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NorPEN Seminar Series

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Date	Presenter	Topic
Oct 20, 2022	**Mollie Wood**, Assistant Professor at the Gillings School of Global Public Health, University of North Carolina	Medication use during pregnancy: what can we really learn from real world evidence?
Dec 13, 2022	**Jesper Hallas**, Professor at University of Southern Denmark	Development and Validation of a Nordic Multimorbidity Index Based on Hospital Diagnoses and Filled Prescriptions; https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35509520/
Feb 15, 2023	**Edouard L Fu**, Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Division of Pharmacoepidemiology, Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School	Using clone-censor-weight to study deprescribing: an application to RAS inhibitors in advanced CKD patients; https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33372009/
Mar 28, 2023	**Kristian Svendsen**, Associate Professor at The Arctic University of Norway	Using Norwegian registries to emulate clinical trials in Oncology - Experiences from NordicRWE
Jun 7, 2023	**Henrik Støvring**, Associate Professor at Aarhus University	The parametric Waiting Time Distribution - Estimation of prescription duration from dispensing dates
Sep 12, 2023	**Anthony Matthews**, Assistant Professor at Karolinska Institutet	Benchmarking observational studies against randomized trials
Nov 9, 2023	**Lotte Rasmussen**, Assistant Professor at the University of Southern Denmark	Introduction to Selected Measures of Drug Utilization Based on Individual-Level Drug Dispensing Data
Jan 24, 2024	**Maurizio Sessa**, Associate Professor at the Department of Drug Design and Pharmacology, University of Copenhagen	Conditional Average Treatment Effects using Meta-learners and explainable risk equations
Mar 12, 2024	**Heidi Taipale**, Senior Researcher at Niuvanniemi Hospital, Finland and Karolinska Institutet, Sweden	Handling polypharmacy in psychiatric pharmacoepidemiology
May 15, 2024	**Helga Gardarsdottir**, Professor in RWD for decision making on medicines at the Division of Pharmacoepidemiology & Clinical Pharmacology, Utrecht University, NL	The art of exposure ascertainment in electronic health care databases
Sep 26, 2024	**Morten Andersen**, Professor and leader of the Pharmacovigilance Research Group at Pharmaceutical Informatics, Department of	Immortal time bias – why it occurs and how it can be avoided

	Drug Design and Pharmacology, University of Copenhagen	
Oct 28, 2024	**Anders Hviid**, Head of the Department of Epidemiology Research, Statens Serum Institut and Professor of pharmacoepidemiology, Department of Drug Design and Pharmacology, University of Copenhagen	A Gentle Introduction to Causal Forests for Heterogeneous Treatment Effects
Mar 25, 2025	**Krista Huybrechts**, Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology at Harvard Medical School and Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health	Tree-based scan statistics to screen for drug safety signals: Application in pregnant and pediatric populations
May 14, 2025	**Pia Vattulainen,** Doctoral student at the University of Eastern Finland and researcher at Niuvanniemi Hospital, Kuopio	PRE2DUP-R: estimating drug use periods from drug purchase data
June 3, 2025	**WHO Collaborating Centre for Drug Statistics Methodology, Presenters:** Kristine Olsen and Gry Vibeke Bakken, The Norwegian Institute of Public Health	The ATC/DDD system for classifying medicinal products
Oct 17, 2025	**Zheng Chang,** Principal Researcher and Leader of the psychiatric and pharmacoepidemiology research group at the Department of Medical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Karolinska Institutet	Self-Controlled Study Designs and Applications in Psychiatric Pharmacoepidemiology
Dec 2, 2025	**Inger Johanne Bakken**, Senior Researcher, The Norwegian Institute of Public Health	Improve data management in register-based research: Transition from CSV to Parquet; https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2025.10.15.25337992v1
Feb 12, 2026	**Miguel-Ángel Maciá-Martínez,** Head of Pharmacoepidemiology at the Spanish Agency of Medicines and Medical Devices (AEMPS) and the Coordinator of BIFAP (Pharmacoepidemiologic Research in Public Health Systems).	Electronic Health Records (BIFAP) for EU Regulatory Network-Oriented Pharmacoepidemiology: Current Experiences and Future Opportunities
Apr 30, 2026	**Nicolas Thurin**, Head of Scientific Research and	Part 1 – Federated Studies in Europe: Approaches and Common Data Models

	Laure Carcaillon-Bentata, Head of Scientific Research at The Bordeaux PharmacoEpi (BPE) platform, France.	Part 2 – Validation Without Access to Patient Medical Charts: What Alternatives Do Claims Data Provide?
May 22, 2026	**Ju-Young Shin**, Chair professor of department of biohealth regulatory science, at school of pharmacy, SungKyunKwan University (SKKU)	Database Validation, Mother–Child–Father Linkage and Applications in Perinatal Pharmacoepidemiology.
Sep 25, 2026	**Rishi Desai,** Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard (HMS/HSPH) and Epidemiologist in the Division of Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacoeconomics at Brigham and Women's Hospital	Methodological advances in drug safety surveillance- Reflections from the FDA Sentinel Innovation Center
Oct 19, 2026	**Caroline Sirois**, Full Professor at the Faculty of Pharmacy of Université Laval, Québec, Canada, and Associate Researcher at the National Institute of Public Health of Québec.	Polypharmacy and deprescribing research: Navigating complex methodological challenges