Highlights

Improve Health Outcomes for an Aging Society

Baby Boomers Set Another Trend: More Golden Years in Poorer Health
A Kaiser Health News story showcased a recent Schaeffer Center report by Dana Goldman, Etienne Gaudette, and Bryan Tysinger which predicts the health status and demographics of the average future Medicare recipient and what it means for the program’s sustainability.

Improve the Performance of Health Care Markets

Analyzing US Health Care Spending Growth
National health care spending growth has slowed in recent years yet explanations of this change remain mixed. Erin Trish and her colleague found that at least 70% of the recent slowdown in health care spending over the last decade can be explained by long-standing patterns.

Foster Better Pharmaceutical Policy and Global Regulation

Evidence of Potent Drug-to-Drug Interaction
John Romley and a team of researchers found evidence of a link between a common blood thinner and increased hospitalizations for Medicare patients also taking diabetes drugs. Romley elaborates on the findings in this video.

Upcoming Events

3rd USC National Conference on Optimizing Medication Safety & Healthcare Quality
February 11-12, 2016
USC- University Park Campus

Schaeffer Seminar Series
Kyu Rhee, MD, MPP
January 28, 2016
2:00 PM-3:30 PM

Reed Walker
February 18, 2016
2:00 PM-3:30 PM

Robert M. Kaplan
March 24, 2016
2:00 PM-3:30 PM

Marta Wosinska
April 28, 2016
2:00 PM-3:30 PM

Education Programs
New Post-Doctoral Fellowship Opportunity
Linking Insurance Access to Improved Health

Neeraj Sood and his colleague evaluated the effects of an Indian insurance program covering tertiary care on individuals seeking treatment and postoperative outcomes. The results of the study showed there are several pathways through which insured individuals may have improved health.

Blog: The Evidence Base

Does consumer spending react to changes in housing wealth?

The Baby Boomers will shift the health status of the Medicare population

New Schaeffer Publications

- Bradley Herring and Erin Trish in Inquiry: Explaining the Growth in US Health Care Spending Using State-Level Variation in Income, Insurance, and Provider Market Dynamics
- John Romley, Cynthia Gong, Anupam B Jena, Dana P Goldman, Bradley Williams and Anne Peters in BMJ: Association between use of warfarin with common sulfonylureas and serious hypoglycemic events: retrospective cohort analysis
- Neeraj Sood and Zachary Wagner in BMJ: Impact of health insurance for tertiary care on postoperative outcomes and seeking care for symptoms: quasi-experimental evidence from Karnataka, India

Schaeffer Experts in the News

- Paul Ginsburg in Modern Healthcare: Health spending growth rate surges to 5.3% under ACA
- Dana Goldman in Modern Healthcare: Prices for many generic drugs rising faster than inflation
- Dana Goldman in State of Reform: USC looks at Medicare challenges beyond the Baby Boom
- Dana Goldman and Etienne Gaudette in Kaiser Health News: Baby Boomers set another trend: More golden years in poorer health
- Bob Kocher in Fortune: 10 big healthcare predictions for 2016
- Darius Lakdawalla in San Diego Tribune: Price controls will slow drug innovation
- Darius Lakdawalla in Fox News Health: Drug price gouging: The medications expected to cost more in 2016
- Jeff McCombs in KPCC-FM: Will Calif. ballot measure lower drug prices?
- John Romley in Health Day News: Blood thinner, certain diabetes drugs are a bad combo
- Neeraj Sood in The Wall Street Journal: Why the U.S. pays more than other countries for drugs
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