

Publication list for Preben Aavitsland

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I Supervised/mentored doctoral candidates

	Year	Candidate	Title (degree, university)	Supervisors/mentors
13.	2026	Elina Seppälä, MD	In progress (Dr. philos., University of Bergen).	<u>Aavitsland P.</u>
12.	2024	Robert Neil Whittaker, MD	The surveillance of patients hospitalised with COVID-19 in Norway, February 2020 – May 2022. Systems comparisons, risk factors and clinical course. (Dr. philos., University of Bergen). (https://bora.uib.no/bora-xmloi/handle/11250/3126892)	<u>Aavitsland P.</u>
11.	2021	Susanne Hyllestad MSc	Drinking water and preparedness – addressing risks and uncertainties in the water supply to prevent outbreaks of waterborne diseases. (PhD, University of Oslo).	<u>Aavitsland P</u> (main), Vold L, Nygård K and Stigum H
10.	2021	Tone Bruun, MD	Rotavirus infection and vaccination in Norway – epidemiological studies of infection and intussusception events before and after vaccine introduction (PhD, University of Oslo).	<u>Aavitsland P</u> (main, taking over in 2019 from Flem E) and Nafstad P
9.	2020	Petter Elstrøm, RN, MPH	The epidemiology of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus in Norway, 2006-2017. Trends, risk factors and consequences of dissemination and infection control (Dr. philos., University of Oslo).	<u>Aavitsland P</u>
8.	2016	Hege Line Løwer, MSc	Data Quality in Norwegian Surgical Site Infection Surveillance: Implementation and validation of a national system for surveillance of surgical site infections in Norway. (PhD, University of Oslo). (http://urn.nb.no/URN:NBN:no-52639)	<u>Aavitsland P</u> (main), Skjeldestad FE, and Nafstad P
7.	2015	Hilde Kløvstad, RN, MPH	Genital Chlamydia trachomatis infections in Norway: Surveillance, associated factors and control (PhD, University of Oslo).	<u>Aavitsland P</u> (main) and Nafstad P
6.	2015	Irena, Jakopanec, MD	What you love might kill you. Epidemiology, time trends and risk factors for sexually transmitted infections among men who have sex with men in Norway, 1992-2013. (Dr. philos., University of Oslo). (http://urn.nb.no/URN:NBN:no-48204)	<u>Aavitsland P</u> (main) and Nafstad P
5.	2013	Renat Latipov, MD	Rotavirus infection among children under 5 years old Central Asia in pre-vaccine era. (PhD, University of Oslo).	Flem E (main), <u>Aavitsland P</u> , Nafstad P

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| 4. | 2011 | Hanne-Merete Eriksen, RN, MSc | Epidemiological studies and surveillance of health care associated infections in Norwegian hospitals and long-term care facilities. (PhD, University of Oslo) | Aavitsland P (main) and Nafstad P |
| 3. | 2010 | Elmira Flem, MD, MPH | Disease burden and the economic impact of rotavirus gastroenteritis in low- and high-income settings and the cost-effectiveness of new rotavirus vaccines. (PhD, University of Oslo) | Glass R (main), Aavitsland P and Nafstad P |
| 2. | 2009 | Bjørn G Iversen, MD, MSc | Pseudomonas aeruginosa infections in Norway. An outbreak of Pseudomonas aeruginosa infection caused by contaminated Dent-O-Sept mouth swabs and invasive Pseudomonas aeruginosa infections in Norway 1992-2002. (Dr. philos., University of Oslo) (http://urn.nb.no/URN:NBN:no-22479) | Aavitsland P (main) and Nafstad P |
| 1. | 2008 | Karin Nygård, DVM | Water and infection. Epidemiological studies of epidemic and endemic waterborne disease. (Dr. philos., University of Oslo) (http://urn.nb.no/URN:NBN:no-20138) | Aavitsland P (main) and Nafstad P |

II Original peer-reviewed articles

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