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Journal of Rural Health recognizes 2023 Article of Year

The Journal of Rural Health (JRH) will recognize its 2023 Article of the Year during the National Rural Health Association's (NRHA) 46th Annual Rural Health Conference May 15-19 in San Diego, Calif.

The JRH Editorial Board selected the winner from all JRH articles published online last year. The 2023 Article of the Year is "Higher hospitalization and mortality rates among SARS-CoV-2-infected persons in rural America" by Alfred Jerrod Anzalone, MS; Ronald Horswell, PhD; Brian M. Hendricks, PhD; San Chu, MS; William B. Hillegass, MD, PhD; William H. Beasley, PhD; Jeremy R. Harper, MS; Wesley Kimble, MS; Clifford J. Rosen, MD; Lucio Miele, MD, PhD; James C. McClay, MD, MS; Susan L. Santangelo, ScD; Sally L. Hodder, MD; and the National COVID Cohort Collaborative Consortium.

This study aims to compare hospitalization rates and inpatient mortality among SARS-CoV-2-infected persons stratified by residential rurality. Researchers concluded that hospitalization, inpatient mortality, and other adverse outcomes are higher among rural persons with COVID-19, even after adjusting for demographic differences and comorbidities.

Selection criteria for the Article of the Year include total downloads and citations for the previous year and evaluation by the JRH Editorial Board regarding methodology and importance.

"Our rural research community serves a key role in the development of good public policy," says NRHA CEO Alan Morgan. "NRHA is proud to select this vital and timely research as our Article of the Year."

About JRH

JRH is a quarterly peer-reviewed journal published by NRHA. It is devoted to advancing professional practice, research, theory development, and public policy related to rural health.

About NRHA

NRHA is a nonprofit organization working to improve the health and well-being of rural Americans and provide leadership on rural health issues through advocacy, communications, education, and research. NRHA's membership is made up of diverse individuals and organizations, all of whom share the common bond of an interest in rural health.

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