The editors of *Clinical Infectious Diseases (CID)* have selected 2 papers to share the Emanuel Wolinsky Award for the most outstanding clinical study published in the journal during 2010. These articles demonstrate the efficacy and feasibility of novel approaches to influenza vaccination programs.

**Benowitz and colleagues’ “Influenza Vaccine Given to Pregnant Women Reduces Hospitalization Due to Influenza in Their Infants”** (Clin Infect Dis 2010; 51:1355–61. doi:10.1086/657309) showed in a matched case-control study a 91.5 percent effectiveness of vaccine given to pregnant women in preventing hospitalization due to documented influenza of their infants less than 6 months of age, an age group not approved for influenza vaccination. This study gives a valuable incentive for all pregnant women to be vaccinated not just for their own benefit but also for protecting the health of their infants.

**Babcock and colleagues’ “Mandatory Influenza Vaccination of Health Care Workers: Translating Policy to Practice”** (Clin Infect Dis 2010; 50:459–64. doi:10.1086/650752) demonstrated that introduction of a mandatory vaccination policy for all 25,980 employees of a large multihospital health care organization increased vaccination rates from 71 percent to 98.4 percent from one year to the next. This study highlights the feasibility of a comprehensive program designed to protect the health of care providers and their patients.

The editors, through the selection of these 2 Wolinsky awardees, wish to re-emphasize that the most effective means we have to combat influenza outbreaks is through vaccination. These two articles highlight new ways to enhance vaccination programs, and we believe this information deserves to be widely disseminated.

The Emanuel Wolinsky Award is made possible by a grant from the Sylvia Claster Bachrach Fund. Dr. Wolinsky, professor emeritus of medicine and pathology at Case Western Reserve University, established the Division of Infectious Diseases at Cleveland’s Metropolitan General Hospital. He contributed to the training of many Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) members, both in clinical work and medical microbiology. In 1995, Dr. Wolinsky won *CID*’s Louis Weinstein Award, the forerunner of this award. He was a recipient of a 2004 Society Citation presented by IDSA.

The Emanuel Wolinsky Award is for $1000. The award is being presented during a ceremony at the 49th Annual Meeting of IDSA in Boston.