



HCUP Award for Outstanding Research Nomination Form



Please submit this form in PDF with the additional application materials specified below.

Applications will be accepted from November 11–December 20, 2024

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and AcademyHealth will recognize two exemplary research studies published in peer-reviewed journals from **July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2024** that used Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) databases to explore and address healthcare research topics and issues related to clinical practice or healthcare policies. One award will be given for outstanding research with a clinical focus, and another award will be given for outstanding research with a policy focus. Work honored will demonstrate how HCUP data has contributed to these areas.

Eligibility and article criteria for this nomination year has been updated. Please read the following carefully.

Eligible Applicants

All nominations for the HCUP Award for Outstanding Research must have been published in a peer-reviewed journal between **July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2024**, and the article must have used an HCUP database in its analysis.

Authors may self-nominate or be nominated by another individual. Only one nomination per author/individual/research group will be accepted. For those nominating an individual, please notify the author. Complete information is available on the HCUP-US website: <https://www.hcup-us.ahrq.gov/news/awards.jsp>.

An AHRQ and AcademyHealth award committee will be selecting two articles to receive the Award, one for the Clinical Award and one for the Policy Award. In addition to the recognition, posters on the chosen recipients' articles will be produced on their behalf and displayed at the 2025 [AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting \(ARM\)](#), which will be held June 7-10 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The winners will receive complimentary registration to attend ARM where they will be able to present their research during an HCUP session.

For questions, please contact HCUP_Publications@ahrq.hhs.gov

Application Materials

Nomination packages must include the following:

- A completed application form with contact information for the lead or other designated author and responses to how the article meets core criteria detailed in the nomination form
- A pdf copy of the full article that uses HCUP data in its analysis
- No additional materials will be considered as part of the application

Review Criteria

Articles will be reviewed and rated on the criteria listed on the nomination form

Application Submission and Recipient Notification

Application materials should be e-mailed to HCUP_Publications@ahrq.hhs.gov with the subject line "HCUP Award for Outstanding Research Nomination". Recipients will be notified by April 14, 2025.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS DECEMBER 20, 2024.



HCUP Award for Outstanding Research *Nomination Form:* *Contact Information*



AUTHOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Last Name	
First Name	
Title	
Organization/Affiliations/University	
Address (City, State and ZIP)	
Telephone Number	
E-Mail address	

INFORMATION ABOUT THE NOMINATOR (FOR THOSE NOT SELF-NOMINATING)

Last Name	
First Name	
Title	
Organization/Affiliation/University	
Address (City, State and ZIP)	
Telephone Number	
E-Mail Address	

How did you hear about the HCUP Award for Outstanding Research?

- Internet search (e.g. Google)
- Email (e.g. HCUP, AHRQ or AcademyHealth listserv/newsletter)
- Website (e.g. HCUP or AcademyHealth)
- Social Media (e.g. Twitter, Facebook, Linked In)
- Word of mouth
- Other (please specify)_____

For which award would you like this nomination to be considered (select one only)?

Clinical Award

This category includes research articles that can be translated into clinical practice.

Policy Award

This category may include research articles that can be translated into healthcare policy.



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To complete your application, please respond with 3-5 sentences for each of the questions listed below. There is no need to submit other materials.

1. Originality of the Use of HCUP data

- Please describe how the article demonstrates new/interesting/timely/important research questions or innovative perspective on health, the healthcare field, public health policy, or research using HCUP databases. How does the article demonstrate improvements or advancements on established research methodology?

2. Quality and Suitability of Methods and Research Design for HCUP data:

- Please describe the rationale for chosen HCUP databases and the methods used to analyze them.

3. Policy or Clinical Relevance (*please respond in regard to the award category article is being nominated for*):

- Please describe the clinical or policy relevance of the research, depending on the category chosen above.

4. Significance, Implication, and Translation of Research:

- Please describe the direct implications of the article's findings for improvements in health care delivery and systems of care (i.e. accessible, safe, equitable, effective, efficient, timely, and patient-centered healthcare). Please describe how the article inspires future research or changes to practice.