A Healthy Summer
The Schaeffer Center Summer Internship Program

Nine students participated in the second annual Summer Internship Program this year which offered students the opportunity to create an independent research project with one-on-one support from a faculty mentor.

Highlights

Foster Better Pharmaceutical Policy and Global Regulation

The Future of Specialty Drugs: A Policy Discussion on Treatments & Affordability
10/1/2015
REGISTER NOW

In collaboration with The Hill, we are hosting a policy forum on how to make specialty drugs more accessible and affordable for patients who need them most, while improving the quality of care they receive. Join us on October 1st at the Newseum in Washington, DC for an engaging and thought provoking discussion on these new treatments.

Improve the Performance of Healthcare Markets

Paul Ginsburg recently sat down with USC Annenberg's Reporting on Health for two interviews as part of their Expert Q&A series. The first interview focuses on the recent insurance industry mergers. In the second interview, Ginsburg explains the hospital consolidation in California.

Increase Value In Healthcare Delivery

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Faculty Announcements
Quintiles Clinical Fellow Sanjay Arora received the Keck School of Medicine Faculty Award "Outstanding Required Scholarly Project Mentor Awards"

Upcoming Events

The Future of Specialty Drugs
A Policy Discussion on Treatments & Affordability
Thursday | 10.01.2015
8:00 AM- Noon EST
I do think that to be effective, MDs need to learn how to use Excel, read a balance sheet, make a financial model, synthesize data into understandable presentations, and understand how value is created for customers and enterprises—Senior Fellow Bob Kocher said in an interview with Forbes about why physicians studying business improves healthcare delivery.

Improve Health Outcomes for an Aging Society

Paul Ginsburg and Julie Zissimopoulos take a moment to discuss the current state of Social Security— a piece of landmark legislation which turned 80 last month— and forecast what hurdles lie ahead for the system.

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Blog: The Evidence Base

- **Vaccine-Preventable Diseases in Adults are Costly** by Justin McGinnis
- **Students Engage in Health Policy Research for Schaeffer Center's Summer Internship Program** by Stephanie Hedt
- **Broadening Education Policy Research: The Character Assessment Initiative** by Jay Greene

New Schaeffer Publications

- **Alice Chen** and **Dana Goldman** in the *National Bureau of Economic Research: Health Care Spending: Historical Trends and New Directions* (NEBR Working Paper No. 21501)
- **Étienne Gaudette, Dana P. Goldman, Andrew Messali, Neeraj Sood** in *Pharmacoeconomics: Do Statins Reduce the Health and Health Care Costs of Obesity?*
- **Dana Goldman** and **John Romley** in *American Journal of Pharmacy Benefits: Patient Preference for Treatment Administration in Cystic Fibrosis*
- **John Romley** in *BMJ: Should Doctors Own Hospitals?* (Editorial)

Schaeffer Experts in the News

- **David Agus** on NPR's TED Radio Hour: *Is Our Narrow Focus on Cancer Doing More Harm than Good?*
- **Jason Doctor** in the *LA Times: Here's Why Drugmakers are Held in Low Esteem*
- **D. Steven Fox** and **Jeff McCombs** in *LA Times: How to Pay the Bill for Hepatitis C*
- **D. Steven Fox** in *USC Trojan Family Magazine: An Injection of Science*
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### Understanding Vaccines
- **Paul Ginsburg** on AJMCtv: [Dr Paul Ginsburg Explains Why Consolidation in Healthcare Is Inevitable](http://ajmc.com/)
- **Paul Ginsburg** in *Reporting on Health*: [Expert Q&A Part 2: Why the Hospital Consolidation Trend is Playing out Differently in California](http://ajmc.com/)
- **Paul Ginsburg** and **Julie Zissimopoulos** in *USC News*: [As Social Security Turns 80, What Does Its Future Hold?](http://uscnews.usc.edu/)
- **Dana Goldman** on AJMCtv: [Dr Dana Goldman Explains the Cons of Restrictive Prior Authorization Policies](http://ajmc.com/)
- **Erin Trish** in *Business Insurance*: ['Cadillac' Tax Repeal Gains Momentum](http://businessinsurance.com/)

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