BEM Check-In 2

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Below are several hypotheses we wish to test with our data. They are largely concerned with overutilization (receiving more medical treatment that necessary).

1) What regions have excessive costs related to the over prescription of expensive tests, surgeries, and other high-powered medical treatments (also known as overutilization)?

**Expectation**: We expect that large cities and suburbs of large cities, which will likely have higher quality hospitals, have higher incidence rates of overutilization.

2) Does overutilization scale with the experience/proficiency of doctors in a locality? If so, to what extent?

**Expectation**: We expect that overutilization does scale with experience and proficiency. The more qualified a doctor is, the more likely they receive wealthier patients who would be more willing to spend money on healthcare (i.e. money is not a major concern for them with regards to health).

3) Does overutilization scale with salary of doctors?

**Expectation**: We expect that overutilization does scale with salary of doctors.

[Need to actually test some hypothesis]