John Slade Award

This award honors SRNT members who have made outstanding contributions to public health and tobacco control through science-based public policy and public advocacy.

JOHN SLADE

Dr. John Slade was an expert on the treatment of alcohol, tobacco, and drug addiction and one of America's pioneer advocates for tobacco control.

He was a member of the team that conducted the first scholarly analysis of previously secret documents from the Brown and Williamson Tobacco Company, which formed the basis for the film “The Insider.” John's analysis led to a landmark series of articles in the Journal of the American Medical Association in 1995, as well as a book, “The Cigarette Papers.” His groundbreaking research to prove that cigarettes are nicotine delivery devices helped make it possible for the Food and Drug Administration to claim regulatory authority over tobacco products under then-FDA Commissioner Dr. David Kessler.

John was appointed Professor of Medicine, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School of the UMDNJ, in 1998. He emerged as a leader in substance abuse prevention and tobacco control for the state of New Jersey through his teaching and clinical work as well as through his active involvement with the Medical Society of New Jersey and the New Jersey Public Health Association. John played a major role in helping New Jersey develop its tobacco prevention and treatment program, funded as part of the 1998 $206 billion settlement with tobacco companies.

He co-edited the first major clinical textbook on nicotine addiction and founded the Committee on Nicotine Dependence of the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM).