Improve the Performance of Healthcare Markets

Defensive Medicine Linked to Lower Malpractice Suits

A *new study* co-authored by Seth Seabury ties higher spending to lower malpractice claims: physicians who spend more money and resources are less likely to be sued for malpractice. These findings raise concerns that malpractice risk could be an impediment to health care reform.

Increase Value In Healthcare Delivery

Providing Coverage for Cardiovascular Disease in India is Cost-Effective

Neeraj Sood and his colleagues analyzed the economic and societal impact of expanding national insurance to include cardiovascular coverage in India. The results of their study indicate providing comprehensive coverage not only improves health but is cost-effective.

Foster Better Pharmaceutical Policy and Global Regulation

Value-Based Pricing Strategies for Pharmaceuticals

Dana Goldman argues for value-based drug pricing in a *Modern Healthcare* op-ed. He writes, "The best-price regulation stands in the way of a win-win-win solution that would allow payers to preserve their budgets, keep manufacturers motivated to develop highly effective, game-
changing drugs, and get patients the therapy they need, now."

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**Center Updates**

**New Director of External Affairs**

We are thrilled to announce [Kukla Vera](#) will be joining the Schaeffer Center as Director of External Affairs. Prior to joining the Center, Kukla held the position of Senior Director of Communications at the USC School of Pharmacy.

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**Improve Health Outcomes for an Aging Society**

**Looking to the Future of Medicare**

Researchers from the Schaeffer Center, including [Dana Goldman](#), [Paul Ginsburg](#) and [Etienne Gaudette](#), and Bryan Tysinger, and the Brookings Institute collaborated on a collection of papers focused on challenges and opportunities for Medicare as the Baby Boomer generation reaches eligibility.

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**Blog: The Evidence Base**

- Didn't you hear? The Understanding America Study is here
- Gearing up for the Giving Season: Why do people give?
- For Vulnerable Populations, the Medicare Part D Doughnut Hole Disrupts Medication Adherence

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**New Schaeffer Publications**

- [Étienne Gaudette, Bryan Tysinger, Alwyn Cassil, and Dana P. Goldman](#) in *Forum for Health Economics and Policy*: **Health and Health Care of Medicare Beneficiaries in 2030**
- [Paul Ginsburg](#) and Gail R. Wilensky in *Forum for Health Economics and Policy*: **Revamping Provider Payment in Medicare**
- Anupam B Jena, Lena Schoemaker, Jay Bhattacharya, and [Seth A Seabury](#) in *BMJ*: **Physician spending and subsequent risk of malpractice claims: observational study**
- Sanjay Basu, Eran Bendavid, and [Neeraj Sood](#) in *Circulation*: **Health and Economic Implications of National Treatment Coverage for Cardiovascular Disease in India**

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**Schaeffer Experts in the News**

- [David Agus](#) in *Fortune*: **Get Ready to Live a Long, Long Time**
- [Paul Ginsburg](#) on *Valley Public Radio*: **Health care showdown: what's driving a**
wedge between the valley's medical giants?

- Paul Ginsburg in *MedPage Today*: Turing Cuts Daraprim Price, But Doesn't Roll It Back
- Paul Ginsburg in *Bloomberg BNA*: Critics of Health Insurer Mergers Urge States to Act
- Dana Goldman in *Modern Healthcare*: Drop Medicaid 'Best Price' drug rules in favor of value-based strategies
- Dana Goldman in *Forbes*: Myths And Facts About Specialty Drugs
- Dana Goldman in *LA Times*: The country's largest private health insurer throws a 'tantrum' over lower profits
- Jeff McCombs in *Stat*: Big Pharma spending millions to defeat effort to slash drug prices
- Glenn Melnick in *LA Times*: California hospitals could cut inpatient costs 25% and save $10 billion, study says
- Seth Seabury in *KPCC*: Does defensive medicine mean fewer malpractice suits? The study was also featured in *NYT Well Blog*, *Bloomberg BNA*, and others
- Neeraj Sood in *The Wall Street Journal*: Why the U.S. Pays More Than Other Countries for Drugs