



2023 Principal Investigator of the Year

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Dr. Chuck Jennissen was enthusiastically nominated for the PI of the Year Award by his team. He has distinguished himself in pediatric injury prevention, as a researcher, educator, and advocate for children. He has demonstrated excellence in leadership, has labored unceasingly to make a difference in unintentional injury to children and has devoted much of his medical career to increasing public awareness of the need for injury prevention work.

He has helped create, sustain, study, and grow a wide range of successful injury prevention programs. He has focused much of his work on All-Terrain and Off-Road Vehicle safety, where he is widely published. Other areas of research where he has published and presented are on firearm safety, sudden unexplained infant death, lawnmower safety, and playground injuries. He passionately shares his expertise with other institutions to utilize the evidence-based programming he was instrumental in developing. He has served on several editorial boards, grant review teams and has a keen focus on translating his research into practice.

He is a wonderful mentor and especially enjoys introducing pediatric injury prevention to students early in their medical education. Chuck's mentees also nominated him for this award and commented, "Dr. Jennissen's eagerness to actively involve students in his research, advocacy, and leadership is what makes him such an excellent mentor." His expert guidance of novice researchers has led to multiple abstract presentations at local and national conferences as well as publications in prominent journals.

We are so fortunate to have Dr. Jennissen as part of the Injury Free family and congratulate him on receiving this well-deserved award!