekah R. Howison, Gabrielle Dietrich, Toni G. Patton, Dawn R. Clifton, and James A. Carroll

*The bba64 Gene of Borrelia burgdorferi, the Lyme Disease Agent, Is Critical for Mammalian Infection via Tick Bite Transmission*

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**Prevention and Control**

*Maternal or Infant Antiretroviral Drugs to Reduce HIV-1 Transmission*

**Lifetime Scientific Achievement**

Kathleen Kreiss, MD

Dr. Kreiss was recognized as a world-renowned expert in occupational respiratory disease. She has improved workplace safety by encouraging the use of safer materials and better work practices and controls.

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*Emergence of a Novel Swine-Origin Influenza A (H1N1) Virus in Humans*


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Joseph U. Igietseme, Qing He, Kahaliah Joseph, Francis O. Eko, Deborah Lyn, Godwin Ananaba, Angela Campbell, Claudiu Bandea, and Carolyn M. Black

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Sandra L. Decker

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*Association Between Pentavalent Rotavirus Vaccine and Severe Rotavirus Diarrhea Among Children in Nicaragua*

*JAMA* 2009;301(21):2243–2251

**Lifetime Scientific Achievement**

Polly Marchbanks, PhD, MSN

Dr. Marchbanks was recognized for her global leadership and research, particularly in the area of contraception.

### 2009

**Assessment and Epidemiology**


*Estimation of HIV Incidence in the United States*

*JAMA* 2008;300:520–529

**Laboratory and Methods**

Tracie L. Williams, Leah Luna, Zhu Guo, Nancy J. Cox, James L. Pirkle, Ruben O. Donis, and John R. Barr

*Quantification of Influenza Virus Hemagglutinins in Complex Mixtures Using Isotope Dilution Tandem Mass Spectrometry*

*Vaccine* 2008;26:2510–2520

**Prevention and Control**


*Cost Effectiveness of Community-Based Physical Activity Interventions*


**Lifetime Scientific Achievement**

Stephen B. Thacker, MD, MSc

Dr. Thacker was recognized for his leadership and his work in fostering scientific communication and training of future leaders in public health. He has overseen the Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) program since 1989, and under his direction, the first CDC plan for surveillance was completed in 1985.
2008

Assessment and Epidemiology

Laboratory and Methods

Prevention and Control

Lifetime Scientific Achievement
Vincent Castranova, PhD
Dr. Castranova was recognized for his leadership in laboratory-based occupational health research. His contributions to the understanding of the biology of lung cells have been translated into the practical study of lung diseases and development of prevention programs.

2006

Assessment and Epidemiology

Prevention and Control

Lifetime Scientific Achievement
Roger I. Glass, MD, MPH, PhD
Dr. Glass was recognized for his leadership and accomplishments in viral gastroenteritis. His work led to the recognition of rotavirus as a problem in the United States and to development of a rotavirus vaccine to be used worldwide.

2007

Assessment and Epidemiology

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Lifetime Scientific Achievement
Robert V. Tauxe, MD, MPH
Dr. Tauxe was recognized for his leadership in the prevention and control of foodborne diseases in the United States and internationally. His work and that of his colleagues has resulted in dramatic changes in foodborne disease surveillance, outbreak detection, practices, and policies.

2005
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Outstanding Scientific Contribution to Public Health
National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
Newborn Screening Quality Assurance Program

Lifetime Scientific Achievement
James M. Hughes, MD
Dr. Hughes was recognized for his expertise in infectious diseases and bioterrorism and response. His leadership in addressing emerging and reemerging global threats has brought global prominence to CDC and improved public health infrastructures nationwide.

2004
Assessment and Epidemiology
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Laboratory and Methods
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Decline in Invasive Pneumococcal Disease After the Introduction of Protein-Polysaccharide Conjugate Vaccine


Lifetime Scientific Achievement

Harold W. Jaffe, MD

Dr. Jaffe was recognized as a national and international leader in the disease investigation of HIV/AIDS, which has increased scientific knowledge about HIV/AIDS and improved national and international approaches to prevention and control.

Walter A. Orenstein, MD

Dr. Orenstein was recognized for his leadership in reducing the occurrence of vaccine-preventable diseases in children. His work has been critical to the development of national vaccine policy and global immunization strategies.

2003

Assessment and Epidemiology


Oral Contraceptives and the Risk of Breast Cancer


Laboratory and Methods

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Barbara Lopes Cardozo, Bradley A. Woodruff, Muireann Brennan, and Paul B. Spiegel

National Center for Environmental Health

International Emergency and Refugee Health Branch

Lifetime Scientific Achievement

William R. Jarvis, MD

Dr. Jarvis was recognized as a leader in the study of nosocomial infections and other threats to the safety of patients and healthcare workers. His research has led to interventions to reduce these risks and to the development of prevention guidelines.

2002

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Outstanding Scientific Contribution to Public Health
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National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
Surgeon General’s Reports on Smoking and Health

Lifetime Scientific Achievement
Gerald R. Cooper, MD, PhD

Dr. Cooper was recognized for his leadership in improving laboratory measures of lipids that led to the establishment of the CDC Lipid Standardization Program.

2001

Assessment and Epidemiology
Paul B. Spiegel and Peter Salama

War and Mortality in Kosovo, 1998–99: An Epidemiological Testimony
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Outstanding Scientific Contribution to Public Health
National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

Lifetime Scientific Achievement
Joseph Edward McDade, PhD

Dr. McDade was the first to identify the bacterium Legionella pneumophila as the cause of the well-known outbreak of Legionnaires’ disease. In the 1980s, he identified the cause of a previously unknown tickborne disease, ehrlichiosis.

2000

Assessment and Epidemiology
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2014
John E. Wennberg, MD, MPH
Founder/Director of Emeritus Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice
Unwarranted Variation in Health Care

2009
Paul Krugman, PhD
Princeton University
Columnist, The New York Times
Health and the Economic Future

2008
Neal Nathanson, MD
University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine
AIDS Vaccine at the Crossroads

2007
Michael Marmot, MBBS, MPH, PhD, FRCP, FFPHM, FMedSci
Institute for Society and Health University College, London
Health in an Unequal World

2006
Donald M. Berwick, MD, MPP
Institute for Healthcare Improvement
The 100,000 Lives Campaign: Lessons from a National Mobilization

2005
Harvey V. Fineberg, MD, PhD
Institute of Medicine
The National Academies
Science, Policy, and Public Trust
2004
Shiriki Kumanyika, PhD, MPH
University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine
Obesity, Health Disparities, and Prevention Paradigms: Hard Questions and Hard Choices

2003
Jo Ivey Boufford, MD
Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Health
New York University
School of Medicine
Assuring the Public’s Health in the 21st Century: A Research Agenda

2002
Marc L. Miringoff, PhD
Fordham Institute
for Innovation in Social Policy
Fordham University
Graduate Center
The Social Determinants of Health

2001
Jeffrey D. Sachs, PhD
Harvard University
Reinvigorating the Fight Against Disease in the Developing World

2000
Lynn R. Goldman, MD, MPH, MS
The Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health
Health of the World

1999
Steven N. Blair, PED
Cooper Institute for Aerobics Research
Physical Inactivity as a Public Health Problem

1998
Frederick P. Rivara, MD, MPH
Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center
Injury Control—The Uses of Science for Prevention

1997
David R. Cox, MD, PhD
Stanford University
School of Medicine
The Human Genome Project and Human Disease

1996
Walter E. Massey, PhD
Morehouse College
Science — The (Ever-Expanding) Endless Frontier

1995
Nancy S. Wexler, PhD
Columbia University
Uncongenial Genealogies: Prediction and Protection in the Public Interest

1994
Thomas J. Coates, PhD
University of California at San Francisco
HIV Prevention Programs in Research: What Have We Accomplished and Where Do We Need to Go?

1993
W. French Anderson, MD
University of Southern California School of Medicine
The Scientific, Ethical, and Regulatory Issues of Gene Therapy

1992
Barry R. Bloom, PhD
Howard Hughes Medical Institute
Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Revisiting Mycobacteria

1991
Lawrence K. Altman, MD
The New York Times
Science and the Media

1990
Purnell W. Choppin, MD
Howard Hughes Medical Institute
The Role of a Private Medical Research Organization in Biomedical Research and Education

1989
Joseph L. Goldstein, MD
University of Texas Health Sciences Center
Lipoprotein Receptors: A Genetic Defense Against Hypercholesterolemia and Atherosclerosis

1988
David Baltimore, PhD
Whitehead Institute Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Genetics and Modern Disease

1987
Frank Press, PhD
National Academy of Sciences
DNA in Washington

1986
James O. Mason, MD
Centers for Disease Control
CDC, Science, and the Future
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## Estimated number of adults and children newly infected with HIV

2013 Total: 2.1 million [1.9–2.4 million]  

**Source:** UNAIDS

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