



ISPOR Award for Excellence in Application of Pharmacoeconomics and Health Outcomes Research

Research Excellence Awards Chair - Application of Pharmacoeconomics and Health Outcomes Research

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Description: ISPOR Award for Excellence in Application of Pharmacoeconomics and Health Outcomes Excellence was established in 1997 to recognize outstanding practical application of pharmacoeconomics and outcomes research in health care decision-making.

Criteria: The award is given to a distinguished example of applied health outcomes research that has or is expected to have a high impact on health policy or healthcare decision making. Preference is given to papers with creative application of health outcomes research, encompassing topics such as health policy, evaluation and adoption of health technologies, and other issues that further the goals and objectives of the Society. The award is selected by the ISPOR Excellence Awards Committee from nominated papers that have appeared in print or e-pub in peer-review journals during the preceding calendar year (e-pub must be listed in Medline) and other communication venues (e.g. books, reports). Self-nominations are encouraged and accepted for consideration.

Selection Process: A call for nominations is placed in November-December ISPOR CONNECTIONS for articles published during the past twelve months to be considered for the ISPOR Award for Excellence in Application of Pharmacoeconomics and Health Outcomes Research. In addition, each Excellence Award Committee member selects relevant publications in respected peer-reviewed journals during the preceding twelve months to be considered by the Awards Committee in the selection process. The Excellence Award Committee meets via teleconference in February to discuss each of the nominated publications. They select the best demonstration of scientific excellence for that time period. The nominee is then forwarded to the Board of Directors for final approval. The corresponding author on the publication is given the award.

Nature of Award: The Award, presented at the ISPOR Annual International Meeting to the corresponding author of the paper, consists of a plaque, complimentary Annual International Meeting registration, roundtrip air fare, hotel, meal and miscellaneous expenses for two days, based upon current ISPOR travel policies.

Nominations for the ISPOR Award for Excellence in Application of Pharmacoeconomics and Health Outcomes Research should be accompanied by an electronic version of the nominated paper and a letter of support that illustrates the positive attributes of the paper, and sent to awards@ispor.org. Only ISPOR members may submit nominations (either their own publications or others).



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For the paper, Currie, CJ, Peters, JR, Tynan, A, et al. Survival as a Function of HbA1c In People With Type 2 Diabetes: A Retrospective Cohort Study. Lancet 2010;375:481-9.

Having followed an unconventional career path spanning some 25 years, **Craig Currie** has held appointments at five universities: Leicester, York, Dundee, Queensland and primarily in the School of Medicine at Cardiff University. Craig has also worked in industry in health outcomes, but for the last 11 years he has established and headed 2 research service companies. His current part-time, academic appointment is Reader in Diabetes Pharmacoepidemiology. The remainder of his time is spent servicing industry through his company, Pharmatelligence who carry out complex pharmacoeconomics and pharmacoepidemiology studies, and develop & manage disease registers. Craig and his team are particularly experienced in the use of routine health care data for the provision of health intelligence.

Research into the economics and epidemiology of diabetes has been a long established hobby which has allowed for development of the necessary familiarity and confidence to now challenge some of the most vehemently held tenets in diabetes. The study related to this award represents a good example of this.