The Schaeffer Center celebrates its new home,
Dr. Verna and Peter Dauterive Hall
Transformational space opens new era for social sciences research

Welcome back to school and meet our new Schaeffer Center faculty:

**Daniella Meeker** is a new Assistant Professor at the Keck School of Medicine

**Alice Chen** joins the Schaeffer Center and the Sol Price School of Public Policy
Center experts weigh in on bundled-payment initiative

A recent article in *Modern Healthcare* provides an update on the bundled-payment initiative led by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and relies on Schaeffer Center expertise to evaluate the initiative's progress.

Can doctors save more lives by working less?

Schaeffer Center researcher John Romley co-authored a study that looked at inpatient mortality rates after residents work hours were regulated and found that, for some patients, this reform may have been a life-saving measure. Learn more and see the infographic created by Niles Wilson, one of our talented summer interns.

"That's actually a great deal."

Center director Dana Goldman discusses the economics behind pharmaceutical innovation

The Gilead drug Sovaldi is a breakthrough in the treatment of Hepatitis C, with a price tag that has spurred a national conversation on innovation. In this *Vox.com* article, Sarah Kliff enlists the help of Dana Goldman to understand why higher prices can be essential to incentivize pharmaceutical companies to seek cures, rather than just treatments.

Continue the conversation with us on October 1 during our conference on Hepatitis C and other disease treatments, jointly hosted with the Engelberg Center at Brookings: "The Cost and Value of Biomedical Innovation: Implications for Health Policy". Follow the live tweets @SchaefferCenter and @BrookingsMed that day using #CostValueCure.

Don't play the blame game

Solving healthcare problems requires a wholesome approach

In an article for *Forbes*, Schaeffer Center doctoral student Justin McGinnis reminds us that the answer to the healthcare crisis does not lie in putting all the blame on "big pharma."

New Schaeffer Publications

Paul Ginsburg in *Health Affairs*: "Seeking Lower Prices Where Providers are Consolidated: An Examination of Market and Policy Strategies"
Marco Huesch in Health Affairs: "Implementing Electronic Health Care Predictive Analytics: Considerations and Challenges"

Schaeffer Experts in the News

Glenn Melnick in The New York Times: "Hospital Charges Surge for Common Ailments, Data Shows"

Geoffrey Joyce on 89.3 KPCC: "Why is LA County Hiring Hundreds of Nurses?"

Dana Goldman, Darius Lakdawalla, and Geoffrey Joyce in Motherboard: "How a Cost-Saving Medicare Policy Puts Mental Health Patients in Jail"

Dana Goldman in The Wall Street Journal - Pharmalot: "Pharmalot, Pharmalittle: We're reading about Glaxo, MannKind and Lots More!!"
and on California Healthline: "Can the ACA Solve Staggering Prescription Drug Prices?"

Paul Ginsburg in The Wall Street Journal: "Hospital Mergers in the New York Area Bring Cost Fears"

In The New Republic: "How Much is Obamacare Raising your Insurance Rate? Depends on Which State You Live In."

On Vox.com: "5 reasons we can't predict the future of health costs"

Upcoming Events

Quintiles Health Policy Seminar Series:
Darren Filson, Ph.D.,
"Evaluating Mergers in the Presence of Dynamic Competition Using Impacts on Rivals"
Tuesday, September 23, from 2:00-3:30pm
Room 110, Dauterive Hall (VPD) 635 Downey Way, Los Angeles, CA

The Cost and Value of Biomedical Innovation: Implications for Health Policy, hosted by the Schaeffer Center for Health Policy & Economics and the Brookings Engelberg Center for Healthcare Reform on October 1st at Brookings Institution in Washington D.C. #CostValueCure

And as always, please like the USC Schaeffer page on Facebook to get the most up-to-date event information.

About the Schaeffer Center

The mission of the Leonard D. Schaeffer Center for Health Policy & Economics at the University of Southern California is to measurably improve value in health through evidence based policy solutions, research excellence, transformative education, and private and public sector engagement. The Center is a unique collaboration between the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy and the USC School of Pharmacy.

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