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APPOINTMENTS

Stanford University, Stanford, CA

Postdoctoral Scholar, Center for Biomedical Informatics, School of Medicine, August 2021 –
Postdoctoral Scholar, Center for Health Policy/Primary Care and Outcomes Research, August
2019 – August 2021

EDUCATION

Yale University, New Haven, CT

Ph.D., Health Policy & Management (Concentration in Economics), 2019

Williams College, Williamstown, MA

B.A., Economics and English, 2009

WORKING PAPERS

Physician Group Influences on Treatment Intensity and Health: Evidence from Physician Switchers, NBER Working Paper No. 29613 (with Joseph Doyle)

Abstract: Treatment intensity varies remarkably across physicians, yet the key drivers are not well understood. Meanwhile, the organization of healthcare is undergoing a secular transformation as physicians increasingly work in groups. This paper tests whether physicians' group affiliation matters for practice styles and patient health. Using Medicare inpatient claims data, we compare these outcomes before and after physicians switch between groups of varying treatment intensity while remaining in the same hospital to control for practice setting. Event studies show that internists who join more-intensive groups immediately increase their own treatment intensity, with an elasticity of approximately 0.3; the opposite is found for internists who switch to groups that are less intensive. This change in Medicare spending largely stems from greater quantities of care provided, with some evidence of a change in coding behavior. We do not detect a change in health outcomes, suggesting that treatment intensity induced by group affiliation may not be productive.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

"What Is The Provider's Role in Opioid Misuse Among Vulnerable Patients? Evidence From Medicaid" (with Laurence Baker and Tina Hernandez-Boussard)

"Changes in Medicaid Enrollment During the COVID-19 Pandemic Across Six States" (with Ran Sun, Atonia Chan, Laurence Baker, and Tina Hernandez-Boussard)

"Child Health Equity Research to Action: Bright Spots (CHERABS)" (with Ryan Padrez, Lee Sanders, Edgar Schein, Peter Schein, and Sara Singer)

"Domestic Mass Shootings and Veteran Mental Health" (with Valentin Bolotnyy, Shira Gavriella Winter, and Jarrod Marks)

"The Effect of Mandatory Medicaid Managed Care Enrollment on Healthcare Utilization and Health Among Aged and Disabled Enrollees" (with Kate Bundorf and Mark Duggan)

"Identifying Trends and Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Healthcare Utilization, Access, and Health Outcomes Among Supplemental Security Income Recipients"

"The Impact of Gender Concordant Patient-Provider Relationships on Health Care Utilization and Outcomes in Vulnerable Populations: Evidence from Medicaid Managed Care"

“*State Contracts with Enrollment Brokers Do Not Increase Medicaid Enrollment*” (with Anran Li, Diane Alexander, and Molly Schnell)

PUBLICATIONS

Cooper, Zack and Olivia Stiegman, Chima D. Ndumele, **Becky Staiger**, Jonathan Skinner. “Geographical Variation in Health Spending Across the US Among Privately Insured Individuals and Enrollees in Medicaid and Medicare.” *JAMA Network Open*. 2022.

Staiger, Becky. “Disruptions to the Patient-Provider Relationship and Patient Utilization and Outcomes: Evidence from Medicaid Managed Care.” *Journal of Health Economics*. 2022.

Piwnica-Worms, Katherine and **Becky Staiger**, Joseph S. Ross, Marjorie S. Rosenthal, and Chima D. Ndumele. “Effects of Forced Disruption in Medicaid Managed Care on Children with Asthma.” *Health Services Research*. 2021.

Ndumele, Chima D. and **Becky Staiger**, Joseph S. Ross, Mark J. Schlesinger. “Network Optimization and the Continuity of Physicians in Medicaid Managed Care.” *Health Affairs*. 2018.

GRANTS

Identifying Trends and Disparities in Healthcare Utilization, Access, and Health Outcomes Among Racial/Ethnic Minority Supplemental Security Income Recipients

Social Security Administration-National Bureau of Economic Research Retirement and Disability Research Center/NB22-14, 2021 - 2022

Principal Investigator: Nicole Maestas

Role: Project Leader

Advancing Knowledge Discovery for Postoperative Pain Management

National Library of Medicine, Aug. 2021 -

Principal Investigator: Tina Hernandez-Boussard

NRSA Institutional Health Services Research Training Program

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Aug. 2019 - Aug. 2021

Principal Investigators: Laurence C. Baker and Douglas K. Owens

P01-AG019783: Causes and Consequences of Health Care Intensity

National Institute on Aging/National Institutes of Health, Oct. 2016 - Present

Principal Investigator: Jonathan Skinner

NRSA Predoctoral Fellowship

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Jul. 2016 - 2018

Principal Investigator: Ingrid Nembhard

T32 Yale Training Program in Addiction, Economics and Policy

National Institute on Drug Abuse, Aug. 2013 - Jul. 2016

Principal Investigator: Jody L. Sindelar

TEACHING AND

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Stanford University

Instructor

Empirical Methods in Public Policy; Spring 2021 (with Gopi Shah Goda)

Yale University

Teaching Fellow

Comparative Health Systems; Spring 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Teaching Fellow

Introduction to Health Policy and Health Systems; Fall 2016, 2017, 2018

Teaching Fellow

Maternal-Child Public Health and Nutrition; Fall 2015

Teaching Fellow

Microeconomics for Health Policy & Management; Spring 2015

Teaching Fellow

Health Policy and Health Systems; Fall 2014

PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

The Dartmouth Institute, Lebanon, NH

Senior Technical Research Programmer/Analyst

Research Assistant to Professor Jonathan Skinner

**2019 –
2016 – 2019**

Yale University, New Haven, CT

Research Assistant to Professor Chima Ndumele

2016 – 2019

National Bureau of Economic Research, Cambridge, MA

Research Assistant to Professor Joseph Doyle

2012 –

Analysis Group, Washington, DC

Analyst

2011 – 2012

Federal Reserve Board of Governors, Washington, DC

Research Assistant

2009 – 2011

REFEREE
EXPERIENCE

Journal of Health Economics, Management Science, RAND Journal of Economics