June Highlights

Improve Health Outcomes for an Aging Society

WATCH NOW: Strengthening Medicare for 2030

Today, the Schaeffer Center is co-hosting a half day forum with the Center for Health Policy at Brookings on the future of Medicare. The event will focus on looking ahead to 2030 when the youngest Baby Boomers become eligible for Medicare. Among those leading the discussion will be Schaeffer Center’s Leonard D. Schaeffer, Dana Goldman and Paul Ginsburg. Watch the live stream of the conference and follow the conversation with #Medicare2030.

Improve the Performance of Healthcare Markets

Research by John Romley, Dana Goldman and Neeraj Sood featured in New York Times

The New York Times featured research by John Romley, Dana Goldman, and Neeraj Sood which found that hospitals' productivity has grown more rapidly in recent years than in prior ones. Hospitals are providing better care at a faster rate than growth in the payments they receive from Medicare, the study found. The study’s findings suggest that the Affordable Care Act, which made a big bet on hospitals providing better care for less money from Medicare, was right to do so.

Increase Value In Healthcare Delivery

Dana Goldman and Darius Lakdawalla Argue for Value-Based Payment in Oncology

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Seminar Series

Next Week:
Dr. James J. Heckman

James Heckman, Nobel Laureate and USC Presidential Scholar-in-Residence at the Schaeffer Center will present on: "The Causal Effects of Education on Earnings and Health"

When: Friday, June 12th
Where: VPD 106 University of Southern California

Click Here for More Information & to RSVP

Academic Programs

MS in Healthcare
Oncology is particularly suited for a value-based payment system argue Dana Goldman, Darius Lakdawalla, and their co-author Lee Newcomer in a Health Affairs Blog. Though costs have increased, outcomes have also significantly improved. A system that aligns greater health improvements with payments would move physician incentives towards value and away from fee-for-service models.

Foster Better Pharmaceutical Policy and Global Regulation

Paul Ginsburg Provides Perspective on CMS' Release of Additional Data

CMS released additional data sets this week in an ongoing effort to be more transparent about costs. In Modern Healthcare, Paul Ginsburg discussed the implications of the government parsing out the drug data. "The incentives for the physicians to use the more expensive drugs are very large," Ginsburg said. "To me, these data will help show the lack of a system to attempt to contain costs for physician-administered drugs."

Decision Analysis

The USC School of Pharmacy's Master of Science in Healthcare Decision Analysis (HCDA) program is not formally housed within the Schaeffer Center!

We are hiring a Deputy Program Director to lead the program.

More information about the program and admissions is available here.

Executive Masters of Health Administration

The USC Price School of Public Policy's EMHA program is currently accepting applications for the Fall 2015 cohort.

New Schaeffer Publications

- S. Jay Olshansky, Dana Goldman, and John Rowe in Daedalus: Resetting Social Security
- Erin Trish and Bradley Herring in Journal of Health Economics: How do health insurer market concentration and bargaining power with hospitals affect health insurance premiums?
- Reginald Villacorta and Neeraj Sood in Preventive Medicine Reports: Determinants of Healthcare Provider Recommendations for Influenza Vaccinations
- Julie Zissimopoulos, Dana Goldman, et al in Daedalus: Individual & Social Strategies to Mitigate the Risks & Expand Opportunities of an Aging America
- Furstenberg Frank, Caroline Hartnett, Martin Kohli, and Julie Zissimopoulos in Daedalus: The Future of Intergenerational Relations in Aging Societies

Schaeffer Experts in the News

- Alice Chen in New York Times: Income Inequality is Costing the U.S. on Social Issues
- Paul Ginsburg in NPR: Losing a Hospital in the Heart of Small City
- Paul Ginsburg in Modern Healthcare: Care-Transition Fumbles Highlight CMS' Reform Challenges
- Paul Ginsburg in Modern Healthcare: Medicare sheds new light on hospital, physician pay
- Paul Ginsburg in USC Annenberg's Reporting on Health: Supersized: The Rise of the Hospital Giants
- Dana Goldman, Darius Lakdawalla, and Lee Newcomer in Health Affairs: It's Time for Value-Based Payment in Oncology
- Joel Hay in Marketplace: CVS Seeks to Buy Omnicare
- Darius Lakdawalla in Managed Care Magazine: Cancer Drugs, Even at These Prices, May Be Worth It
- Jeff McCombs in NAM AIDS Map: Another Study Confirms Detrimental Effects of Delaying Hepatitis C Treatment
- Glenn Melnick in Wall Street Journal: Antitrust Lawsuits Target Blue Cross and Blue Shield
- John Romley, Dana Goldman, and Neeraj Sood in New York Times: Obamacare’s Big Gamble on Hospital Productivity
- Neeraj Sood in New York Times: With Sickest Patients, Cost Sharing Comes at a Price

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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