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Focus On:
ASIRT Board Member Dr. Stephen Hargarten



Dr. Stephen Hargarten received his MD from the Medical College of Wisconsin in 1975 and his MPH from Johns Hopkins in 1984. He is Professor of Emergency Medicine, Associate Dean for Global Health and the past founding Director of the Comprehensive Injury Center (CIC) at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Steve's research interests reflect an intersection of injury and violence prevention and health policy to address the burden of this complex biopsychosocial disease. His work in linking data systems for understanding violent deaths informed the development of CDC's National Violent Death Reporting System. He was one of the first researchers to document how U.S. Citizens die while travelling abroad, analyzing State Department data. His analysis of Peace Corps Volunteer deaths led to the policy of volunteers being required to wear motorcycle helmets.

He is currently a member of a CIC team that is actively translating the Cardiff Model into communities, linking assault data from EDs, EMS, and police records. He has recently led investigations into the ballistics of bullets that are linked to civilian deaths and injuries. Steve has published more than 100 peer reviewed manuscripts. He has lectured regionally, nationally, and internationally on gun violence, global health, and injury prevention and control.

Steve was inducted into the Johns Hopkins Society of Scholars and was elected to the Institute of Medicine (now the National Academy of Medicine, NAM) of the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM), in 2011. He was the founding President of the Society for the Advancement of Violence and Injury Research (SAVIR) and has served on the Violence and Injury Prevention Mentoring Committee for the World Health Organization. Steve currently serves on the national boards of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety and ASIRT. He also currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board of NASEM and the Community Preventive Services Task Force of the CDC.