

Managers and Public Hospital Performance

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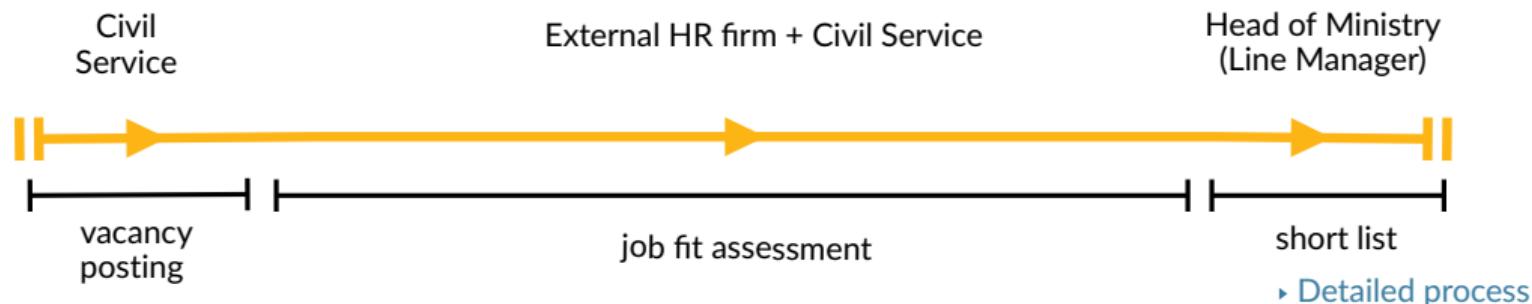
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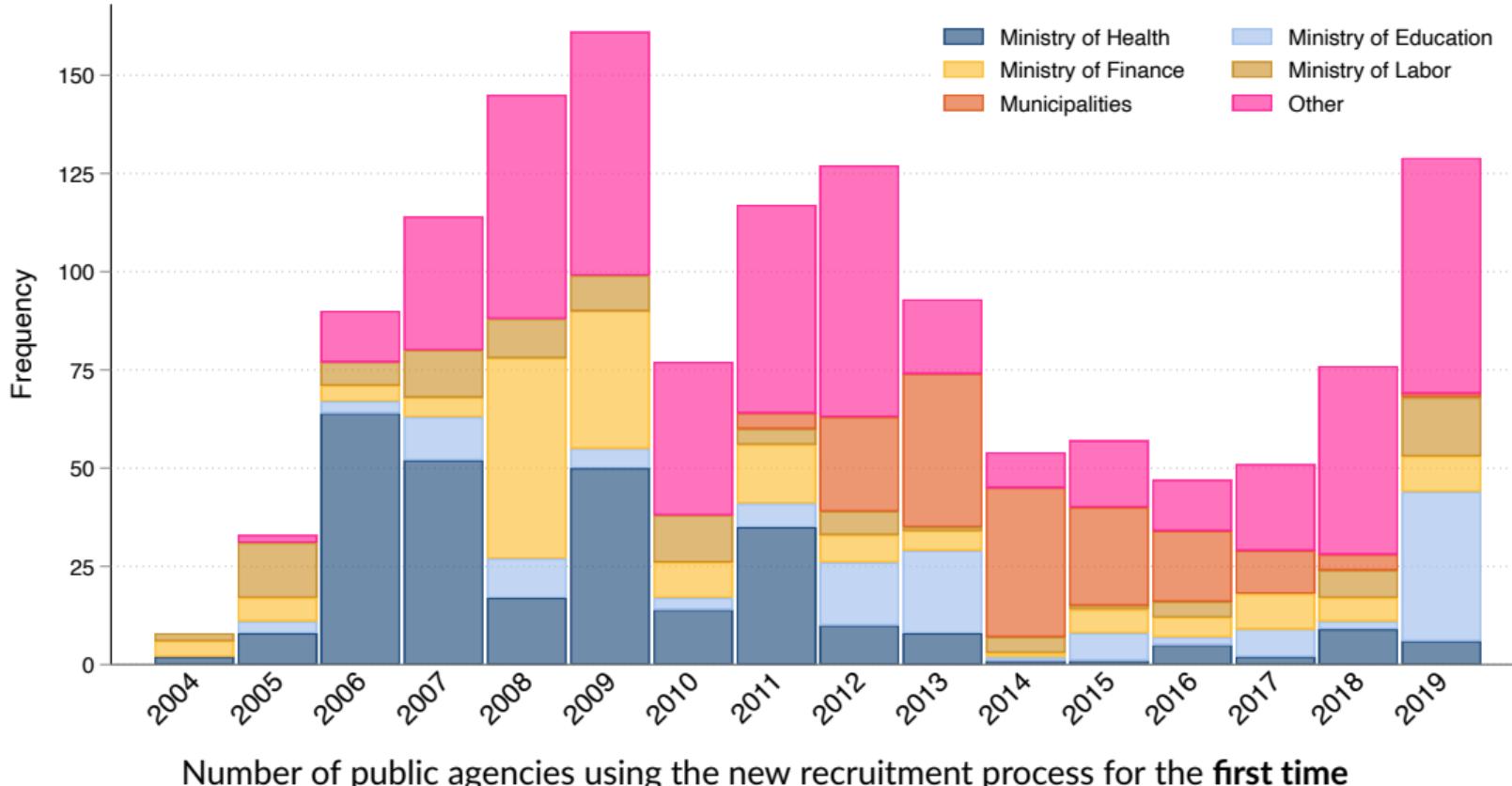
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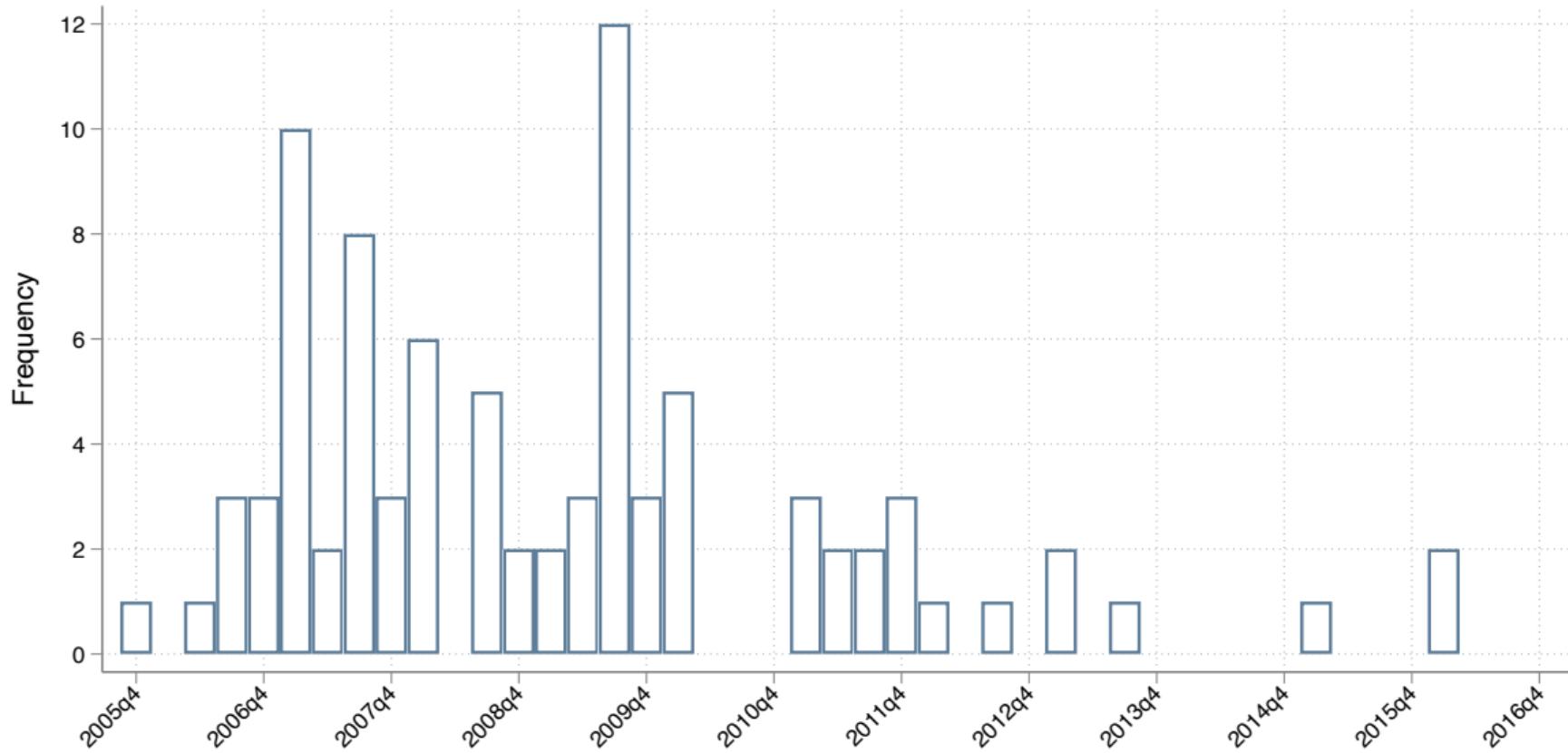
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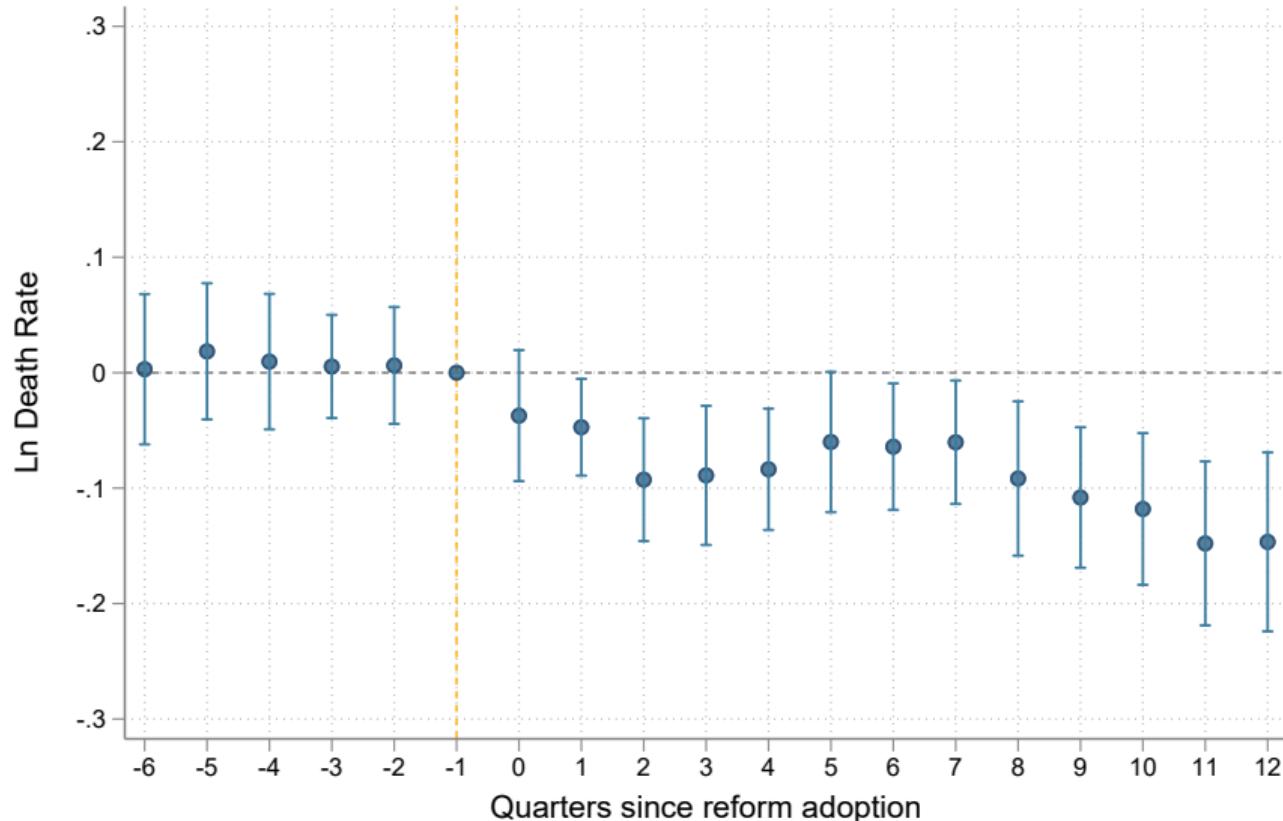
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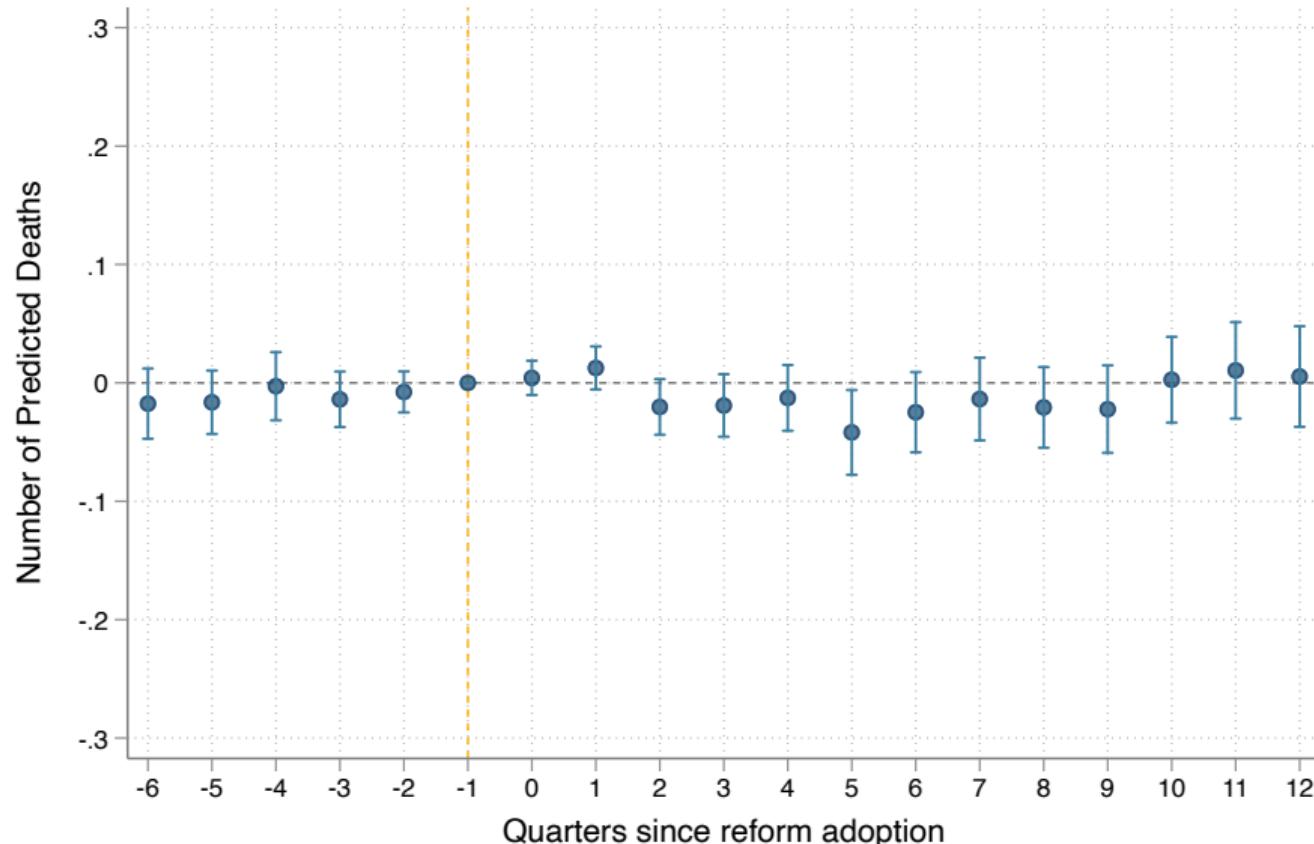
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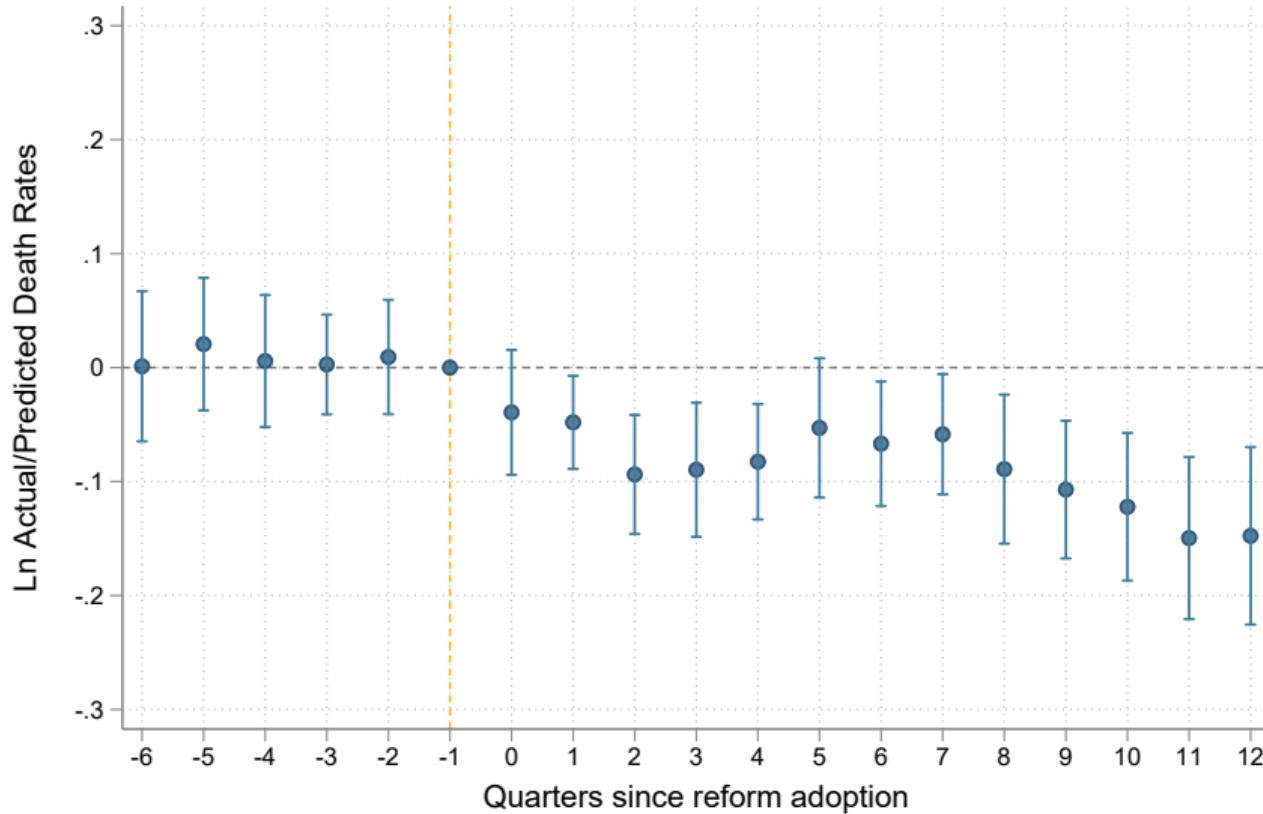


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► Procedure ► Past diagnosis ► Death rate

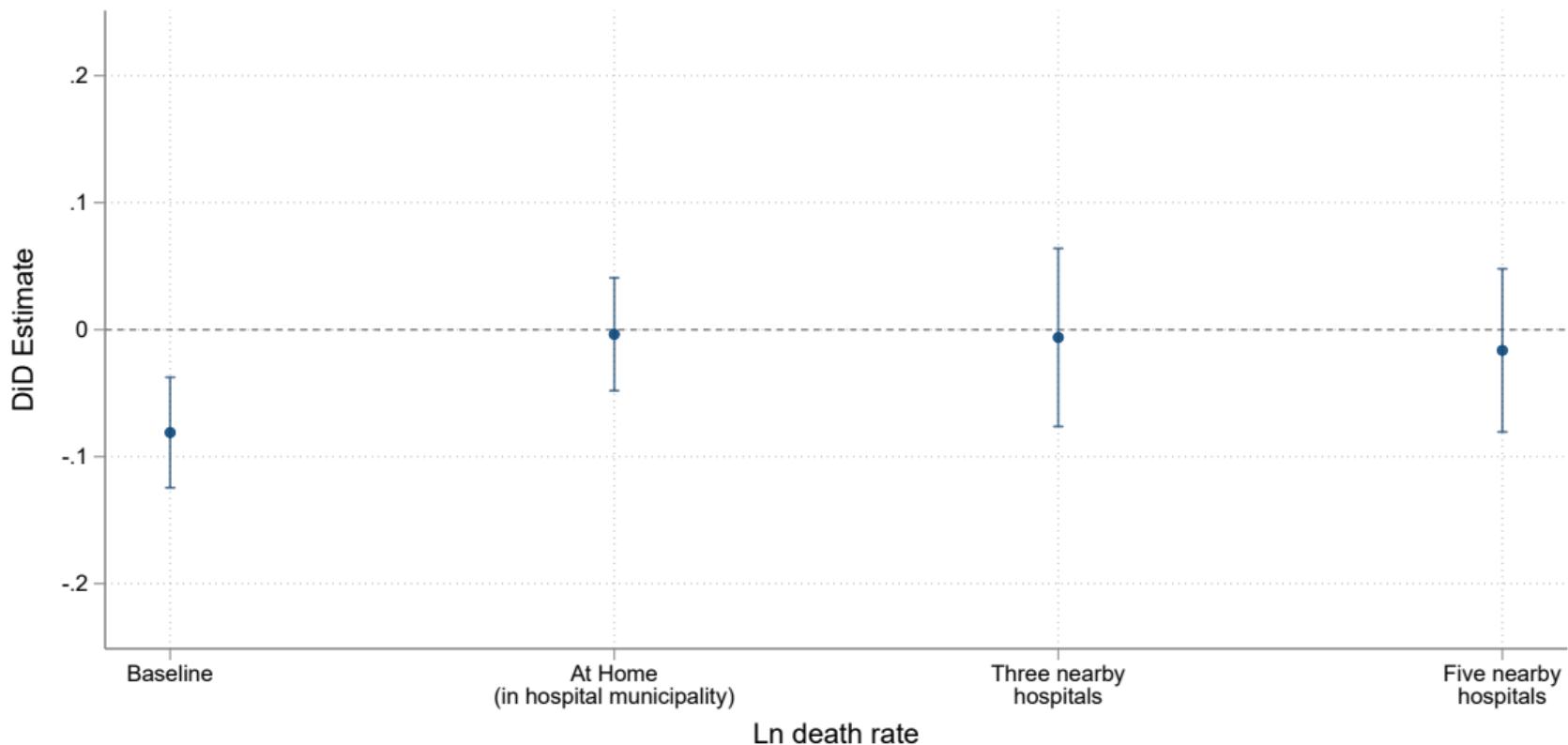


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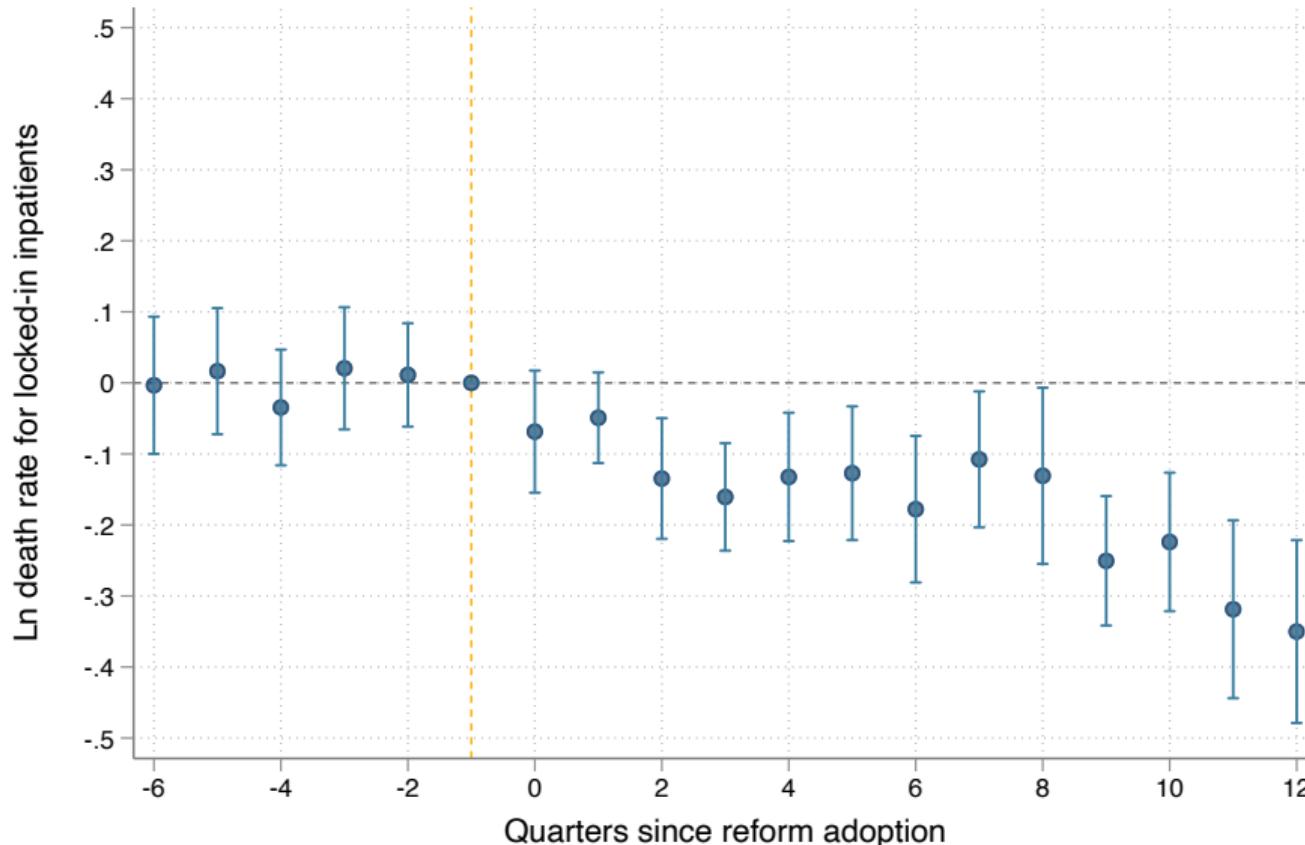
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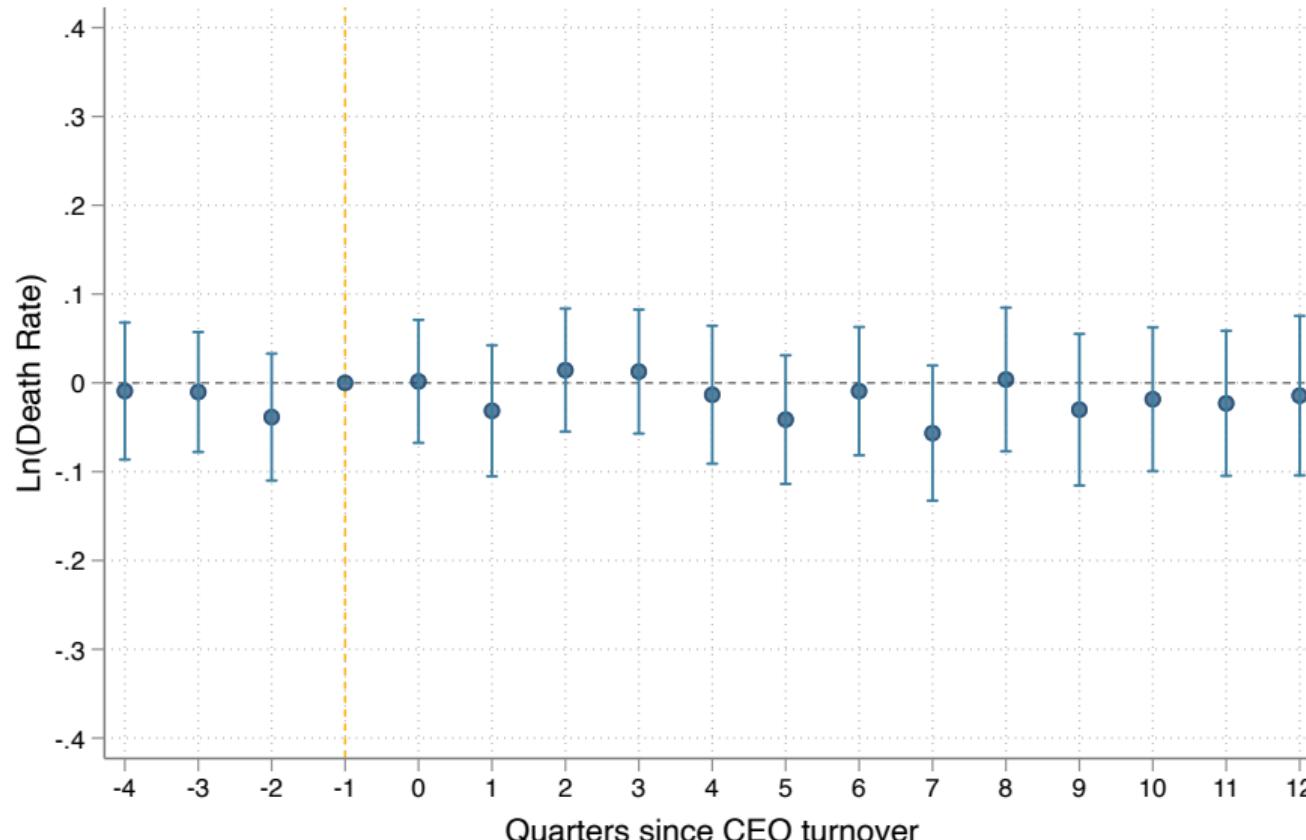
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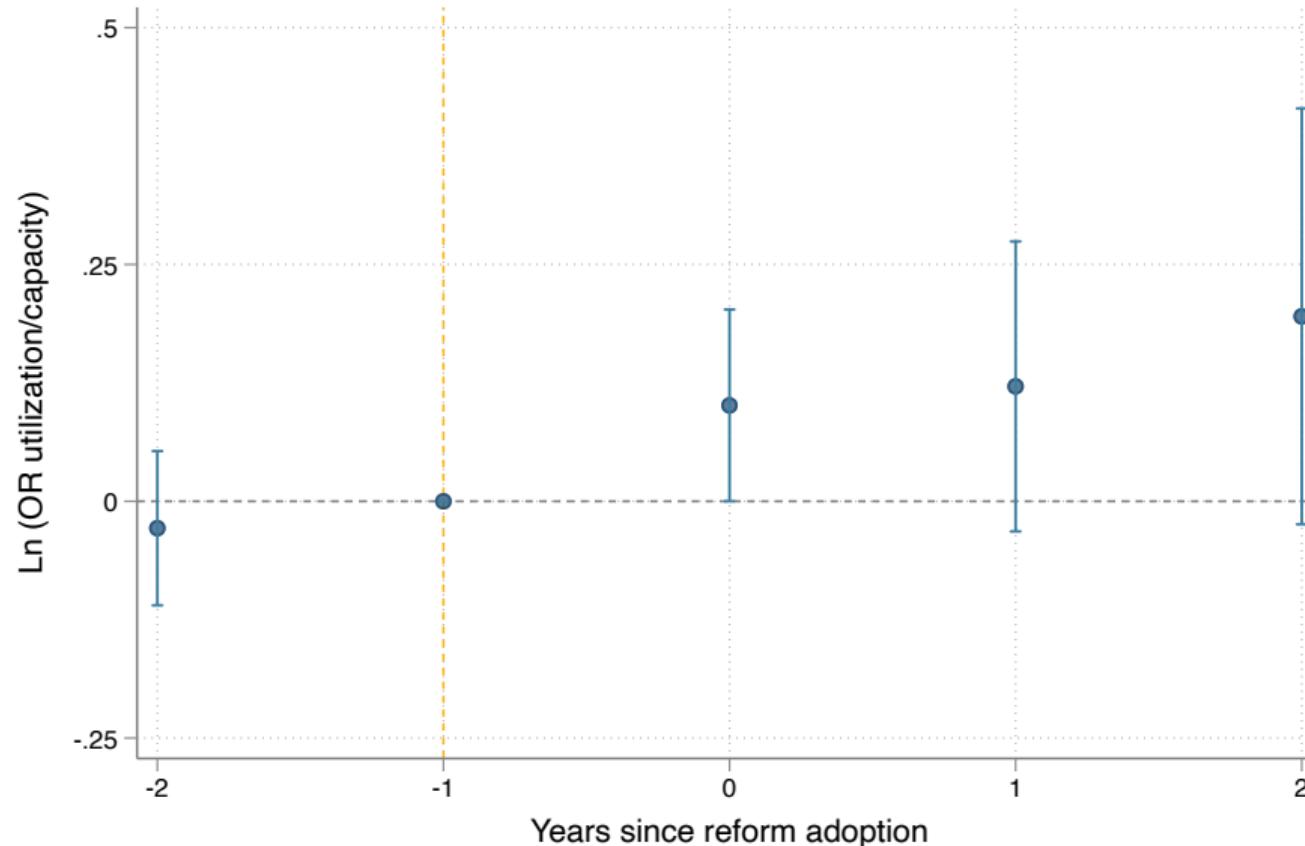
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Reform induced more efficient utilization of operating room



Correlation with other performance metrics

► Waiting lists (prelim)

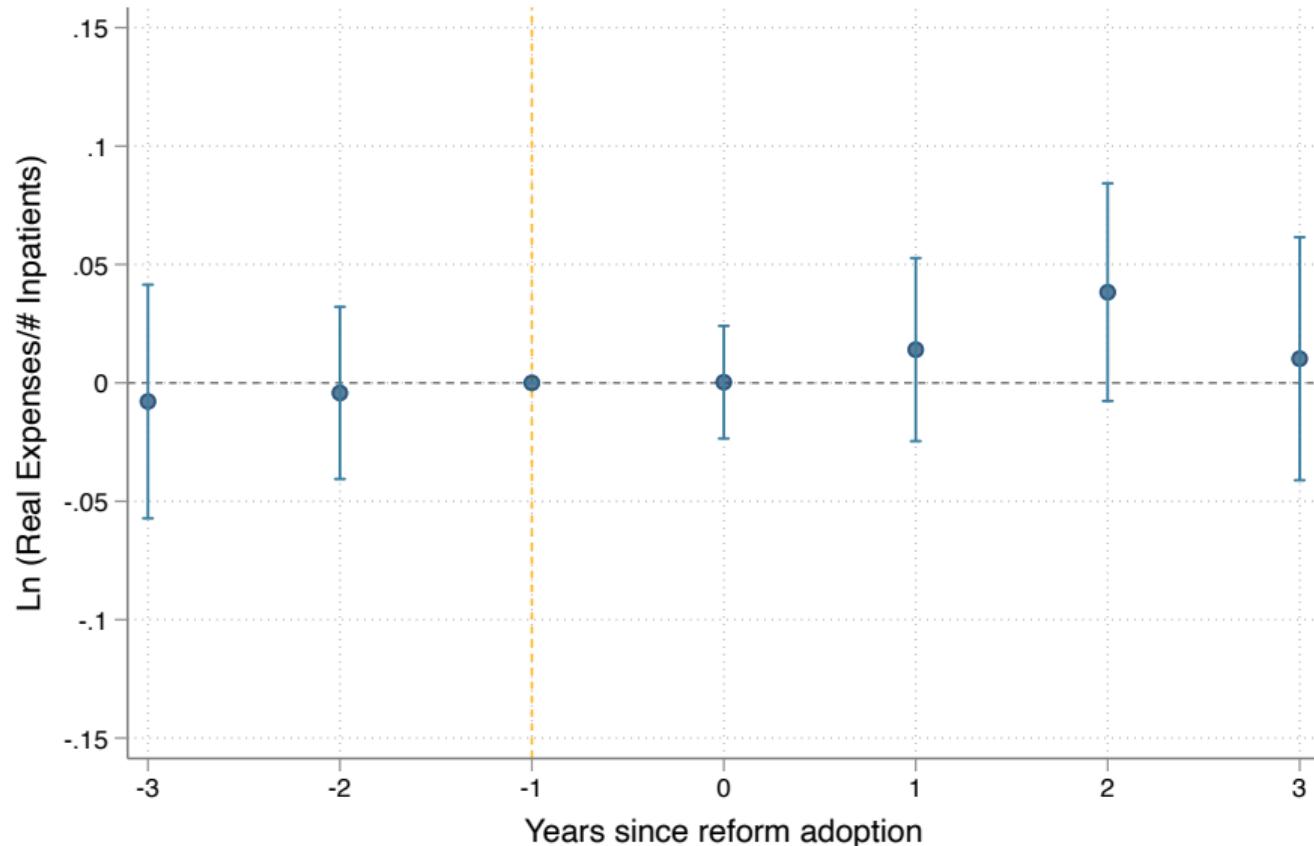
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1 if reform adopted in hospital	-0.030* (0.016)	-0.044* (0.025)	0.094 (0.133)	0.264* (0.153)
Observations	2,229	2,217	418	330
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Reduced high-skilled worker turnover

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Observations	794	624	794	794
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Time FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hospital FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
# of Hospitals	112	107	112	112
Mean Dep. Variable	0.16	0.17	0.09	0.06
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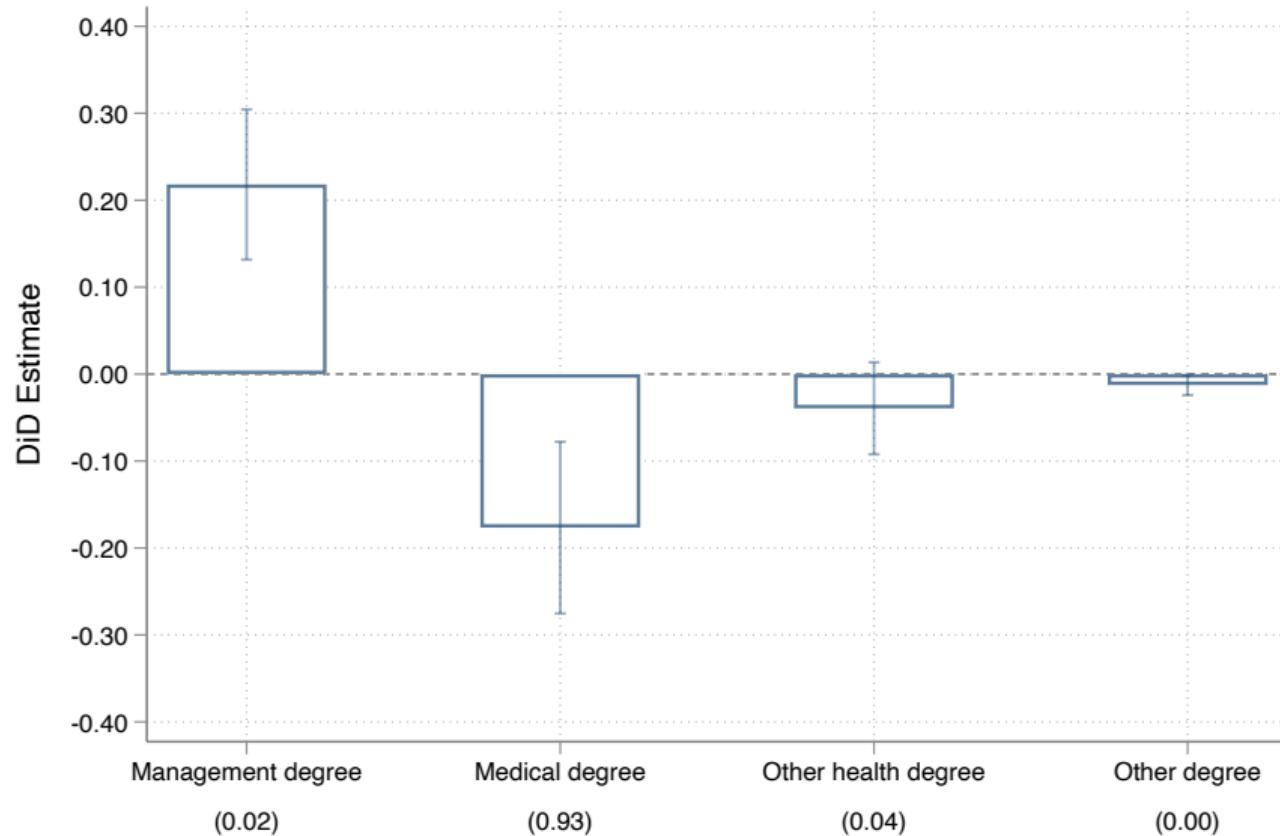
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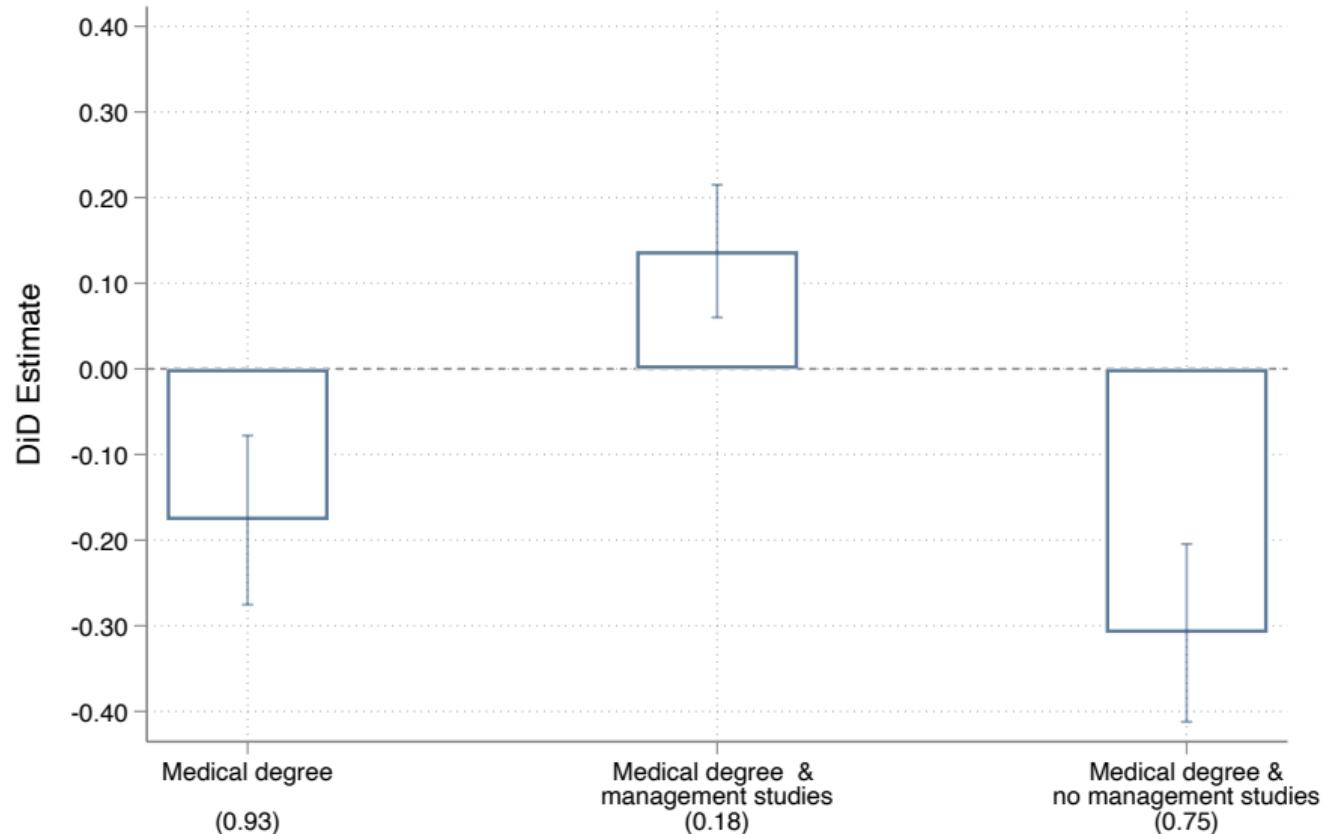
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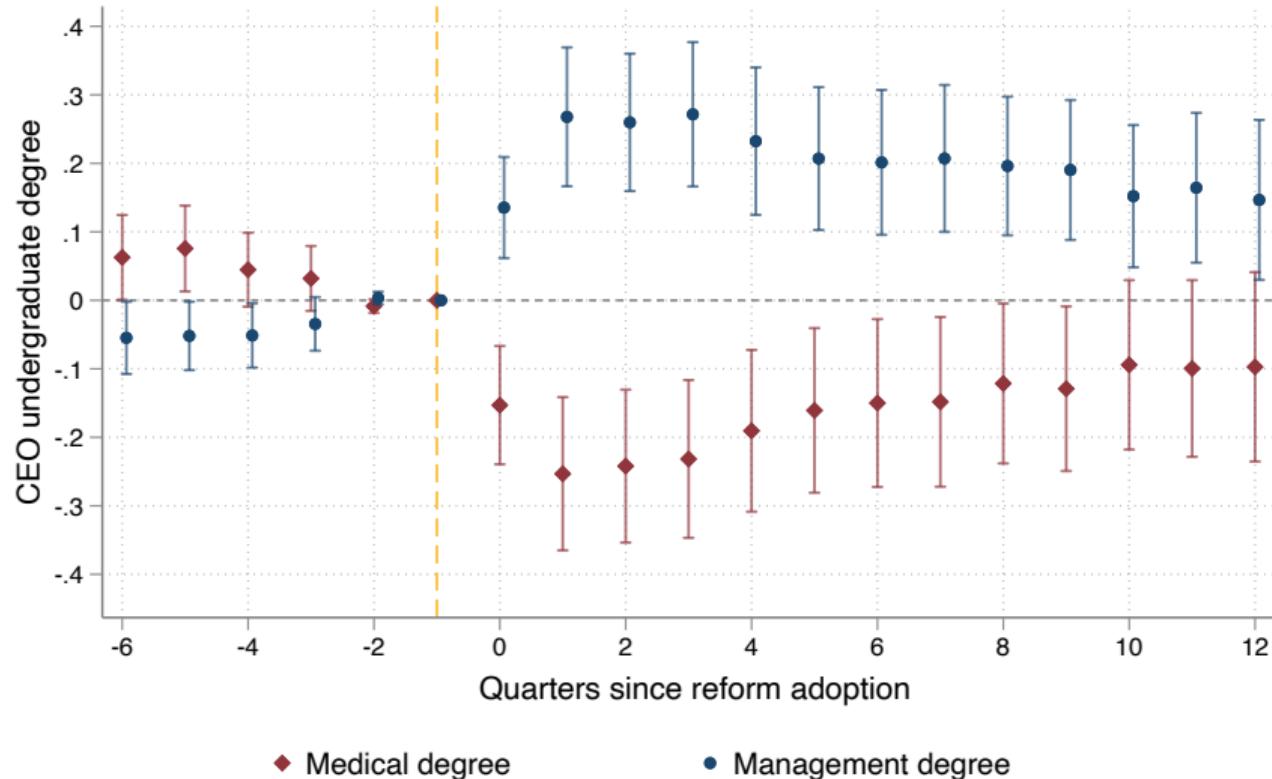
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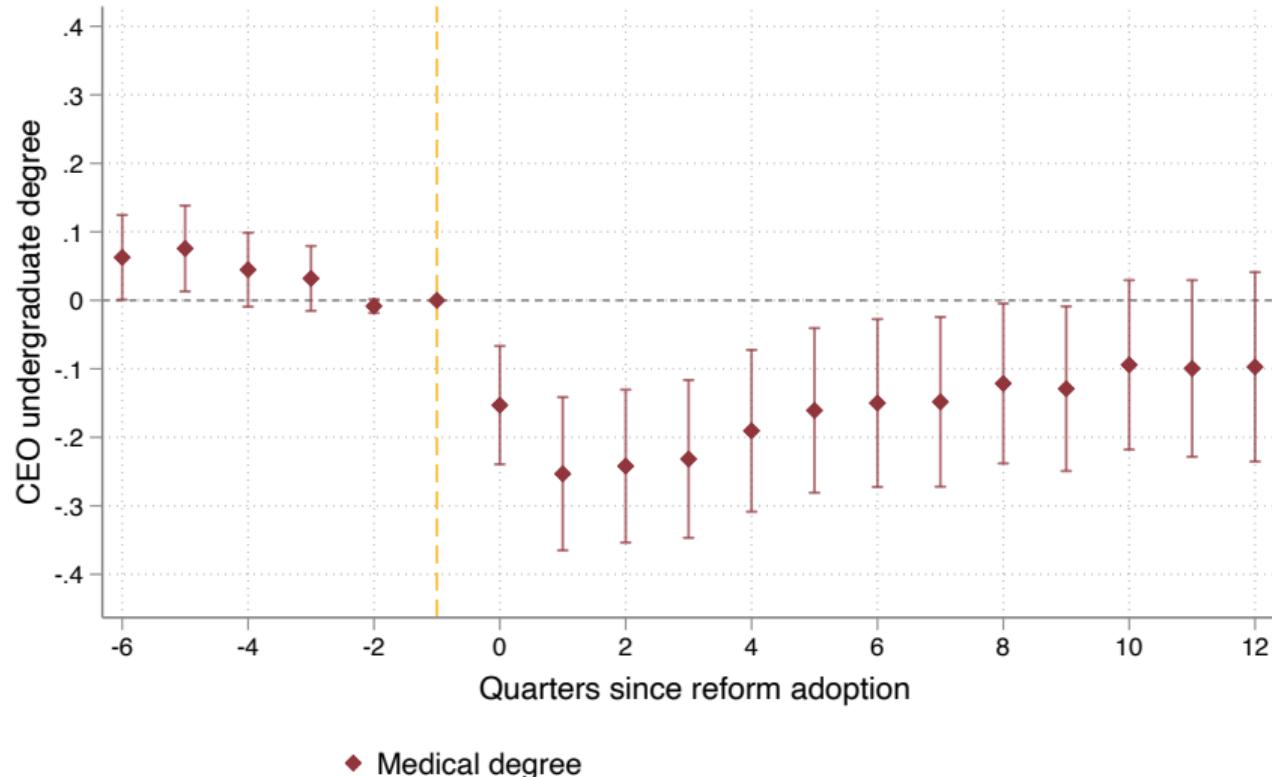
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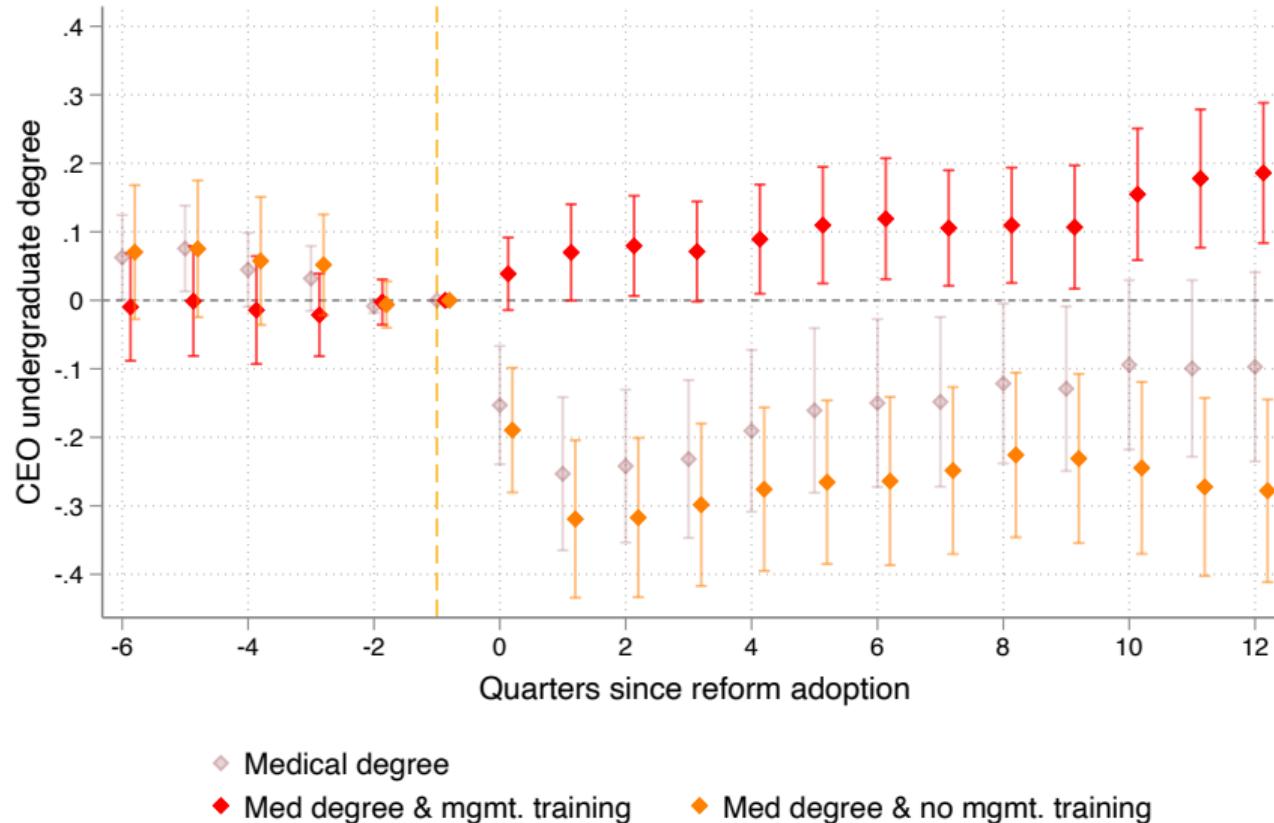


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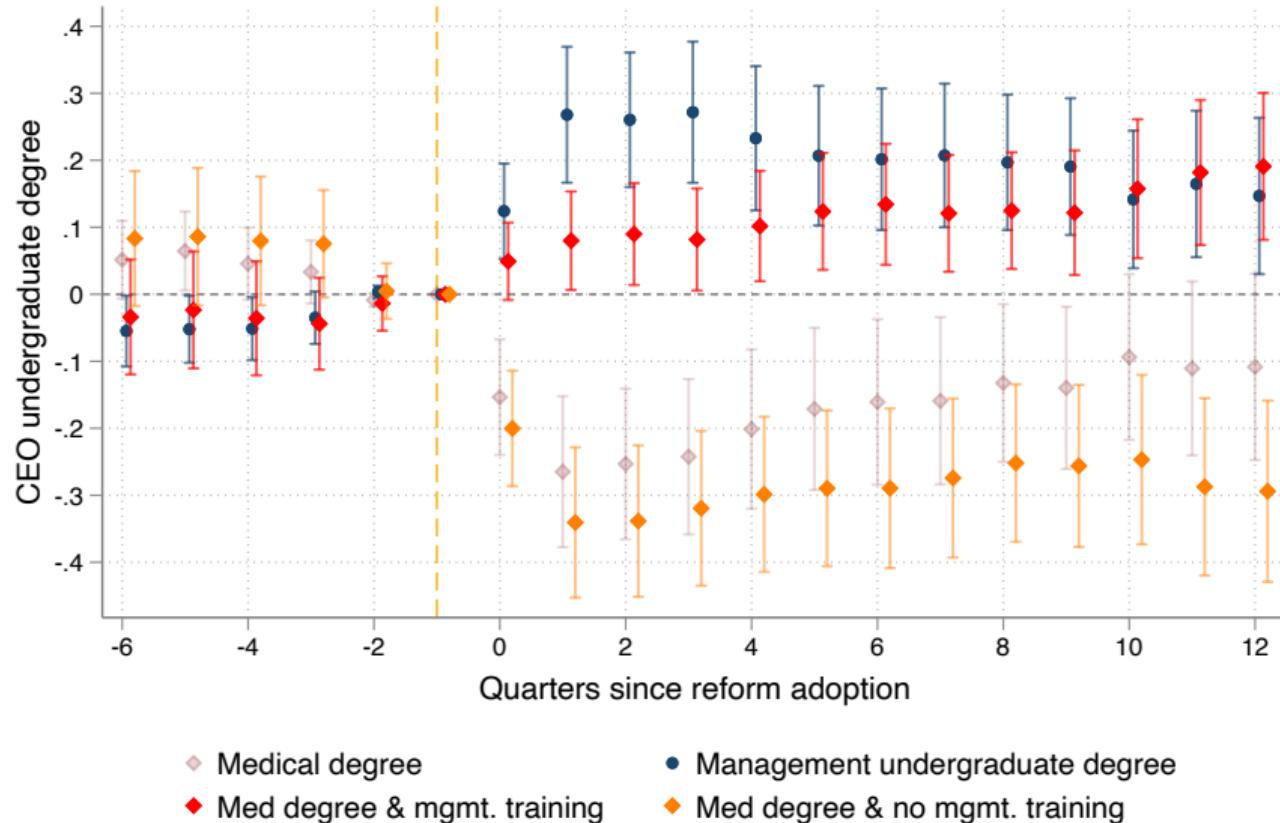


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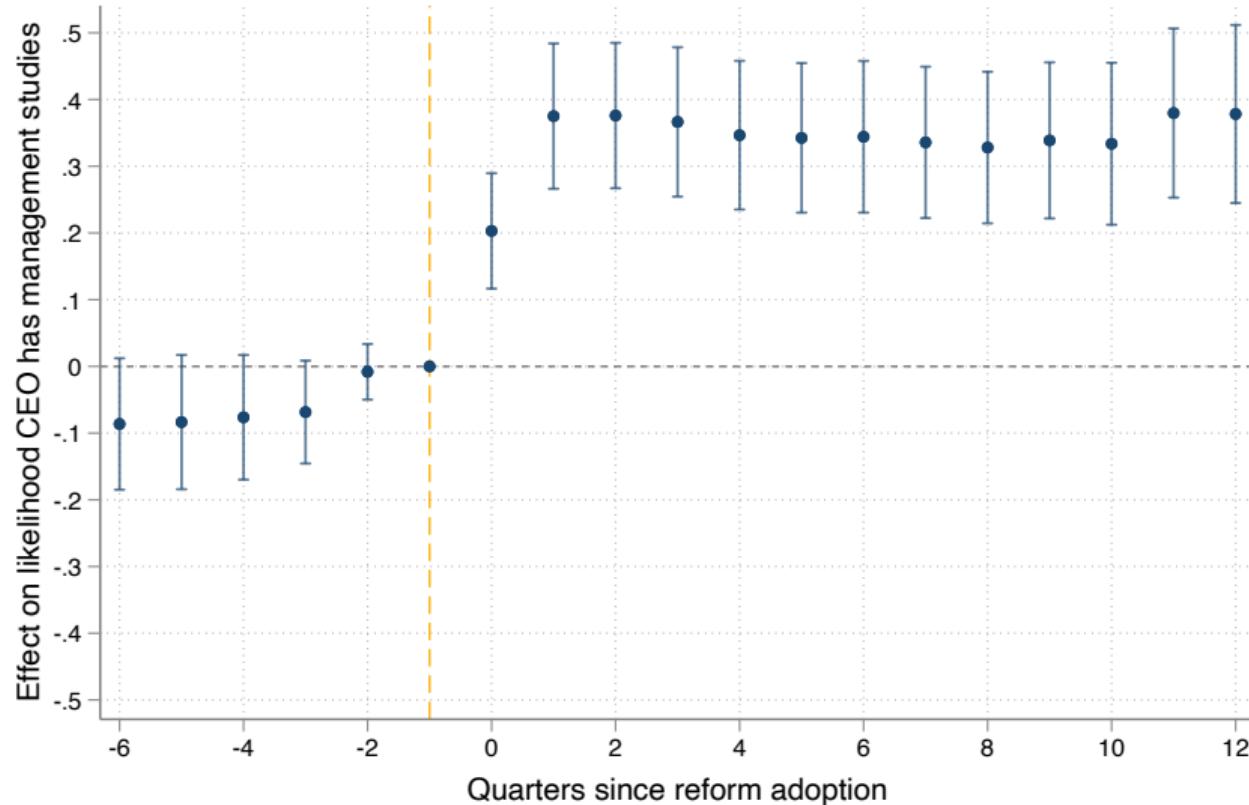
► Avg. effect



Doctor CEOs w/ mgmt. training partially revert initial hit



CEOs more likely to have mgmt. training after reform



Training & Career

MBA in health for Chilean doctors to enter the world of management

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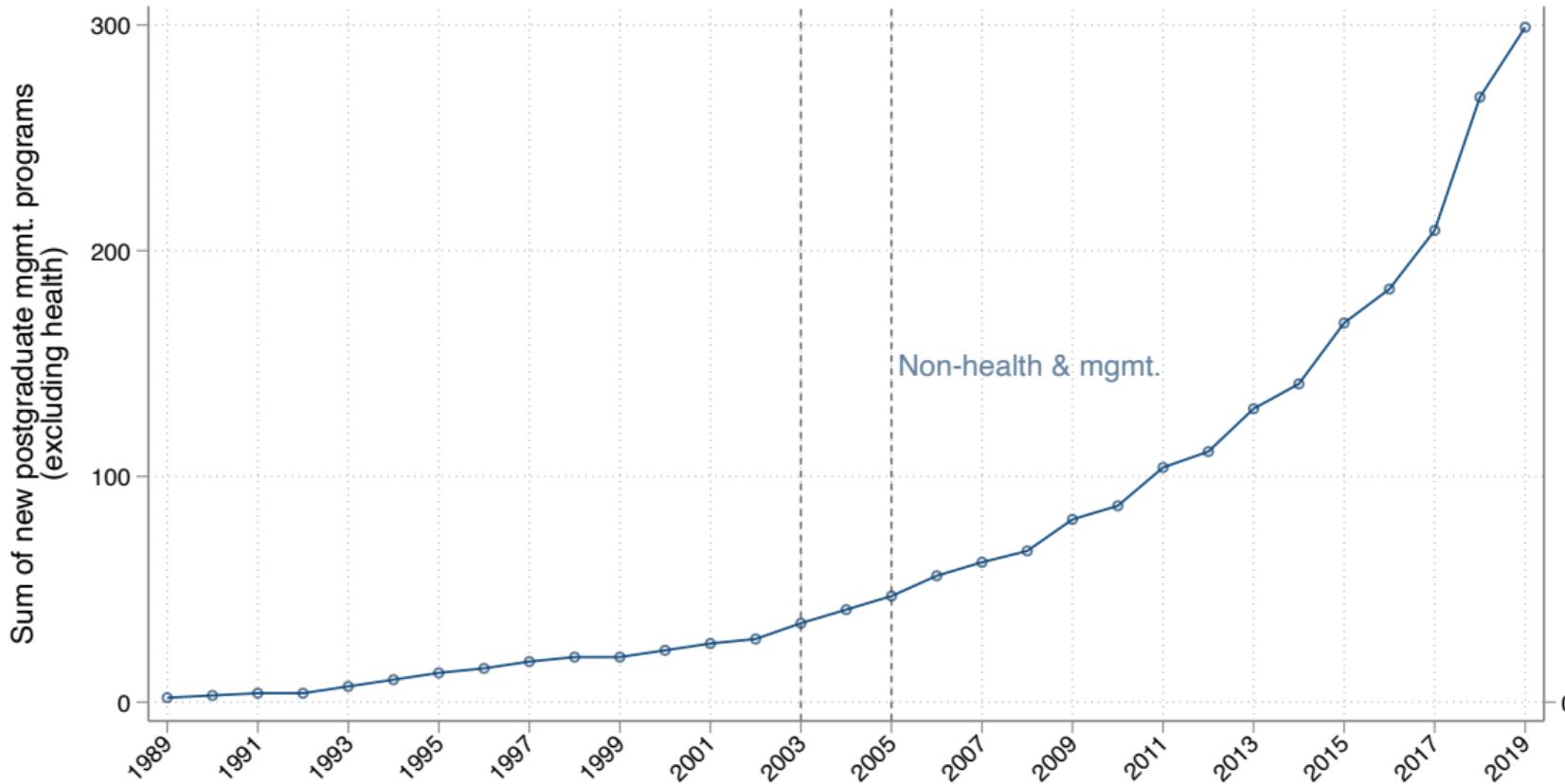
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Some Chilean universities offer an MBA in Health, so that their graduates can work in administrative positions such as managers or directors of hospitals and even Seremis.

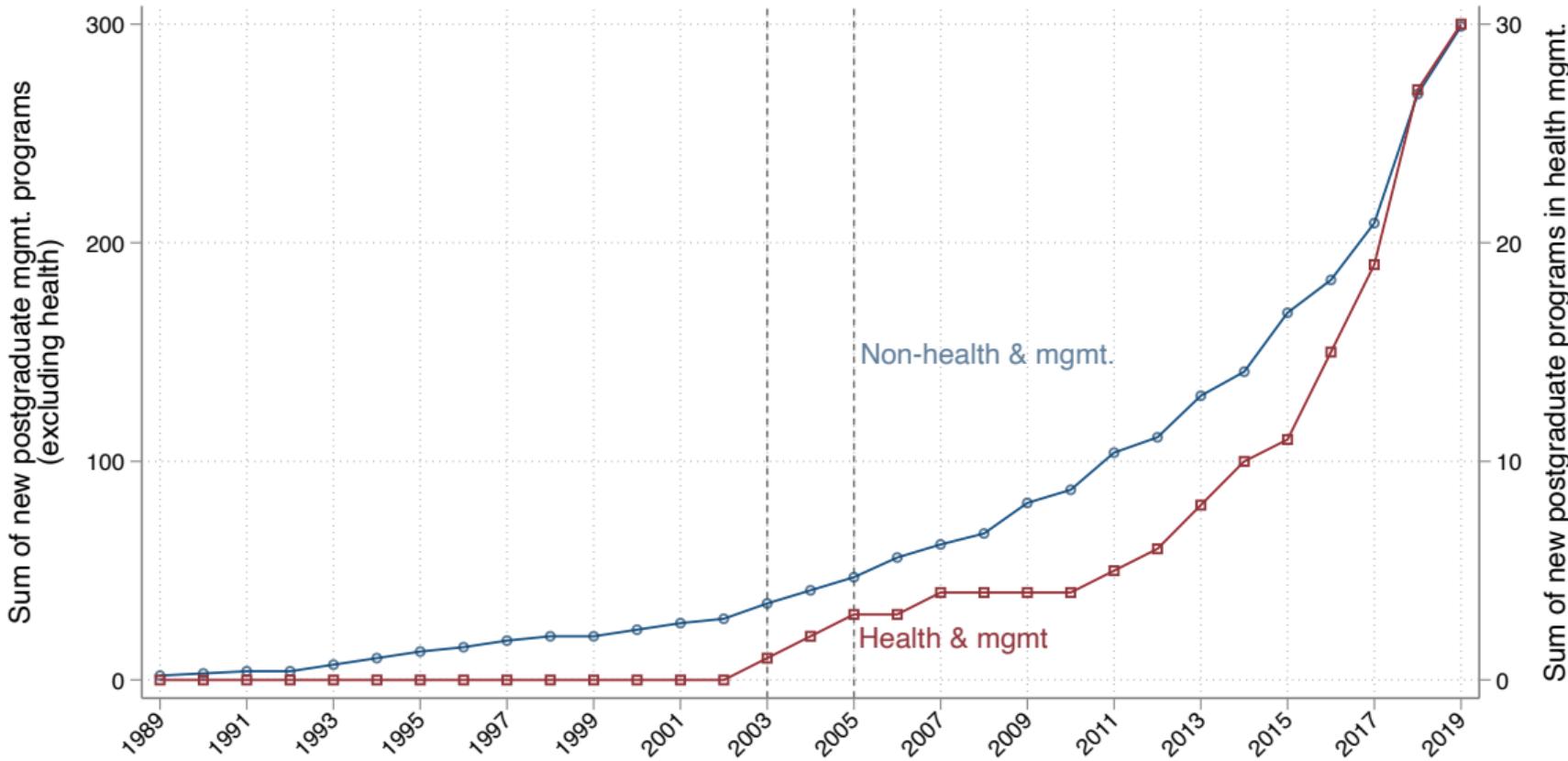
One of the institutions offered by this MBA with a specialization in Health is the Andrés Bello University (Unab), which allows students to acquire and deepen subjects such as economics, administration, marketing, epidemiology applied to management and clinical management.

Unab has made 21 versions of this program since 2005, and its success is based on its realization in several cities of the country, from Iquique to Punta Arenas, in hotels and hospitals, with more than 500 graduates, according to the newspaper La Tercera.

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Effect of the reform on managers' skills and demographics

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Observations	4,391	7,053	5,561	5,561	7,906	8,085
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Controls	No	No	No	No	No	No
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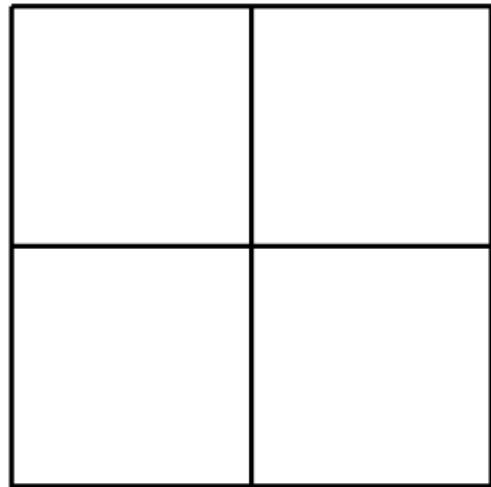
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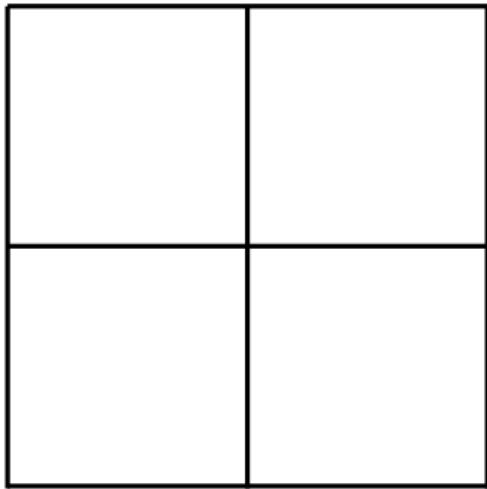
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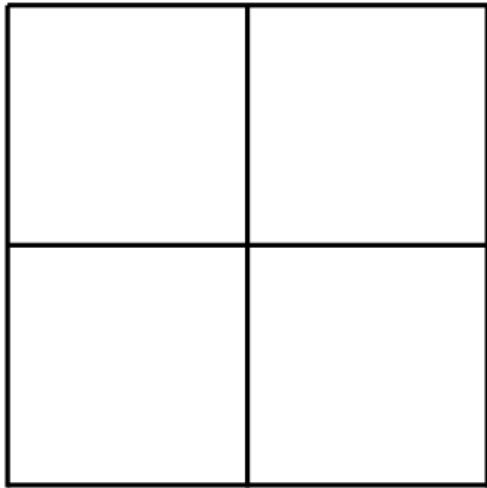


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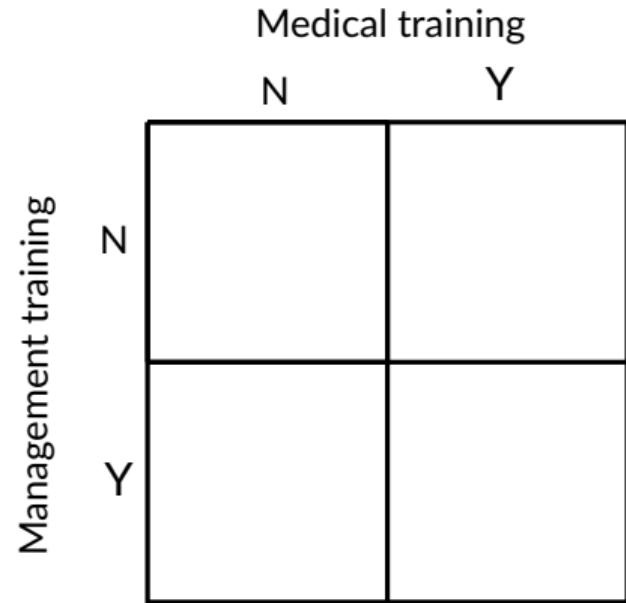
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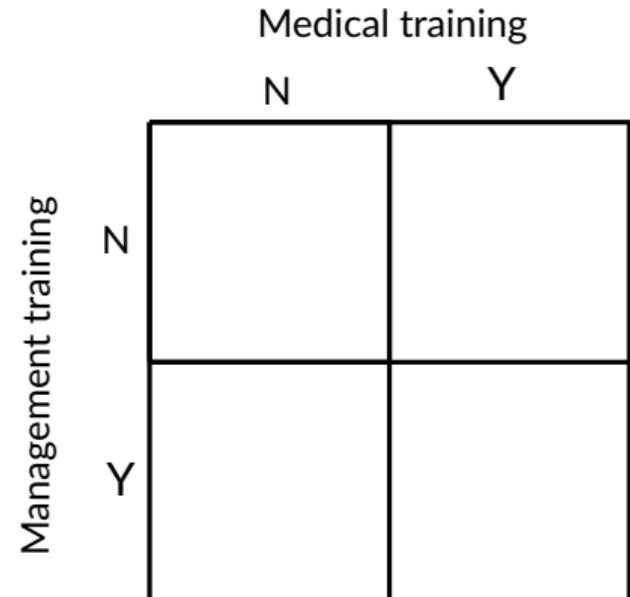
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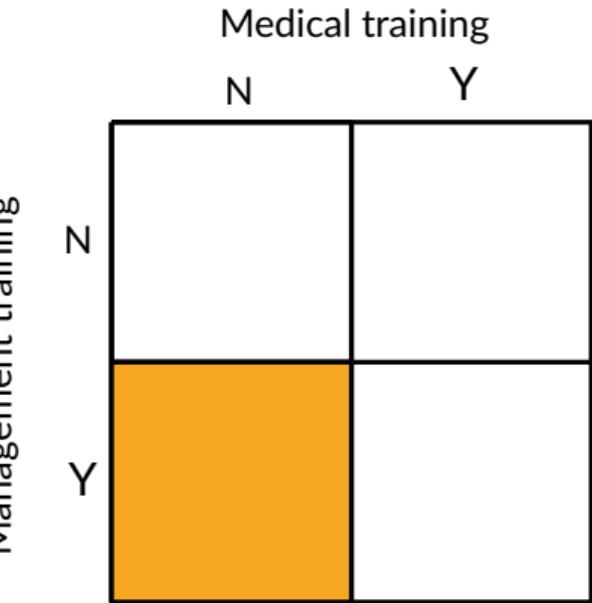
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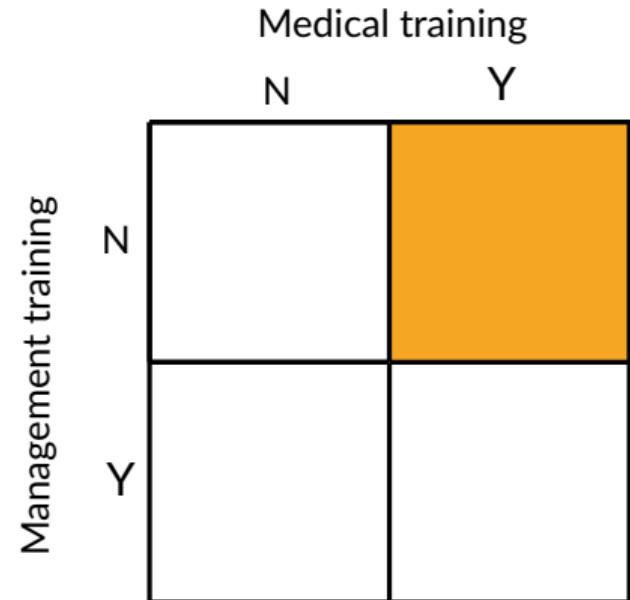
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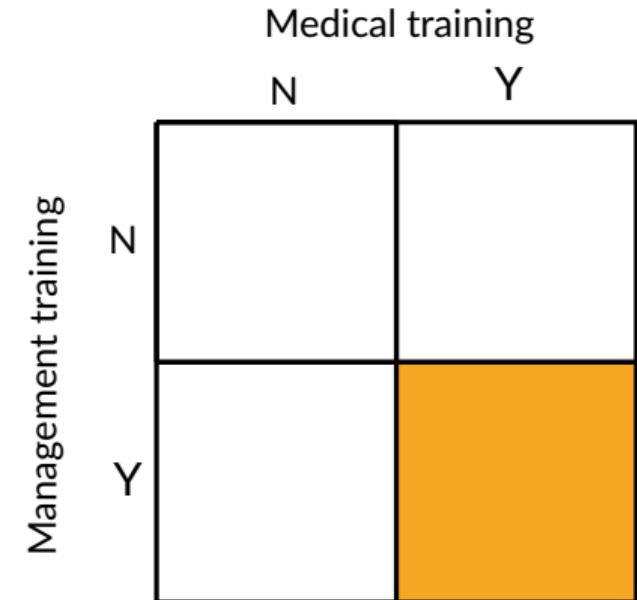
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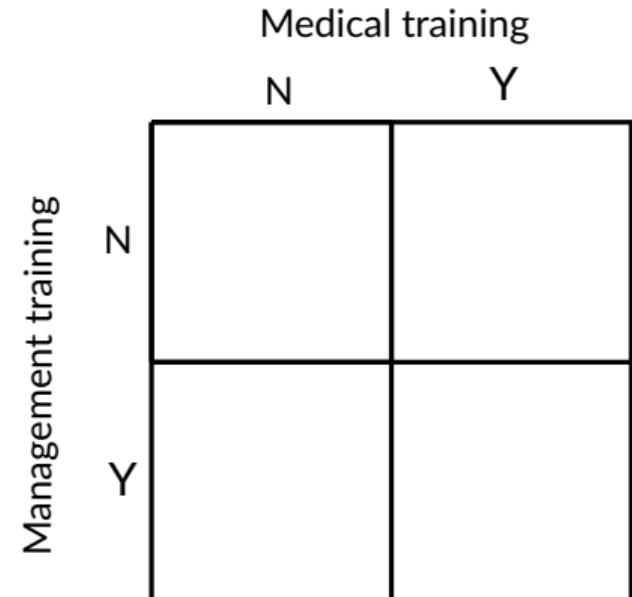
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(Nordin et al. 2010; Besley et al. 2022)

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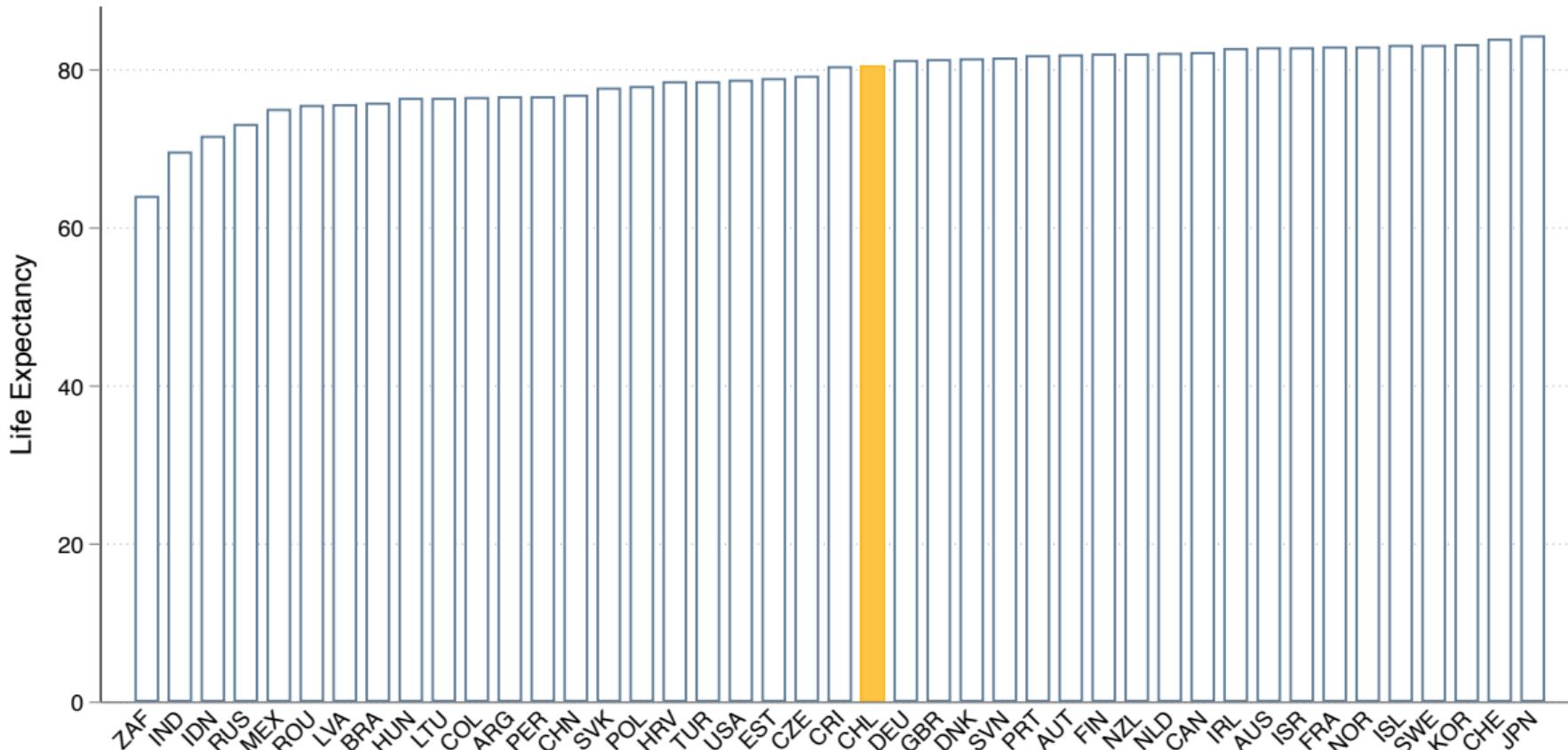
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Appendix

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(Arrow 1963)
 - e.g., patients may not be able to accurately assess provider quality
 - in a setting with incomplete contracts, private hospitals may be incentivized to reducing costs at the expense of lowering quality on dimensions that are more difficult to monitor
(Hart, Shleifer and Vishny 1997)
2. Empirical: privatized hospitals are less likely to admit financially unattractive patients
(e.g., Duggan et al. 2022)
3. Practical: 3/4 medical beds in the developed world are publicly provided.

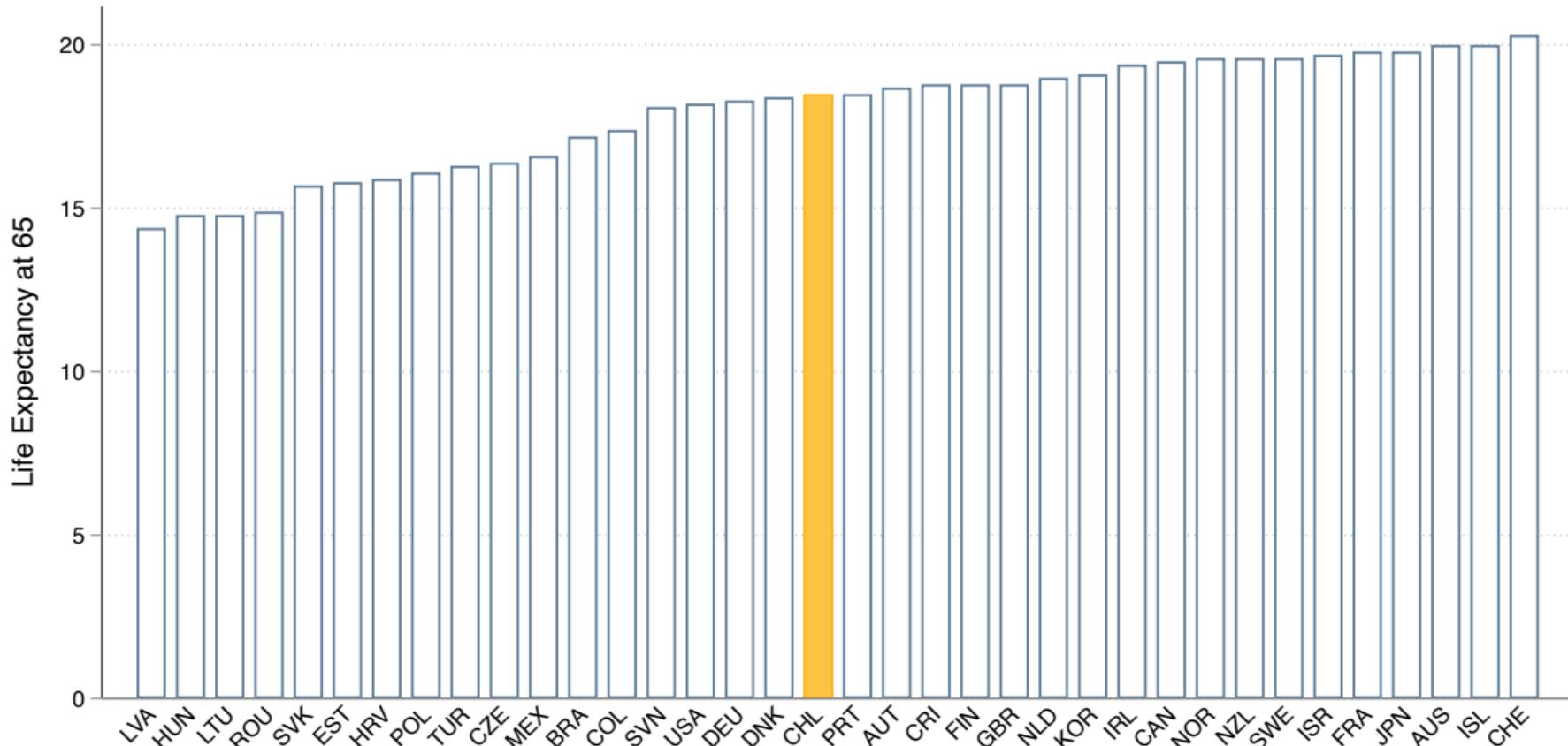
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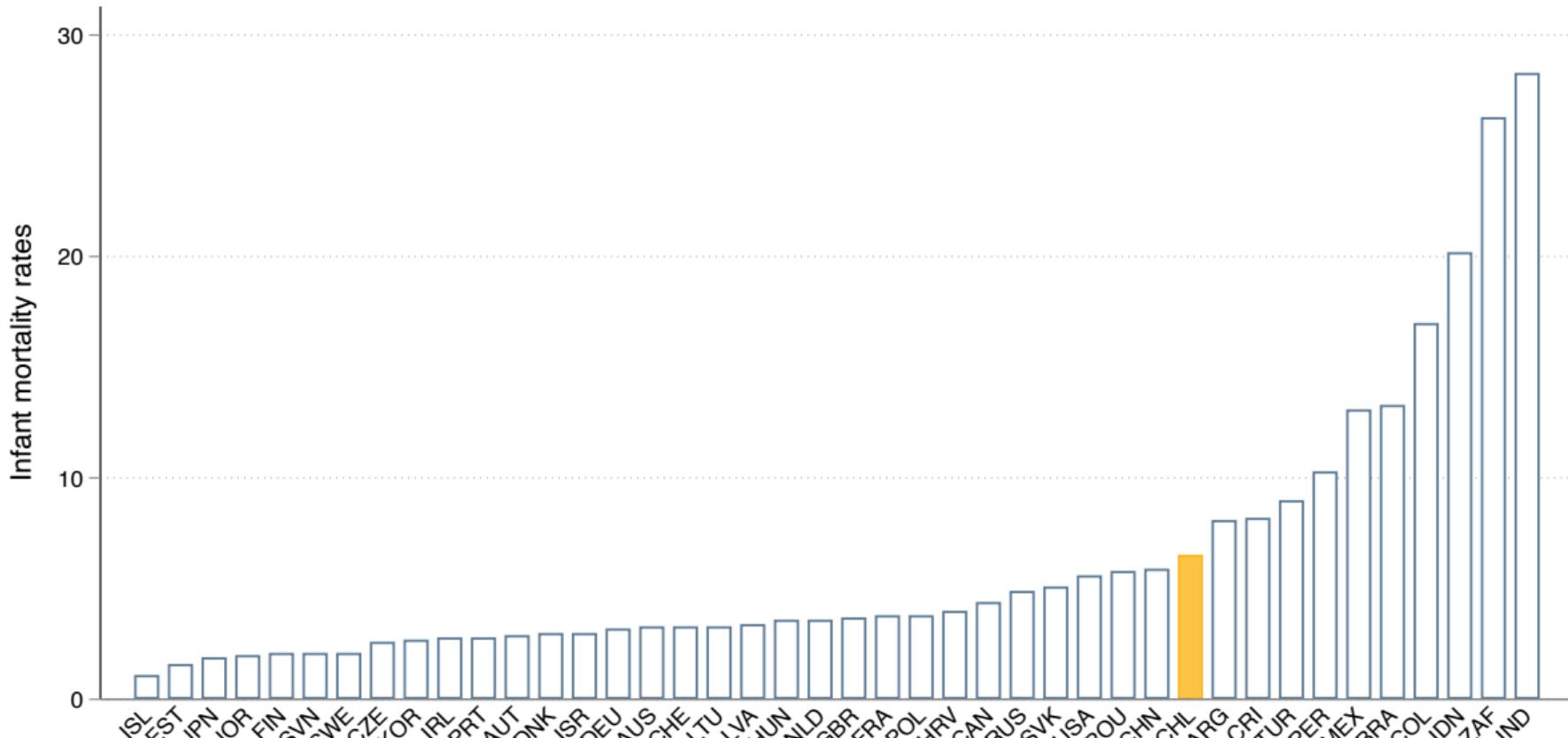
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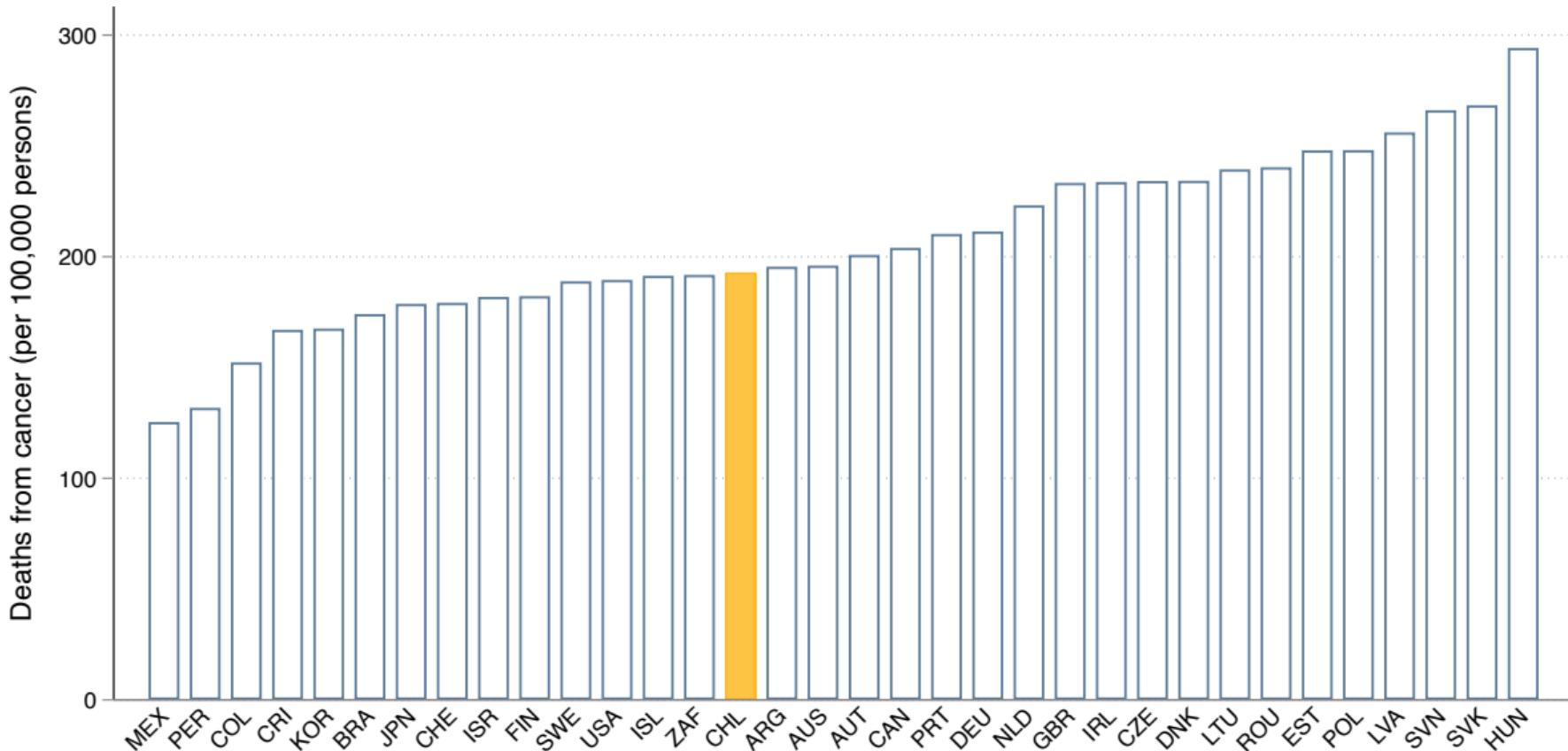
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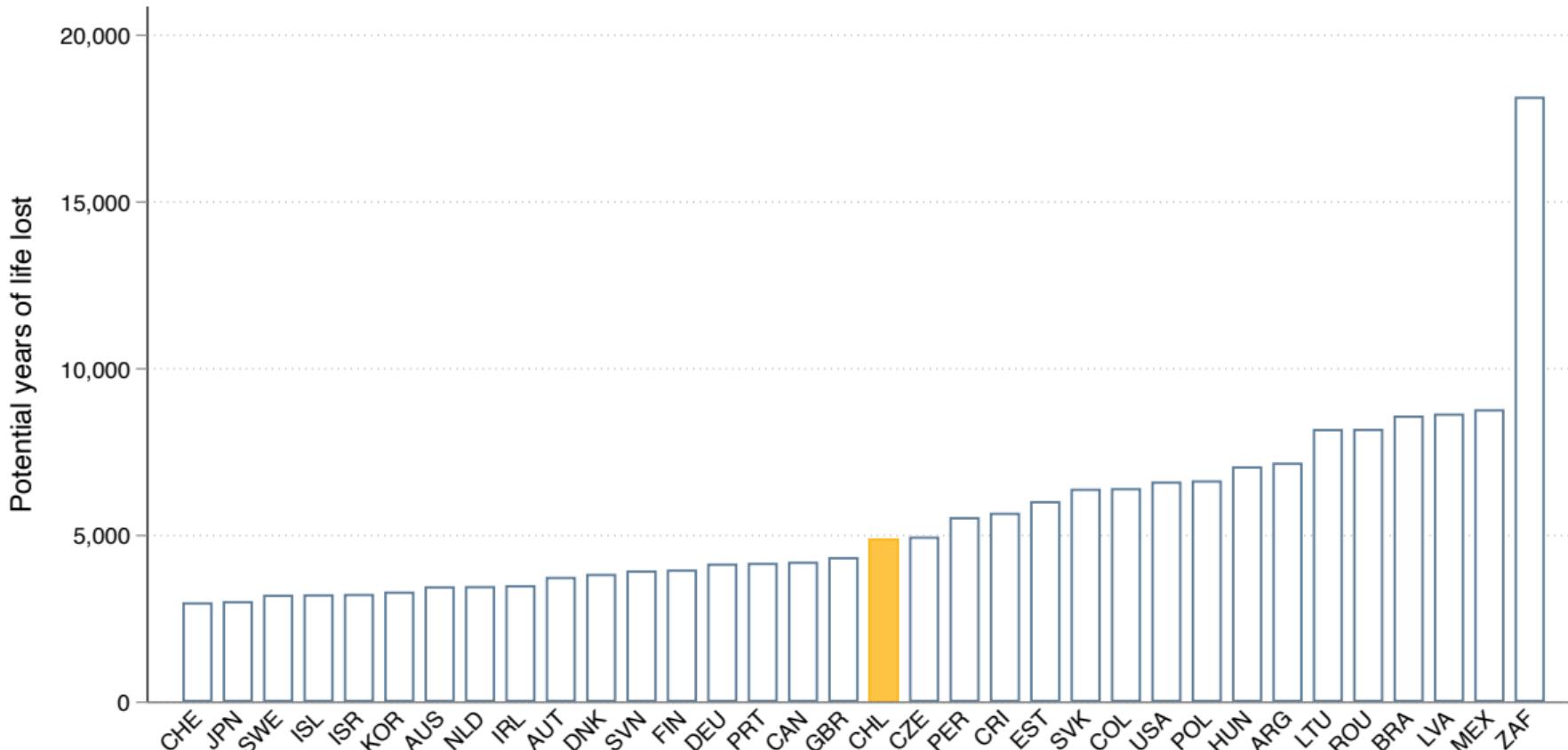
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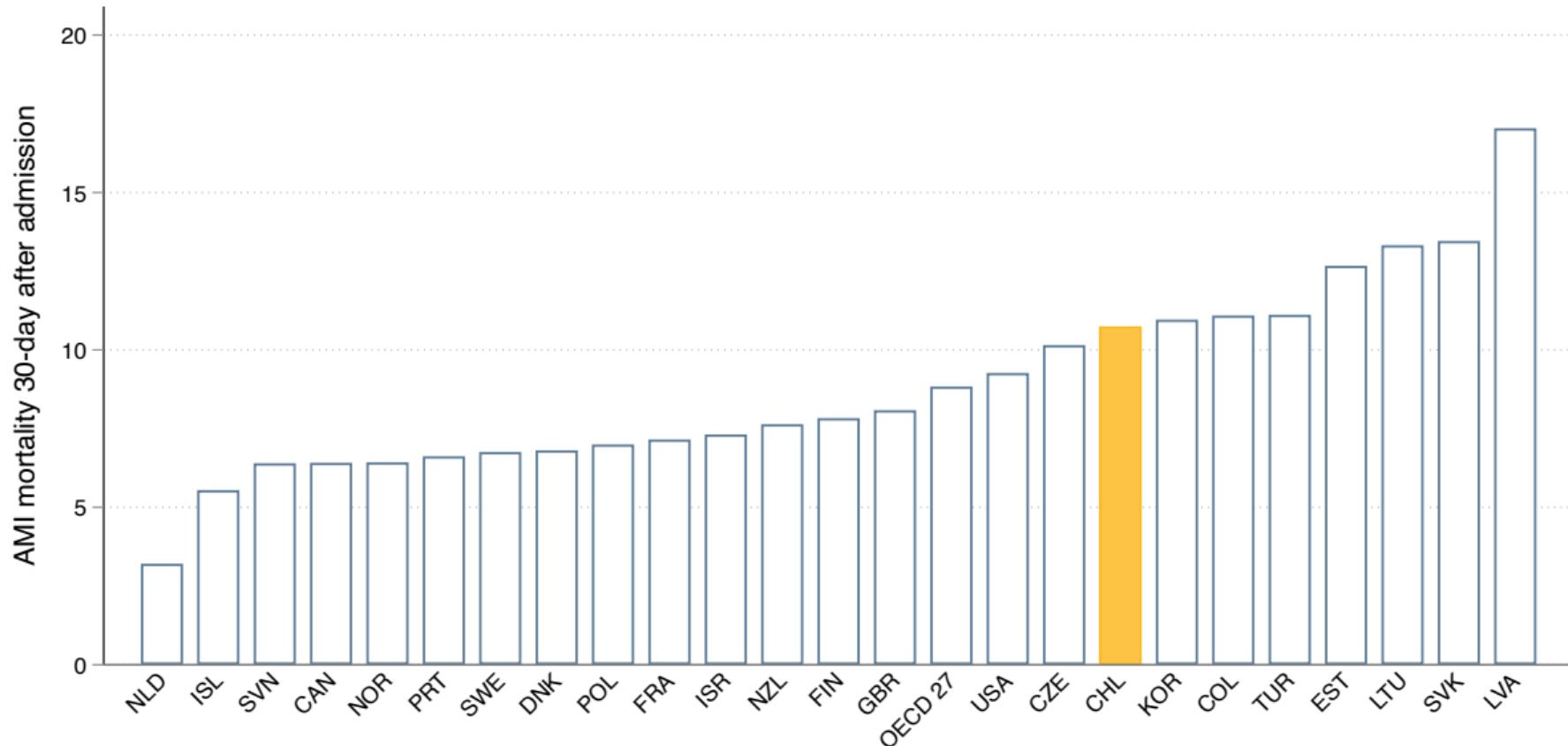
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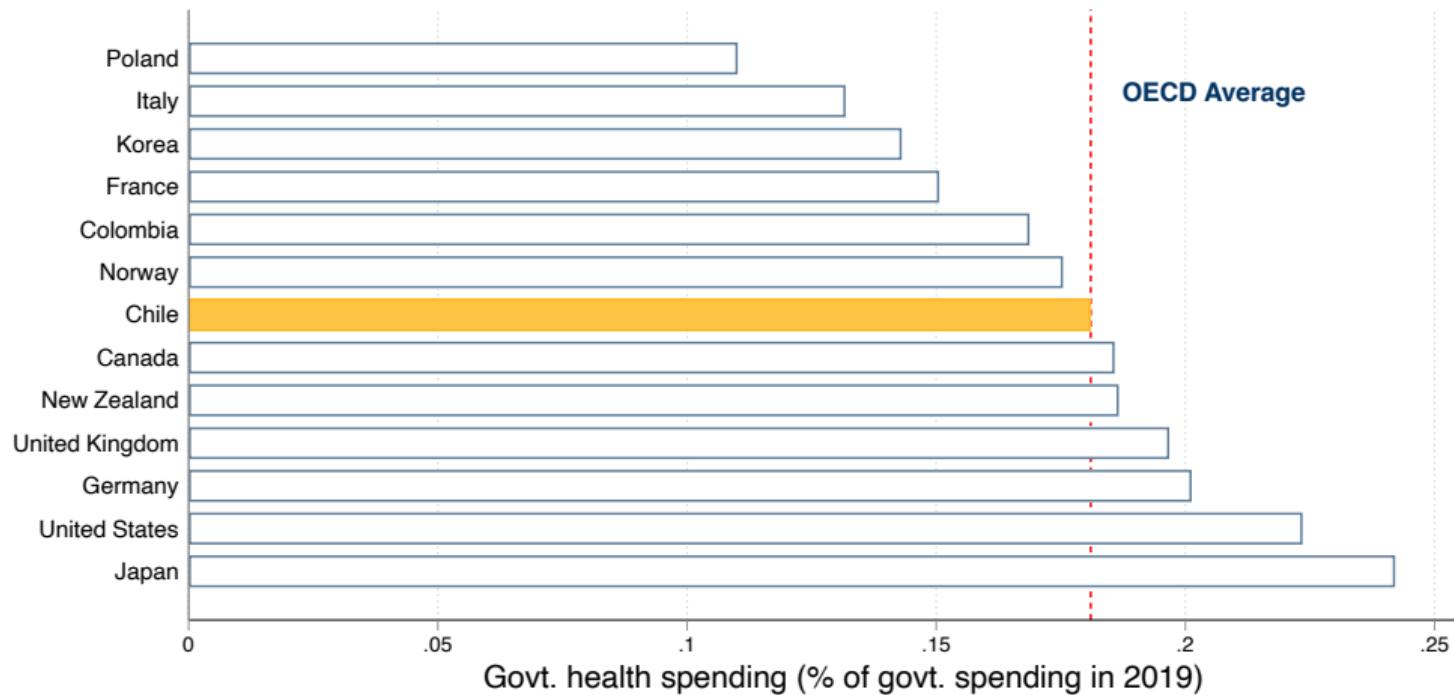


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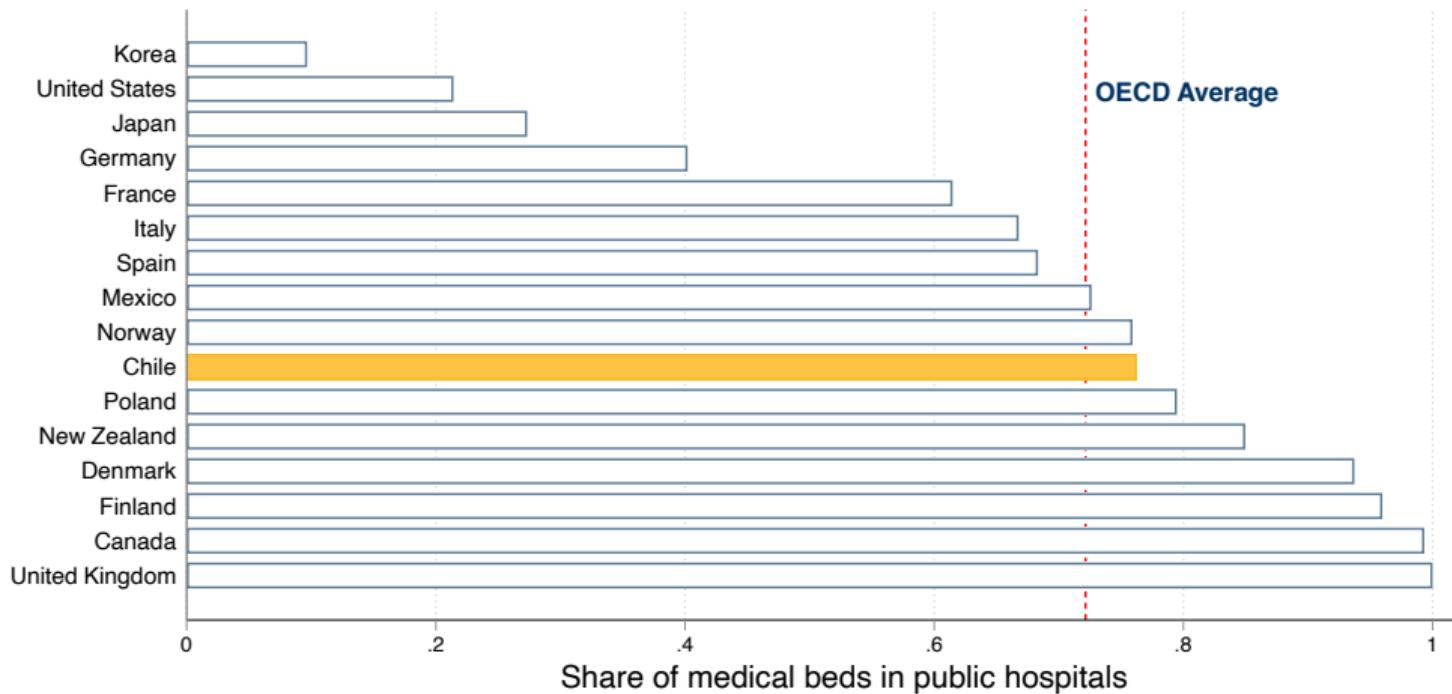


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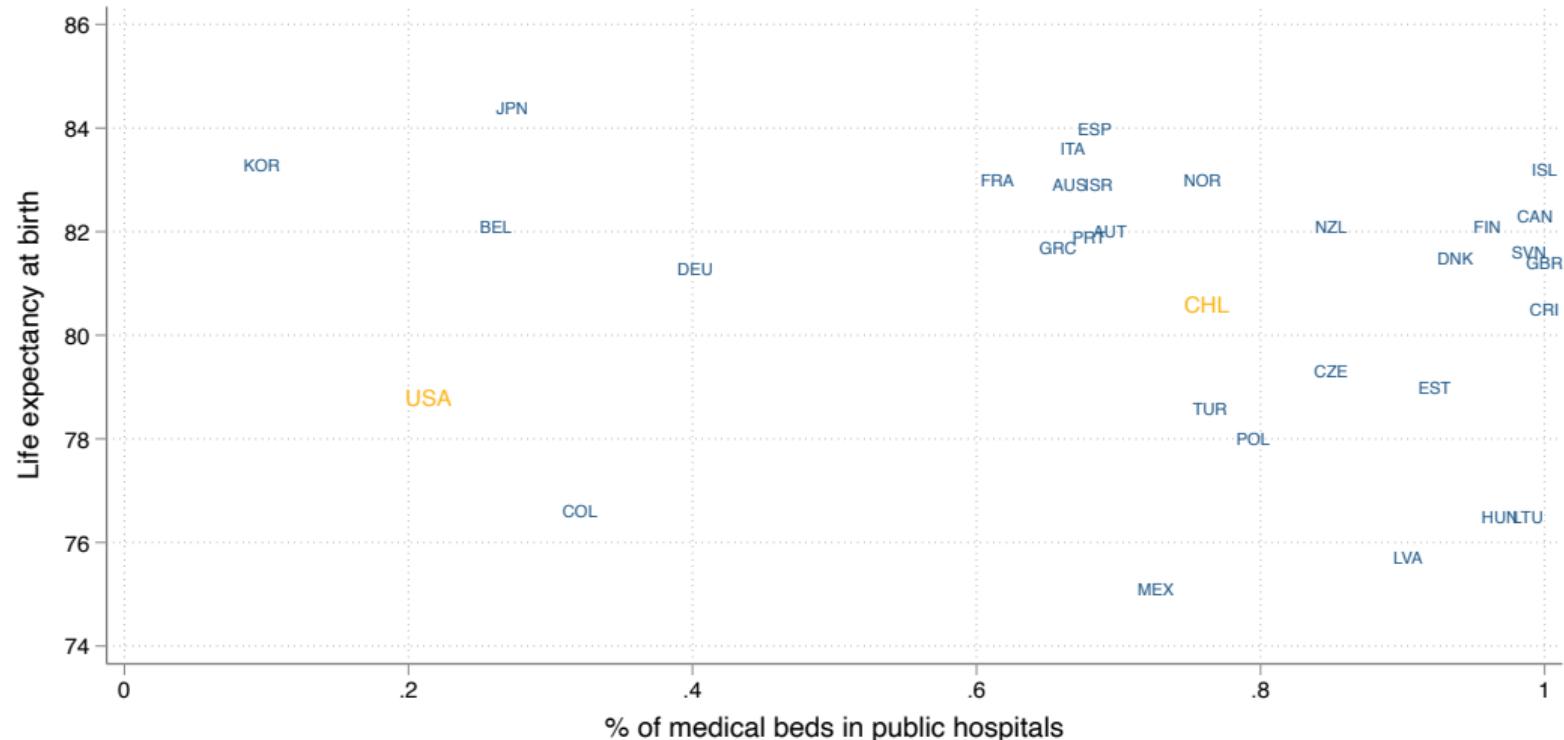
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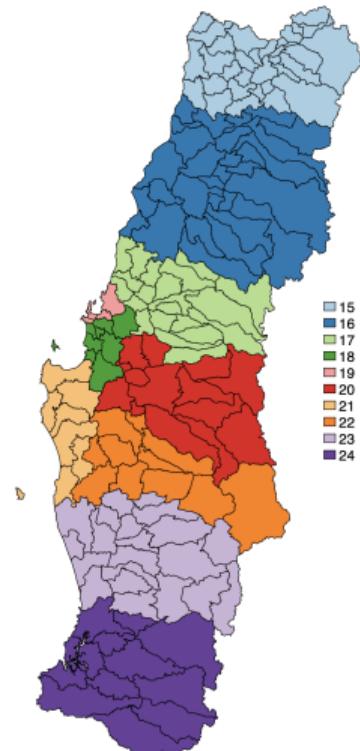
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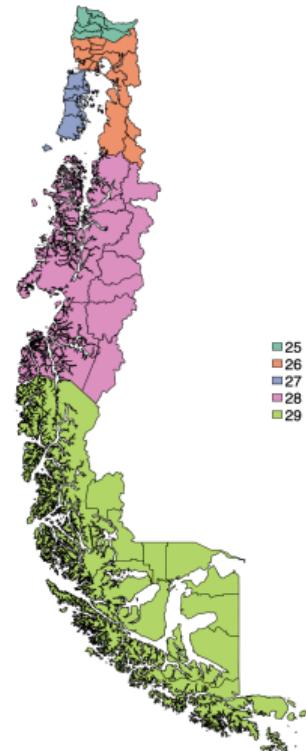
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MEDICINA INTERNA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1							
CARDIOLOGÍA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1							
NUTRICIÓN Y DIABETES	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1							
PROGRAMA MANEJO DE LA OBESIDAD	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1							
ENDOCRINOLOGÍA ADULTO	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1							
ENFERMEDADES RESPIRATORIAS ADULTO	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1							
GASTROENTEROLOGÍA ADULTO	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1							
HEMATOLOGÍA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1							
VIH																	
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NEFROLOGÍA ADULTO	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1							
ONCOLOGÍA MÉDICA																	
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REUMATOLOGÍA																	
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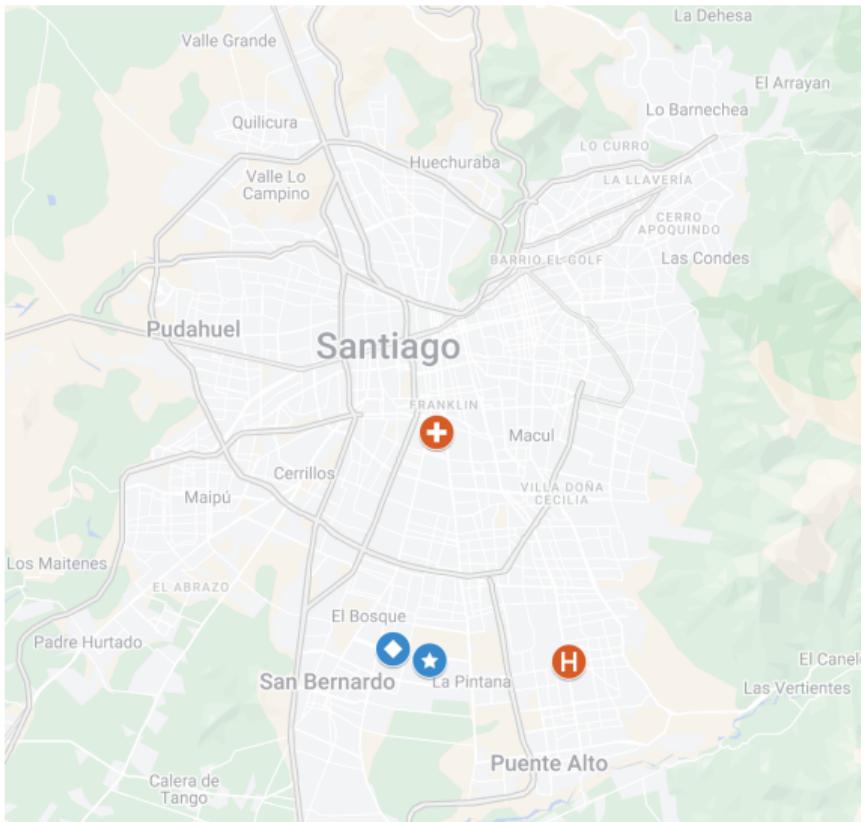
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Health Service Name	Metropolitano Norte		Metropolitano Oriente	
	CESFAM Colina (1)	CESFAM Esmeralda (2)	CESFAM Aguilucho (3)	CESFAM La Faena (4)
Pediatrics				
Pediatric respiratory diseases	2	2	4	4
Internal Medicine				
Cardiology	1	1	5	4
Medical Oncology				
< 15 years	2	2	7	7
> 15 years	3	3	5	5
General Surgery				
Thoracic Surgery	3	3	6	6

1. Complejo Hospitalario San José; 2. Hospital Clínico De Niños Roberto Del Río; 3. Instituto Nacional Del Cáncer Dr. Caupolicán Pardo Correa; 4. Centro de Referencia de Salud Cordillera Oriente; 5. Hospital Del Salvador; 6. Instituto Nacional del Torax; 7. Hospital de Niños Dr. Luis Calvo Mackenna.

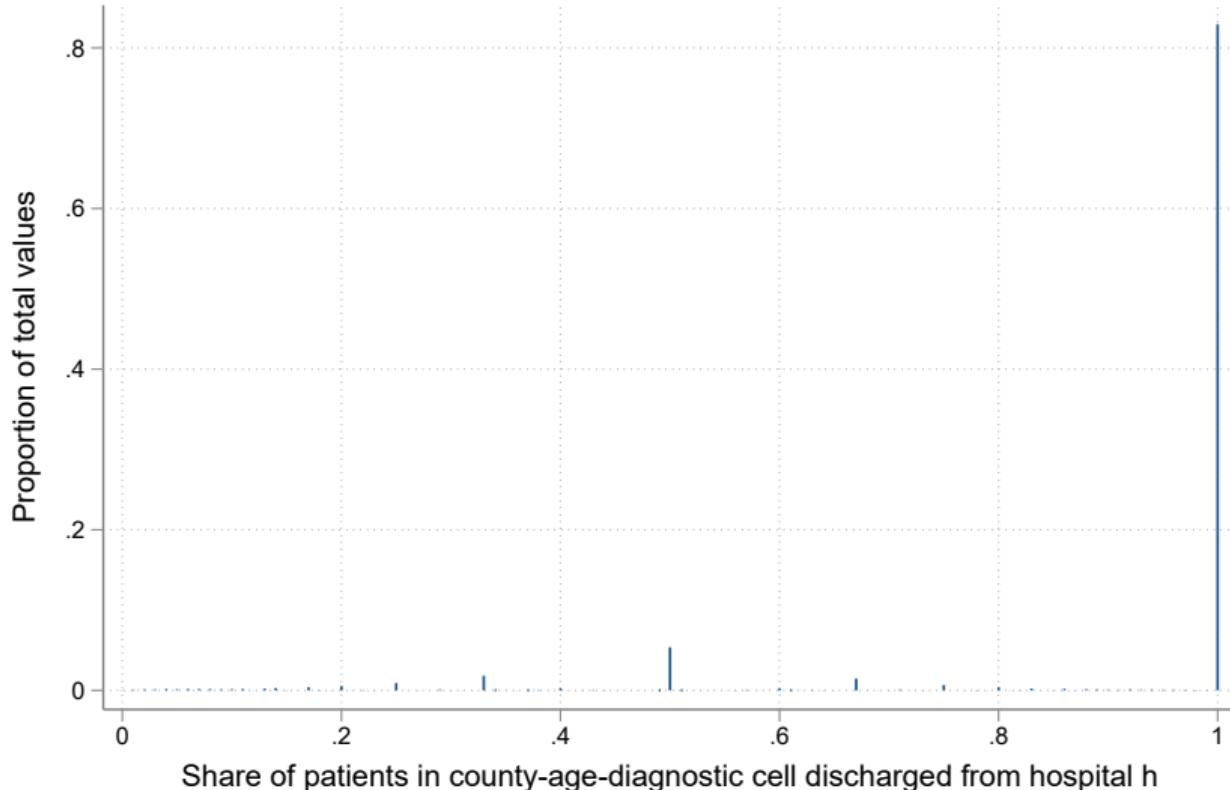
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Strict referrals

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- Employees in the public health sector:
 - FOIA + hand-collected: monthly-level records all public hospitals CEOs and middle manager characteristics and transitions (2001-19)
 - novel and admin. data covering the universe of employees in the public health sector between (2011-19)
- Inpatient discharges > 30 million individual-level admin records of all public hospital discharges (2001-19)
 - include an id, the date and cause of admission, date of discharge or in-hospital death date, type of admission (ER), individual covariates, set of hospital characteristics
- Death records: > 1.5 million individual-level observations covering all deaths in the country (2001-18)
 - include same id as hospital discharges, date of death, cause and place of death

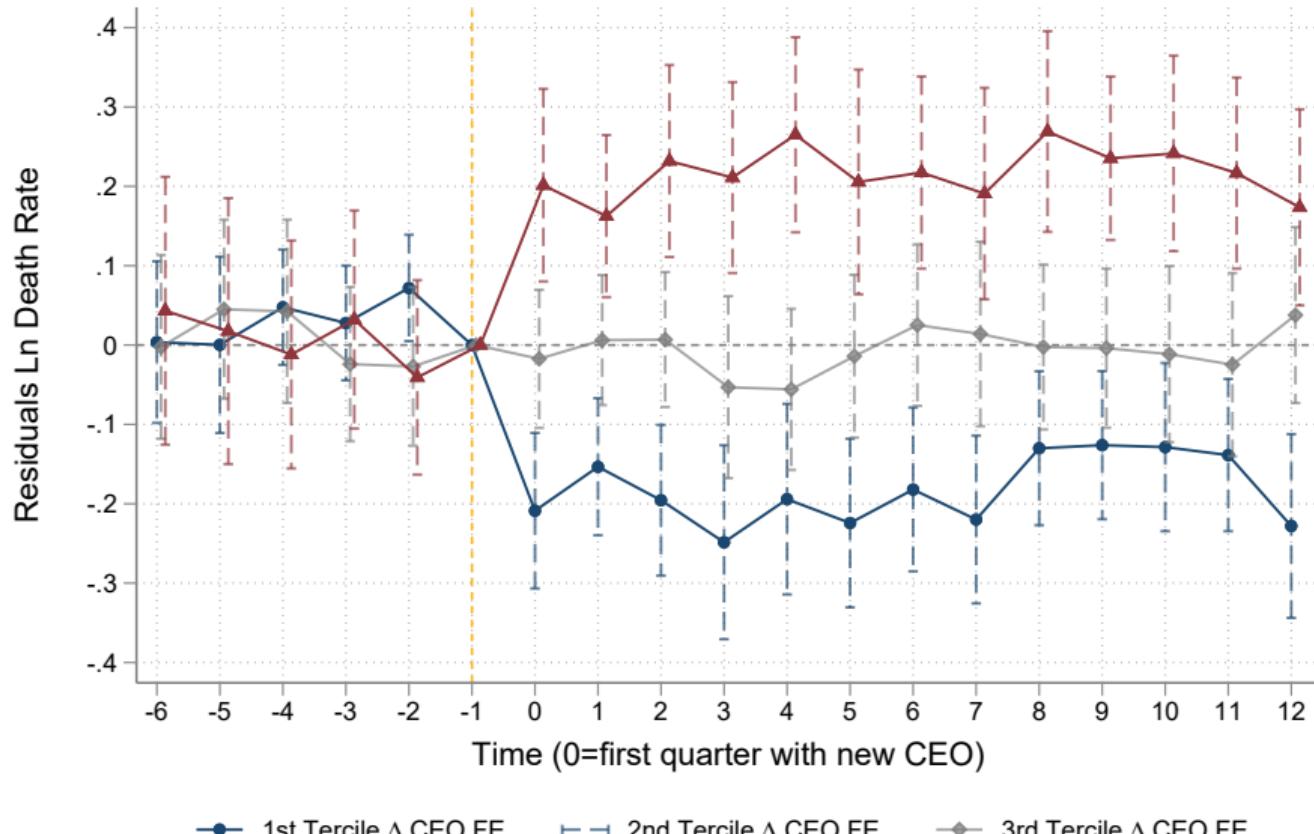
Descriptive statistics

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	Mean (1)	Std. Dev. (2)	Bottom 10% (3)	Median (4)	Top 10% (5)	# of Obs. (6)
Number of deaths	38.21	63.27	1.00	12.00	116.00	13,988
Number of inpatients	1,491	2,006	101	587	4,568	13,988
Death rate	2.46	1.94	0.38	2.15	4.69	13,988
Death rate ER	3.01	3.53	0.15	2.55	5.69	11,087
% Public insurance	0.96	0.05	0.92	0.98	1.00	13,988
% Female	0.59	0.08	0.47	0.60	0.68	13,988
% Age < 29	0.36	0.16	0.14	0.37	0.49	13,988
% Age ∈ (30,39)	0.12	0.05	0.06	0.12	0.17	13,988
% Age ∈ (50,59)	0.10	0.04	0.06	0.09	0.14	13,988
% Age > 89	0.02	0.02	0	0.01	0.05	13,988

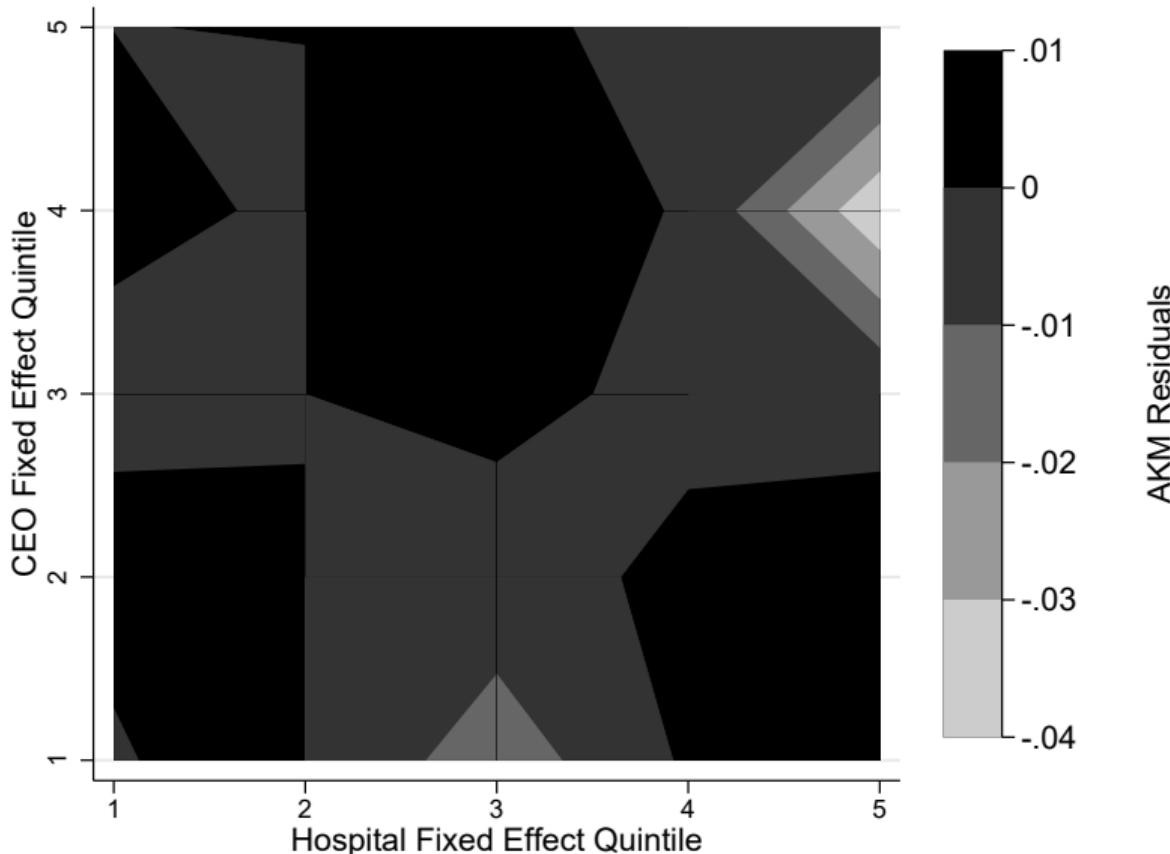
Threats to the identification of managerial talent: Switchers

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Mean residual by CEO-hospital quintile

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Bias-corrected variances and covariances

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	Component	Share of Total
	(1)	(2)
$\mathbb{V}(\text{Log Death Rate})$	0.526	100%
$\mathbb{V}(\text{Manager})$	0.139	26%
$\mathbb{V}(\text{Hospital})$	0.193	36%
$\mathbb{V}(x'_{ht}\beta)$	0.403	76%
$2\mathbb{C}(\text{Manager}, \text{Hospital})$	-0.055	-10%
$2\mathbb{C}(x'_{ht}\beta, \text{Manager} + \text{Hospital})$	-0.001	-0.00%
$\mathbb{V}(\text{Residual})$	-0.149	-28%

Correlation between CEO fixed effect and characteristics

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	CEO Fixed Effect				
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Female	-0.068*	-0.065*	-0.071*	-0.054	-0.052
	(0.037)	(0.036)	(0.036)	(0.035)	(0.035)
Age	0.166***	0.163***	0.163***	0.163***	0.163***
	(0.010)	(0.010)	(0.010)	(0.010)	(0.010)
Age ²	-0.002***	-0.002***	-0.002***	-0.002***	-0.002***
	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)
Doctor		-0.084**	-0.166***	-0.101**	-0.115***
		(0.039)	(0.039)	(0.041)	(0.041)
Mgmt. Background			-0.105**	-0.093*	-0.106**
			(0.053)	(0.054)	(0.053)
Doctor × Mgmt. Studies				-0.199***	-0.199***
				(0.037)	(0.037)
Observations	8,197	8,197	8,197	8,197	8,185
R-squared	0.101	0.102	0.102	0.109	0.110
Sample	All	All	All	All	Degree data available

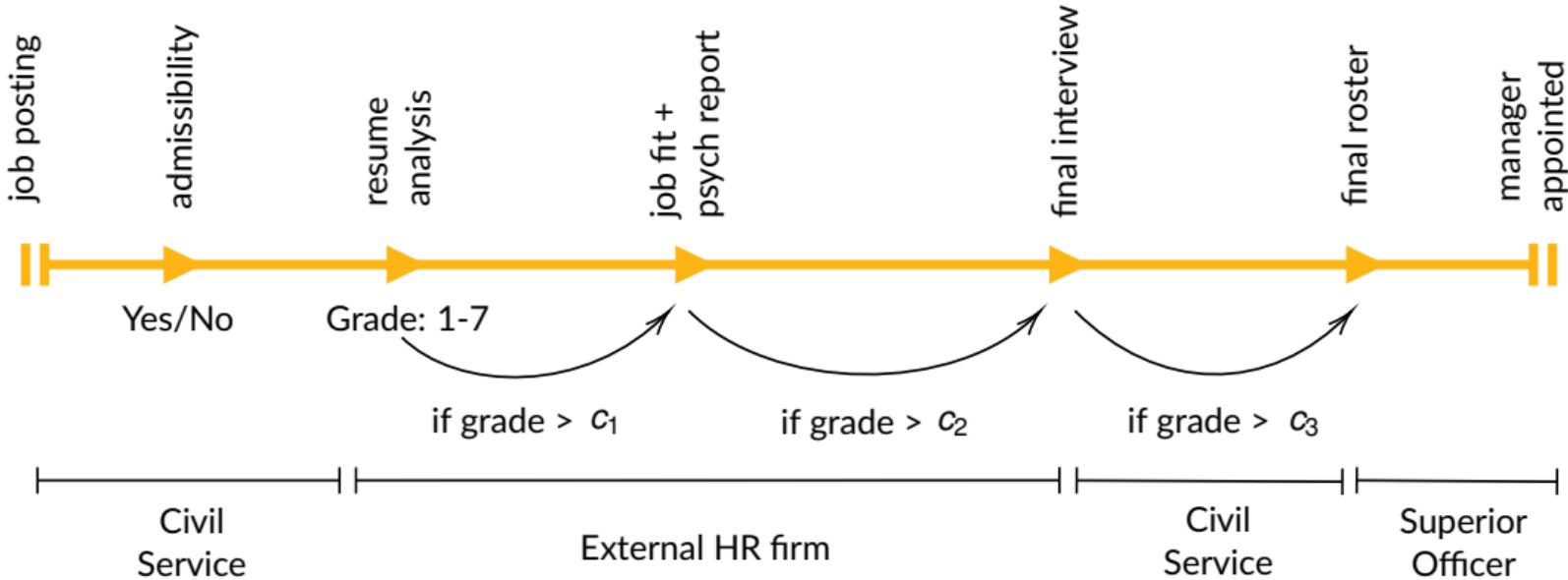
- (i) Higher base (position-specific) wages in the form of a monthly unconditional bonus
 - in our setting represents a 33% increase in the position's pay → [Box plot](#)
- (ii) Performance pay incentives: only trivial penalty based on past performance

$$\text{Yearly Wage}_t = \begin{cases} 100\% & \text{if } \text{performance}_{t-1} \geq 95\% \\ 98.5\% & \text{if } 65\% \leq \text{performance}_{t-1} < 95\% \\ 93\% & \text{if } \text{performance}_{t-1} < 65\% \end{cases}$$

- de facto lax and not binding in our setting (and across the board)

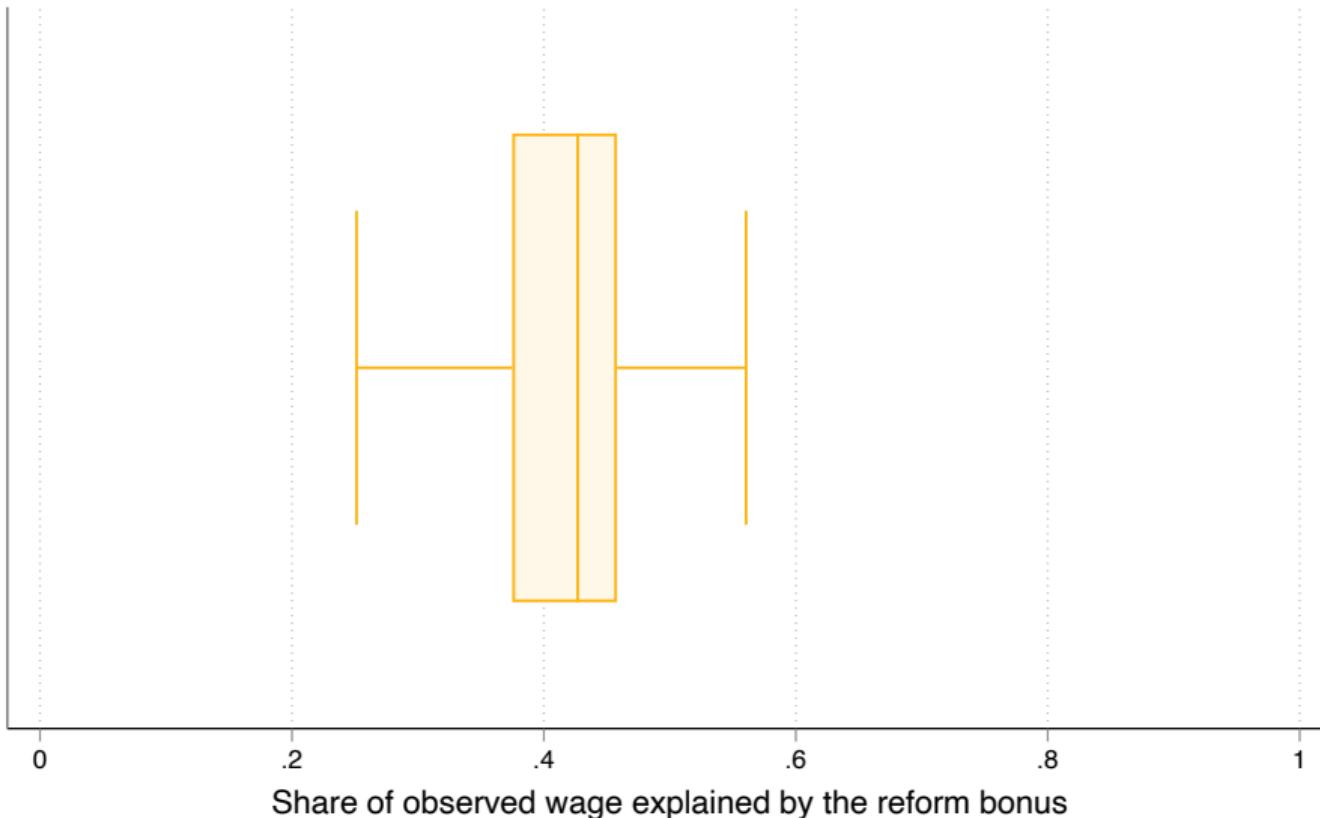
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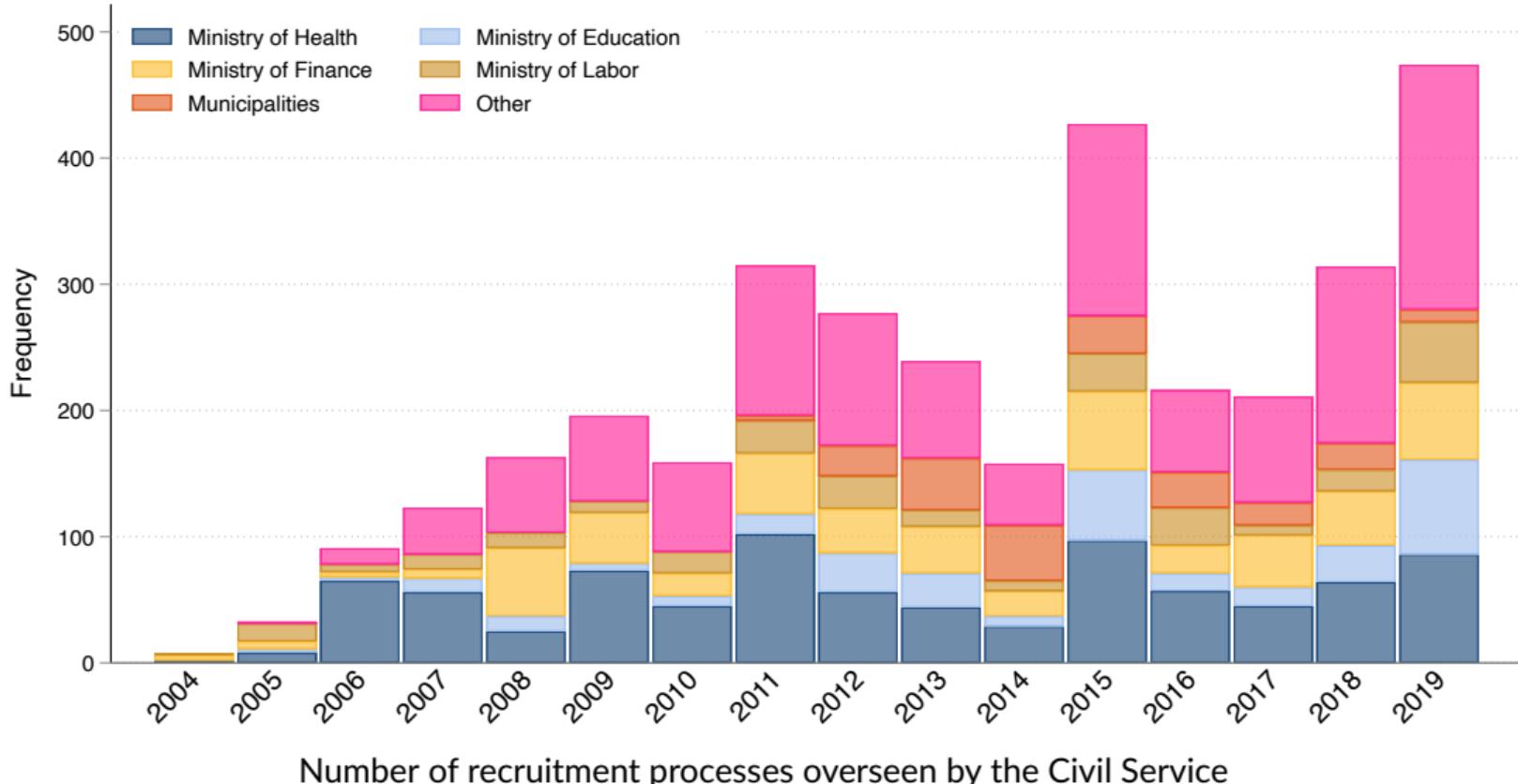
Share of total wage explained by bonus

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Public agencies gradually adopted selection reform

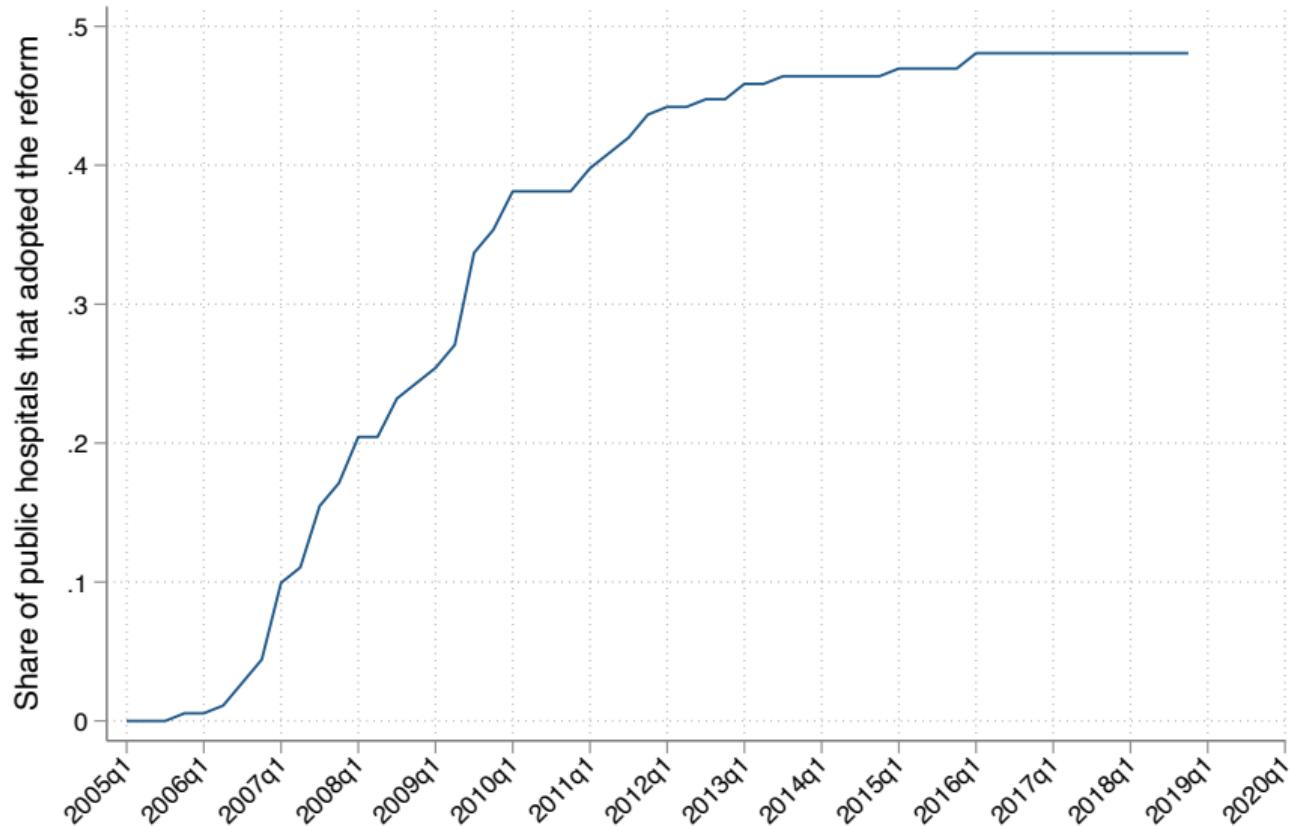
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Number of recruitment processes overseen by the Civil Service

Public hospitals adopting the reform

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Adoption by hospital size

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	Never Treated	Ever Treated	Total
Big Hospital	2	61	63
Medium Hospital	6	22	28
Small Hospital	92	5	97
Total	100	88	188

Balance in observables before the reform

Patient composition:	Avg. never adopter (1)	β Ever adopter (Levels) (2)	β Ever adopter (First-Diff) (3)
% Age < 29	0.381	0.042 (0.060)	0.004 (0.003)
% Age ∈ (30,49)	0.220	0.005 (0.021)	0.003 (0.002)
% Age ∈ (50,69)	0.185	0.009 (0.024)	-0.003 (0.003)
% Age ∈ (70,89)	0.197	-0.047** (0.021)	-0.004* (0.002)
% Age > 89	0.018	-0.009*** (0.002)	-0.000 (0.001)
% Female	0.605	-0.027 (0.018)	0.000 (0.003)
% Public insurance	0.972	-0.043*** (0.009)	0.003 (0.002)

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Hospital outcomes:	Avg. never adopter (1)	β Ever adopter (Levels) (2)	β Ever adopter (First-Diff) (3)
Number of deaths	5.970	47.943*** (16.157)	0.999 (1.053)
Death rate	1.389	0.497 (0.366)	0.083 (0.083)
Death rate ER	1.483	1.325** (0.618)	0.137 (0.116)
Death rate 28 days	3.305	-0.046 (0.504)	0.155 (0.143)

Balance in observables before the reform

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Political variables:	Avg. never adopter (1)	β Ever adopter (Levels) (2)	β Ever adopter (First-Diff) (3)
% Votes for right	25.764	8.186* (4.792)	2.674 (5.691)
% Votes for center	19.107	5.499 (5.633)	2.046 (3.970)
% Votes for left	24.435	-8.226 (5.256)	-4.579 (4.275)

Impact on hospital performance: other outcomes

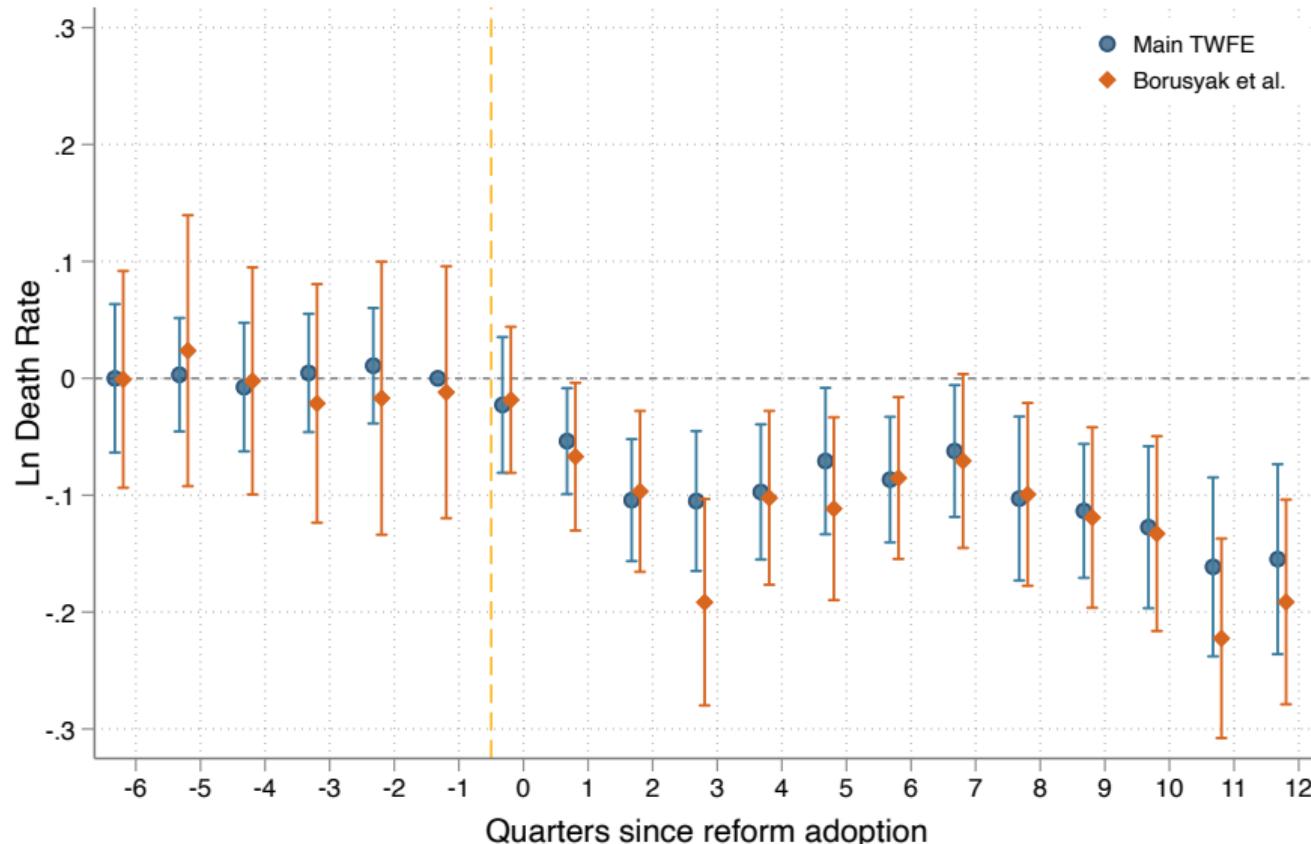
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	Ln Death Rate					Readmiss. Rate	
	Stay (main)	Stay ER	28-days	28-days ER	Stay or 28-days	1 month	3 months
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1 if reform adopted in hosp.	-0.081*** (0.022)	-0.142*** (0.038)	-0.061* (0.034)	-0.093** (0.037)	-0.047*** (0.016)	-0.008 (0.012)	-0.009 (0.010)
Observations	8,104	6,592	7,335	6,261	8,104	7,893	7,897
R-squared	0.766	0.775	0.720	0.754	0.814	0.808	0.821
Time FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hospital FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Case-Mix Controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
# of Hospitals	181	175	181	176	181	181	181
Mean Dep. Variable	2.625	3.088	4.529	5.209	4.726	21.67	29.43

- Other models and estimating procedures
 - treatment effect heterogeneity → Borusyak et al. 2022
 - poisson model → Stay → 30-day
- Are the results too big? → Other policies
- Alternative approaches to study CEO impact on hospital performance
 - examine R^2 after CEO FE inclusion → Evidence
 - two-way fixed effects model and exploit CEO rotation → Evidence

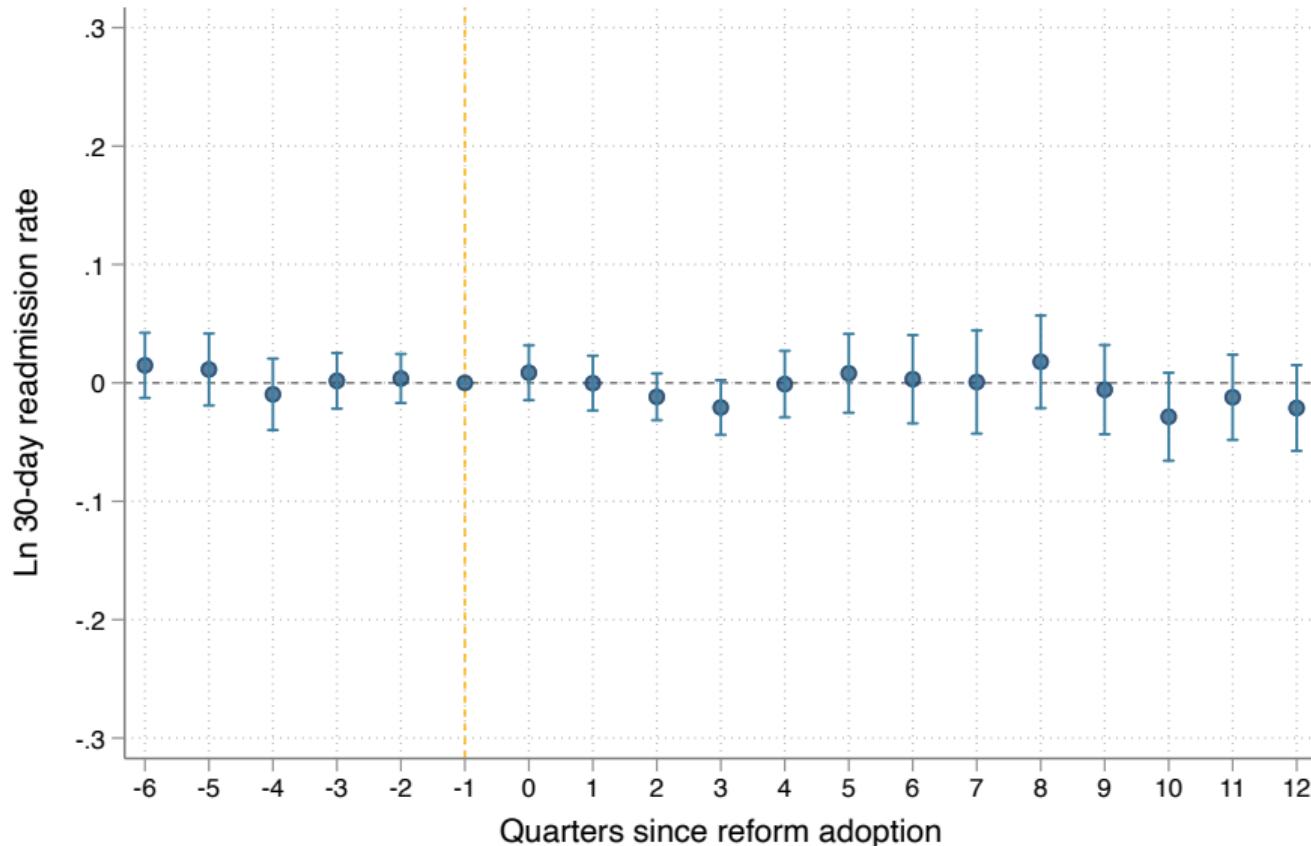
Impact on hospital performance

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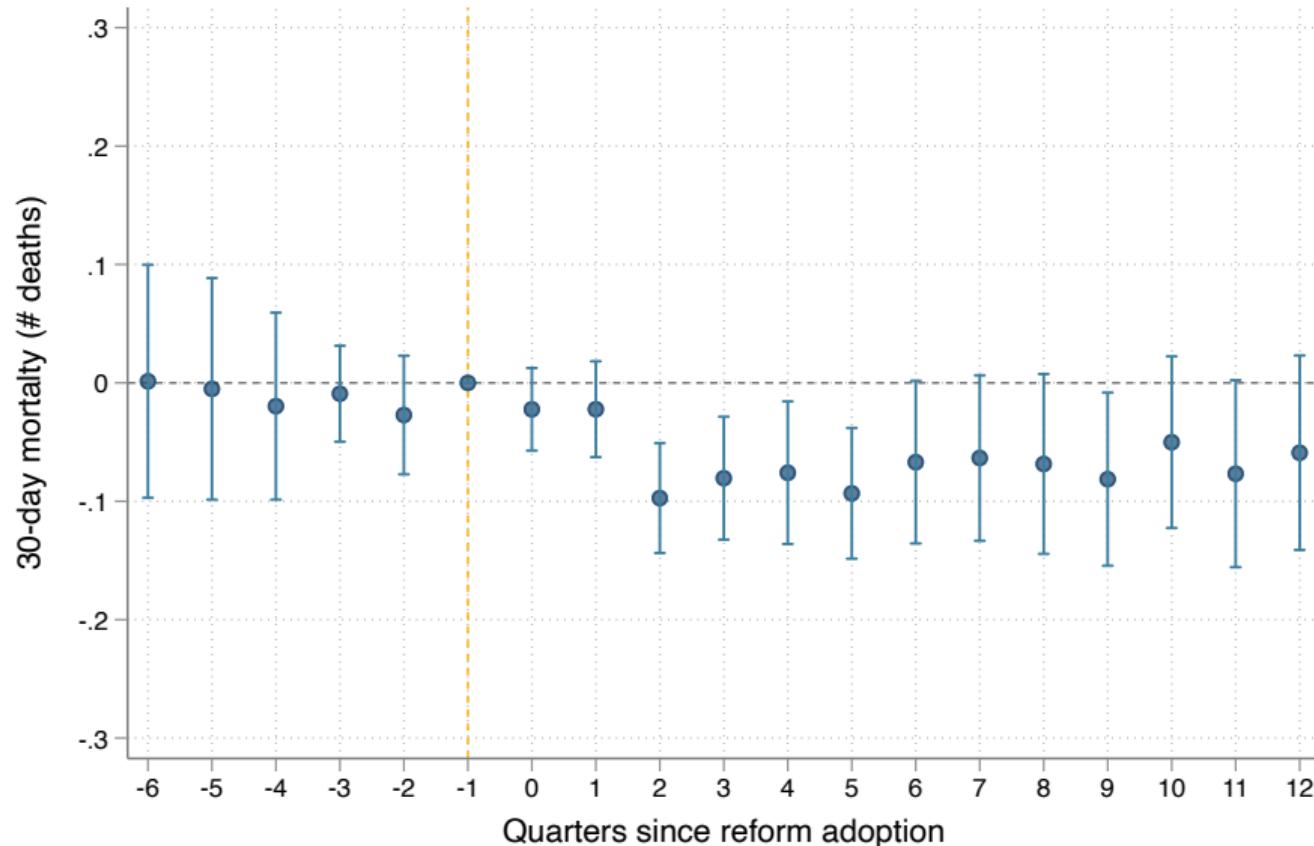
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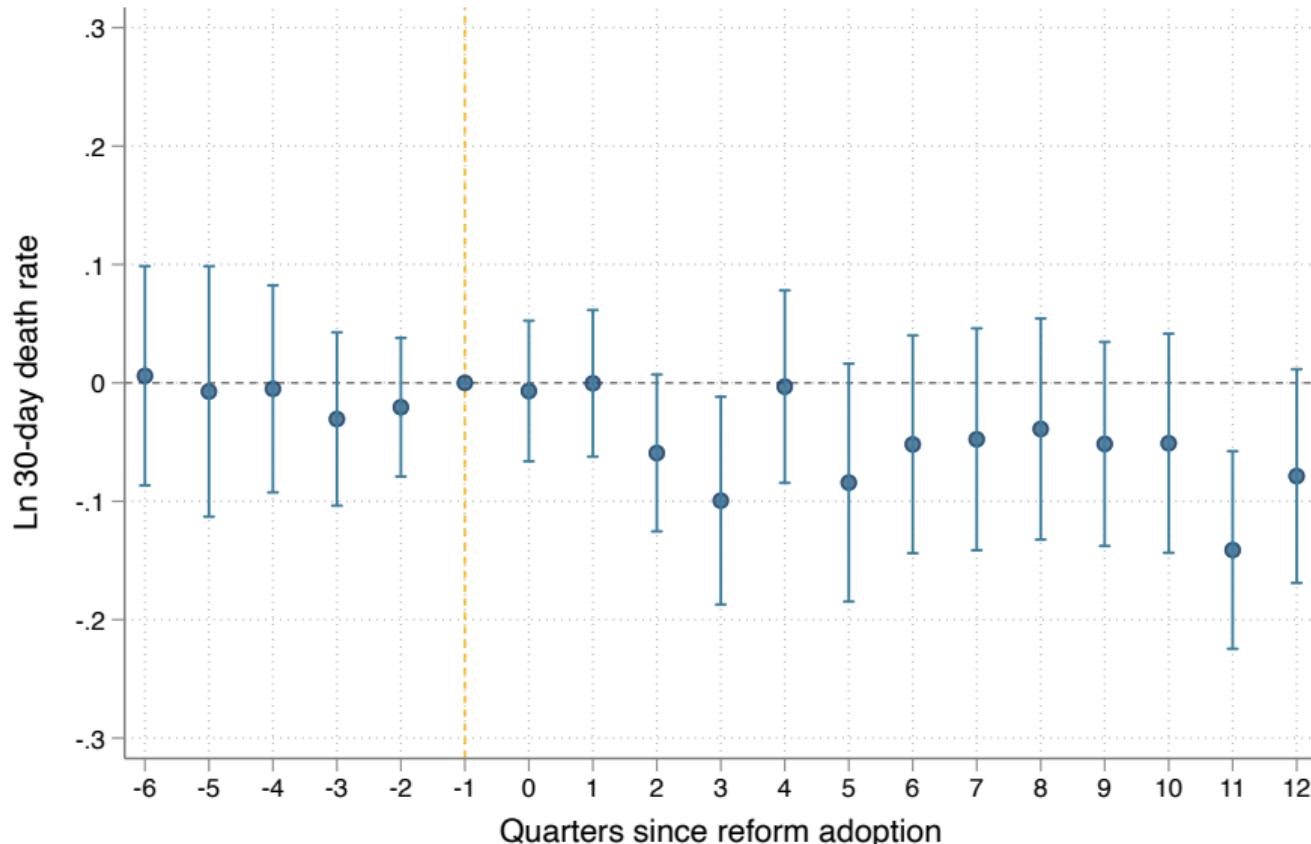
30-day mortality

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During stay and following 30-day mortality

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Hospital mortality and CEO performance

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	Ln Death Rate					
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
R^2	.41	.42	.67	.76	.73	.76
Adj. R^2	.40	.41	.66	.73	.69	.72
Observations	6,712	6,712	6,712	6,712	6,712	6,712
Case Mix Controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Time FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hospital FE	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
CEO FE	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
CEO-by-hospital FE	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
F-statistic for CEO FEs	-	-	-	3.4	10.06	-

Two-way fixed effects model: rotation of CEOs

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- Exploit the rotation of CEOs across hospitals to study impact on hospital quality
- Consider following model:

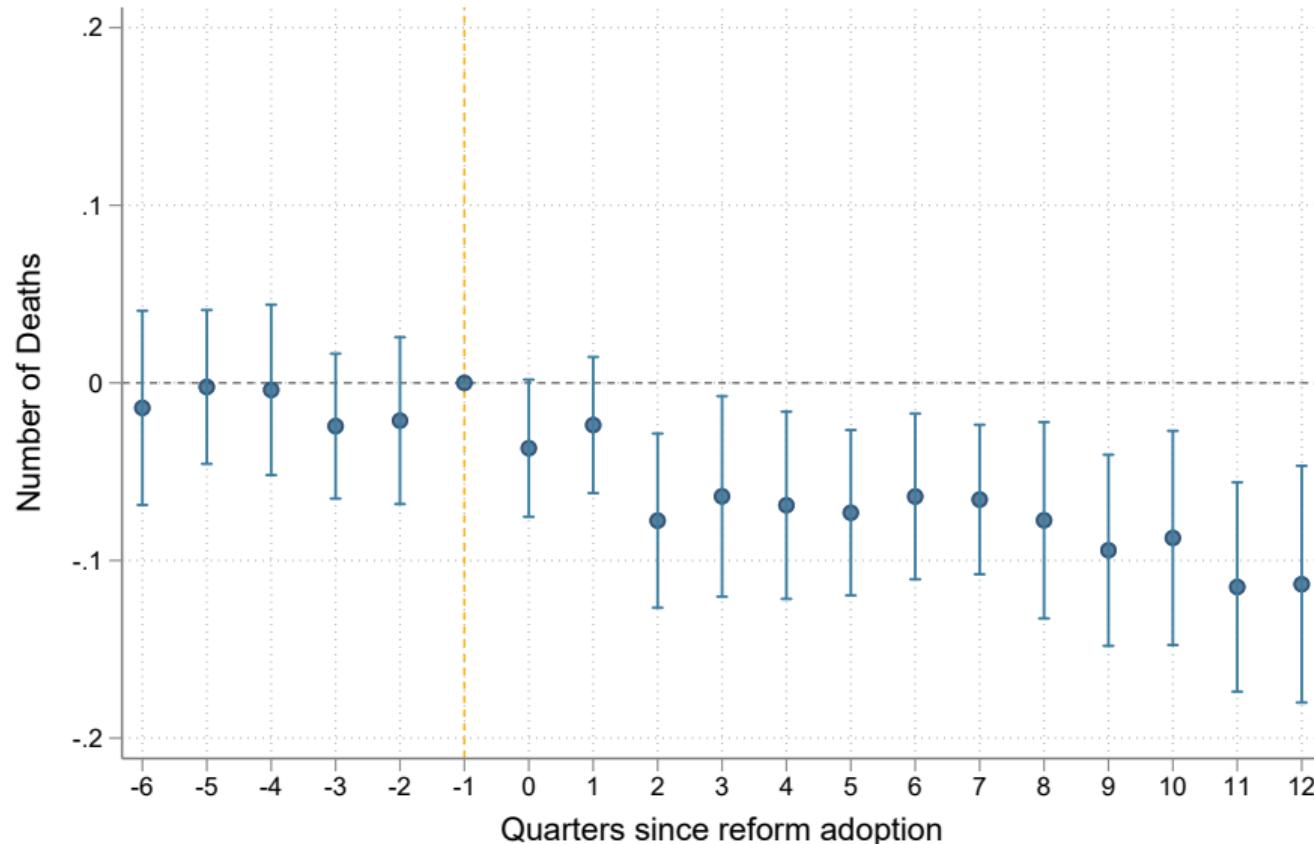
$$\ln(\text{death rate})_{ht} = \alpha_h + \psi_{M(h,t)} + \gamma_t + X'_{ht}\Delta + u_{ht},$$

- α_h and $\psi_{M(h,t)}$ are hospital and CEO fixed effects, respectively

- For estimation: condition on connected sets (Abowd et al. 1999; Card et al 2013)
 - # CEOs: 789; # hospitals: 113; # connected sets: 19; # movers: 86
- Threats to identification » Supporting evidence
 1. CEO mobility might be endogenous
 2. potential existence of match effects between CEOs and hospitals
- Bias-corrected variance covariance decomposition (Andrews et al. 2008) » Results
- Correlation between CEO fixed effect and characteristics » Results

New selection process decreased # of deaths

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CEO selection reform in context of other policies

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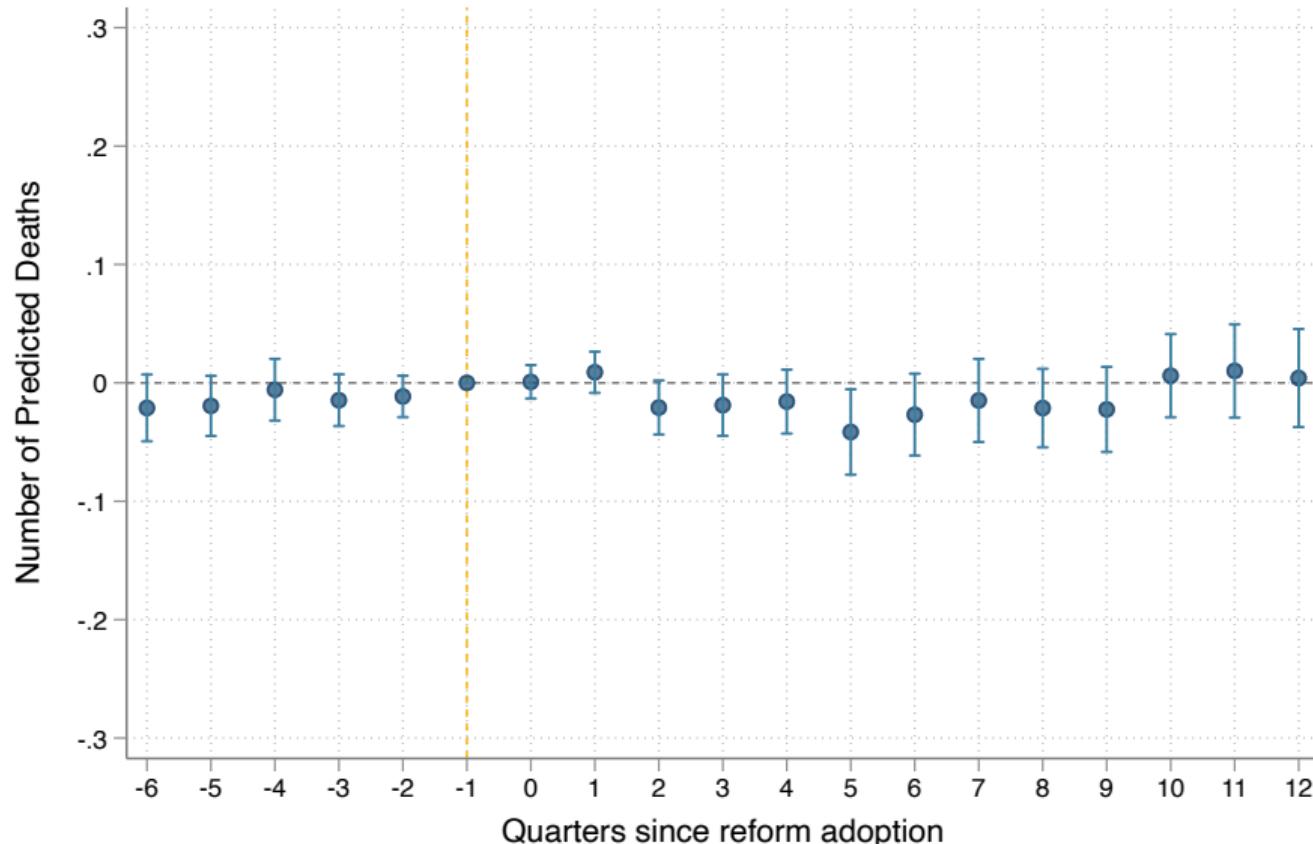
Policy (1)	Paper (2)	Death rate definition (3)	Average death rate (4)	Impact on death rate (5)	Sample of patients (6)
Spending					
↑ 10% p/capita	Doyle et al. JPE '15 Ours	All, 1-year	37% 32%	↓ 6% ↓ 7%	ER + Amb. + $\geq 65^*$ ER + ≥ 65
Public vs Private					
VA v. Non-VA hospitals	Card & Chan '22 Ours	All, 1-year	29% 32%	↓ 7% ↓ 7%	ER + Amb. + ≥ 65 ER + ≥ 65
Competition					
+1 hospital in neighborhood ↓ 10% HHI	Bloom et al. ReStud '15 Gaynor et al. AEJ EP '13 Ours	In-hospital, 28-day In-hospital, 28-day	15% 1.6% 2.3%	↓ 10% ↓ 1% ↓ 15%	ER + AMI All patients All patients

Notes: HHI: Herfindahl-Hirschman index; AMI: Acute Heart Infarction; Amb: arriving by ambulance; *: non-deferrable medical conditions.

- Similar to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) procedure
- CMS risk-adjusted mortality is a reliable and valid indicator of hosp. quality in the US
(Chandra et al. 2016; Doyle et al. 2019)
 - institutional setting in the US is prone for patient selection
- Procedure:
 1. Fit a logit of death at the patient level on a set patient charac. in the pre-period
 2. Predict death likelihood at the patient level
 3. Compute the average predicted number of deaths at the hospital level, \bar{y}_{ht}

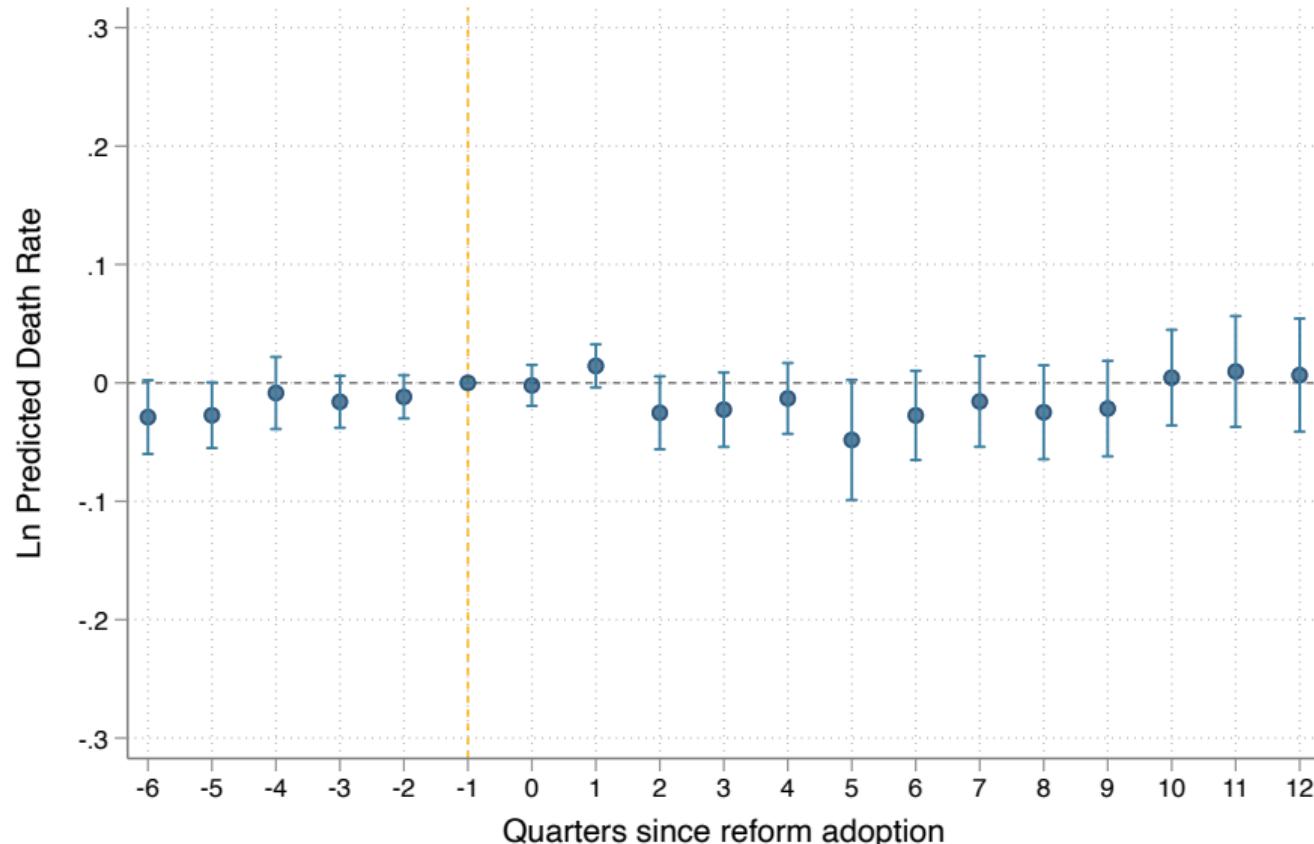
Predicted death count: past diagnosis

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Predicted death rate

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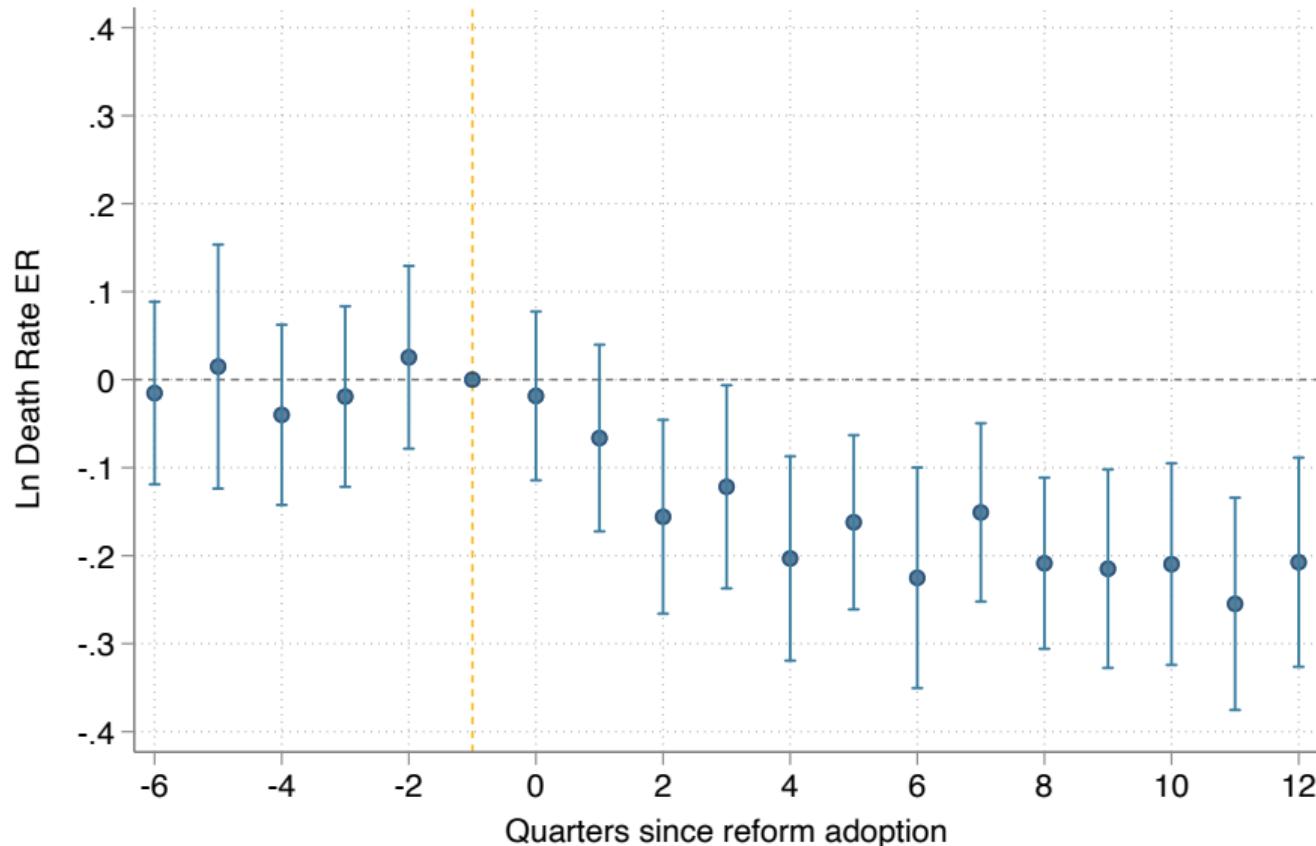
Results are not explained by a change in patient composition

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	Death Rate			
	Ln Predicted		Ln Actual/Predicted	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	
1 if reform adopted in hospital	-0.004 (0.004)	-0.086*** (0.023)	-0.090*** (0.024)	-0.089*** (0.024)
Observations	8,104	8,104	8,104	8,104
Time FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hospital FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Patient Demographics	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Type of Insurance	Yes	No	Yes	No
Enhanced Elixhauser Comorbidity Index	Yes	No	No	Yes
Pseudo-R ² Logit		0.147	0.158	0.176
# of Hospitals	181	181	181	181
Mean Dep. Variable	3.506	0.780	0.712	0.737

Results are robust in specifications for ER patients

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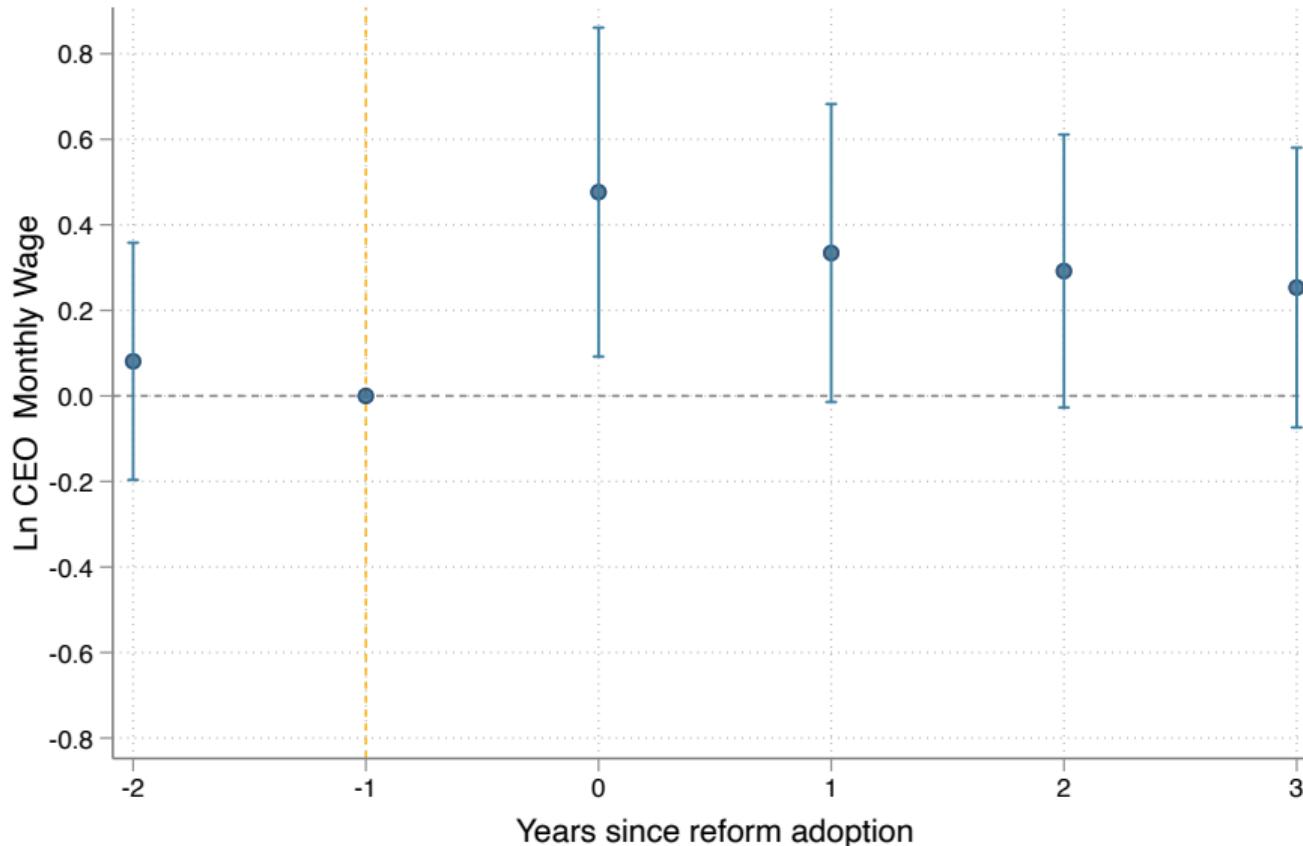


	Mean	Std. Dev.	Obs.
Previous experience			
in same hospital	.33	.47	648
in public sector	.93	.25	648
in health sector	1	.07	648
in management	.99	.12	648
as CEO	.45	.5	648
as CEO in private hospital	.07	.25	648

	Ln Death Rate (%)	
	(1)	(2)
Reform	-0.116*** (0.028)	
Reform & Internal		0.013 (0.070)
Reform & External		-0.127*** (0.029)
Observations	7,711	7,711
Time FE	Yes	Yes
Hospital FE	Yes	Yes
Case mix	Yes	Yes
Mean Dep. Variable	2.62	2.62
p value <i>Internal = External</i>		0.057

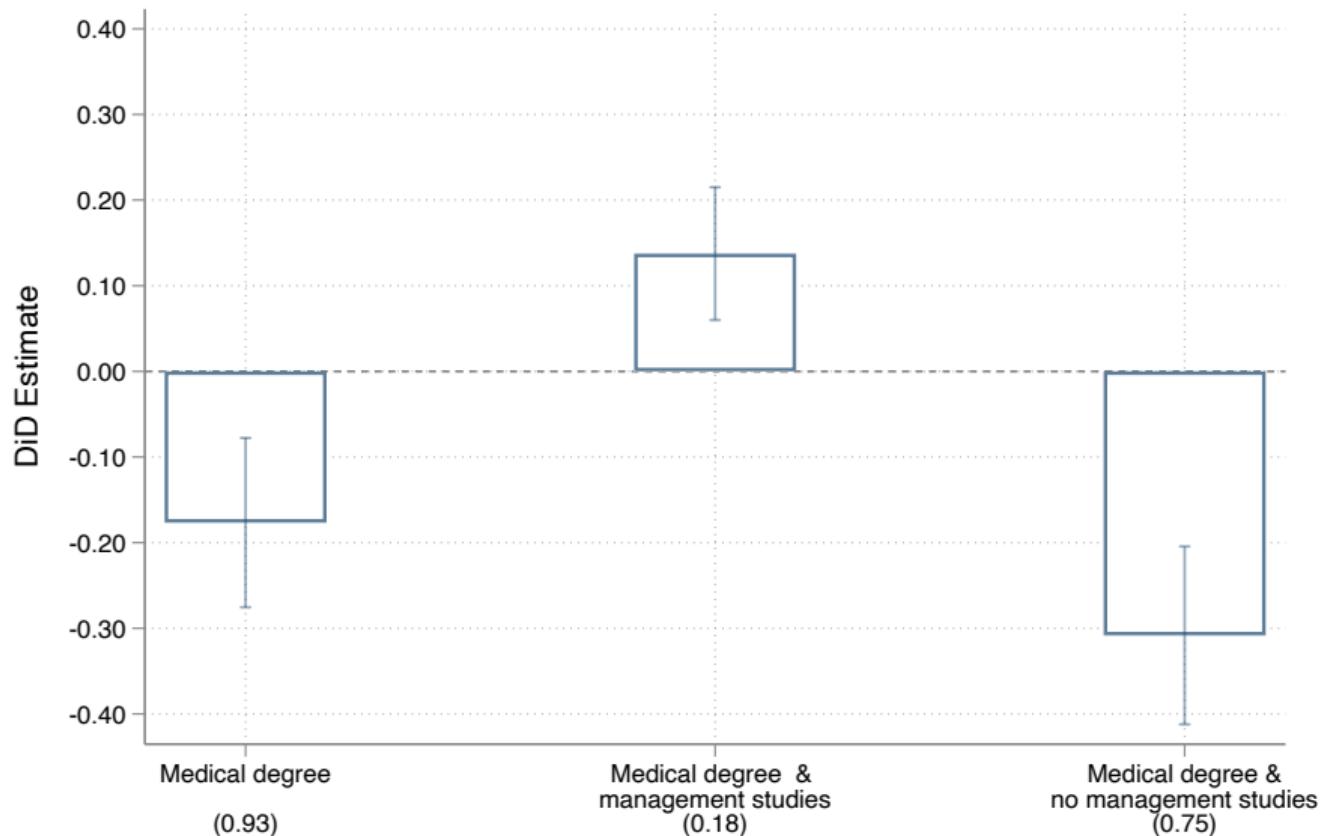
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Reform only displaced doctor CEOs w/o mgmt. training

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Reform incentivized doctors to study management

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Some Chilean universities offer an MBA in Health, so that their graduates can work in administrative positions such as managers or directors of hospitals and even Seremis.

One of the institutions that offers this MBA with a specialization in Health is the Andrés Bello University (Unab), which allows students to acquire and deepen subjects such as economics, administration, marketing, epidemiology applied to management and clinical management.

Unab has carried out 21 versions of this program since 2005, and its success is based on its implementation in several cities in the country, from Iquique to Punta Arenas, in hotels and hospitals, with more than 500 graduates, reported the newspaper La Tercera.

There is also a Senior Management version, aimed at professionals with more experience and who intend to achieve or remain in senior management positions. The difference of this program is that it has a double degree with the lede-UEM Business School of Spain, even one of the three semesters that the MBA lasts is taught entirely by Spanish professors, and it is necessary that the students carry out an internship in Europe.

Universidad Mayor has the MBA in Health Management and Management, a one-and-a-half year program with a more strategic focus, focused on problem solving, development of entrepreneurship for new business ideas. The 18-month master's degree has three lines of development: strategic analysis, business management and strategic direction.

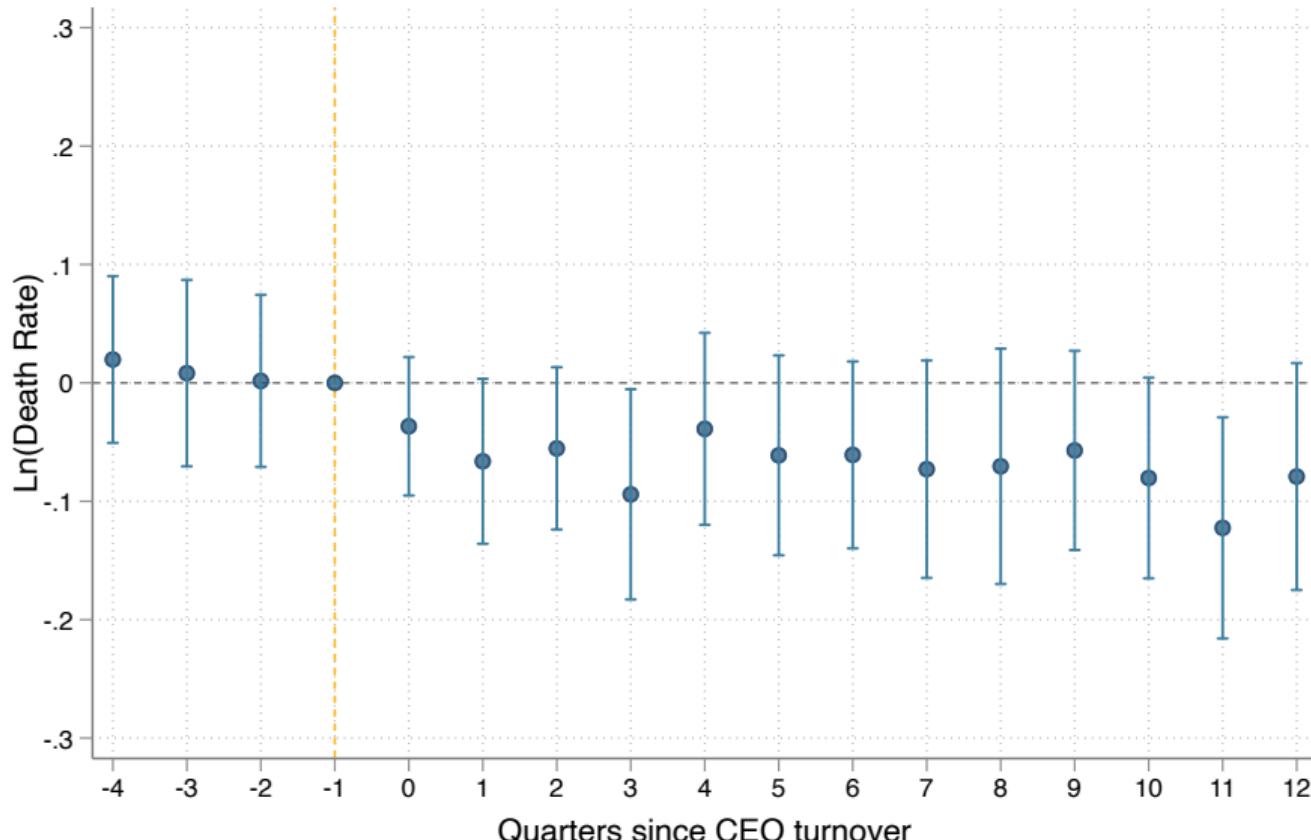
CEO transitions according to management studies

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Previous CEO had:	Current CEO has:			Total
	Non-Mgmt. Studies (1)	Mgmt. Studies (2)	No Data (3)	
Non-Mgmt. Studies	431	94	5	530
Mgmt. Studies	95	66	4	165
No Data	31	4	4	39
Total	557	164	13	734

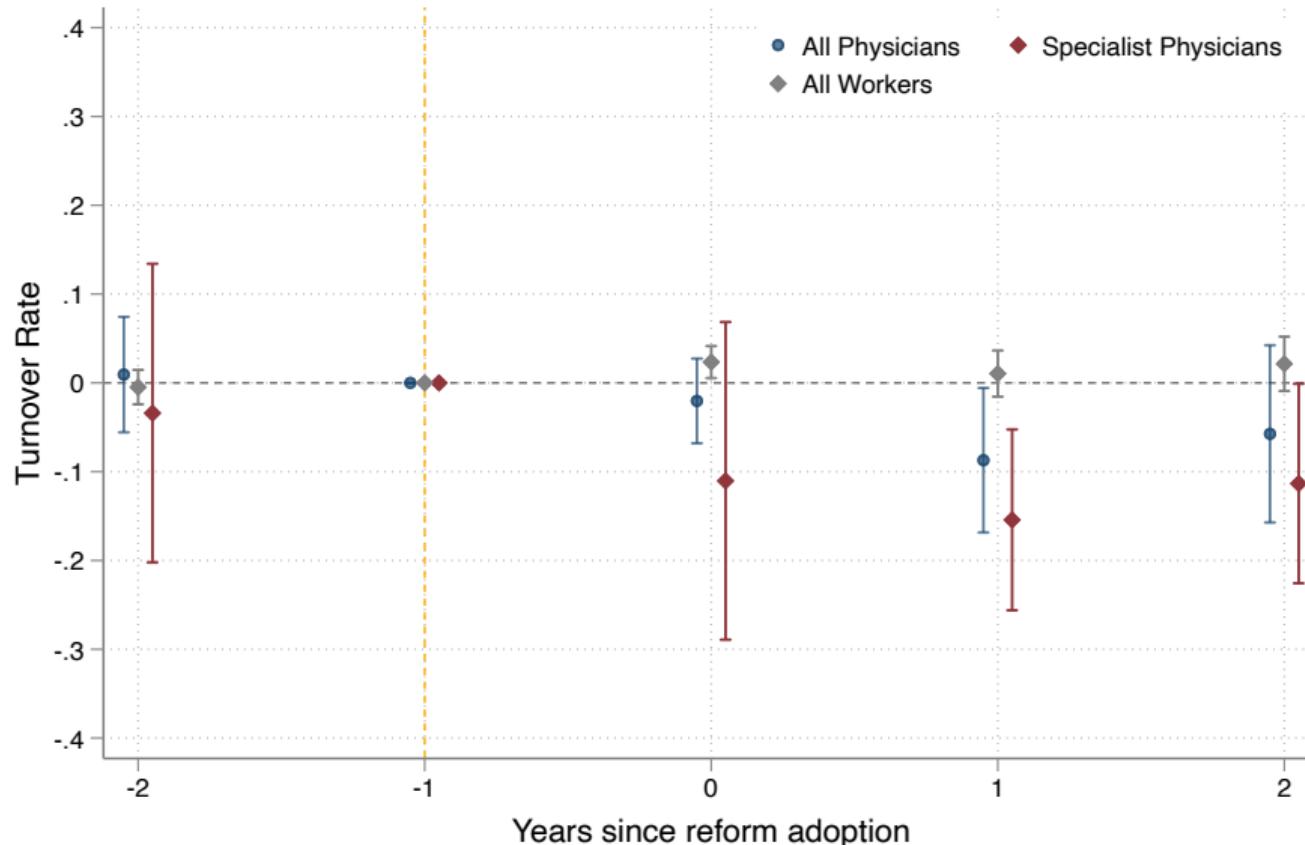
No pre trends in CEO transition

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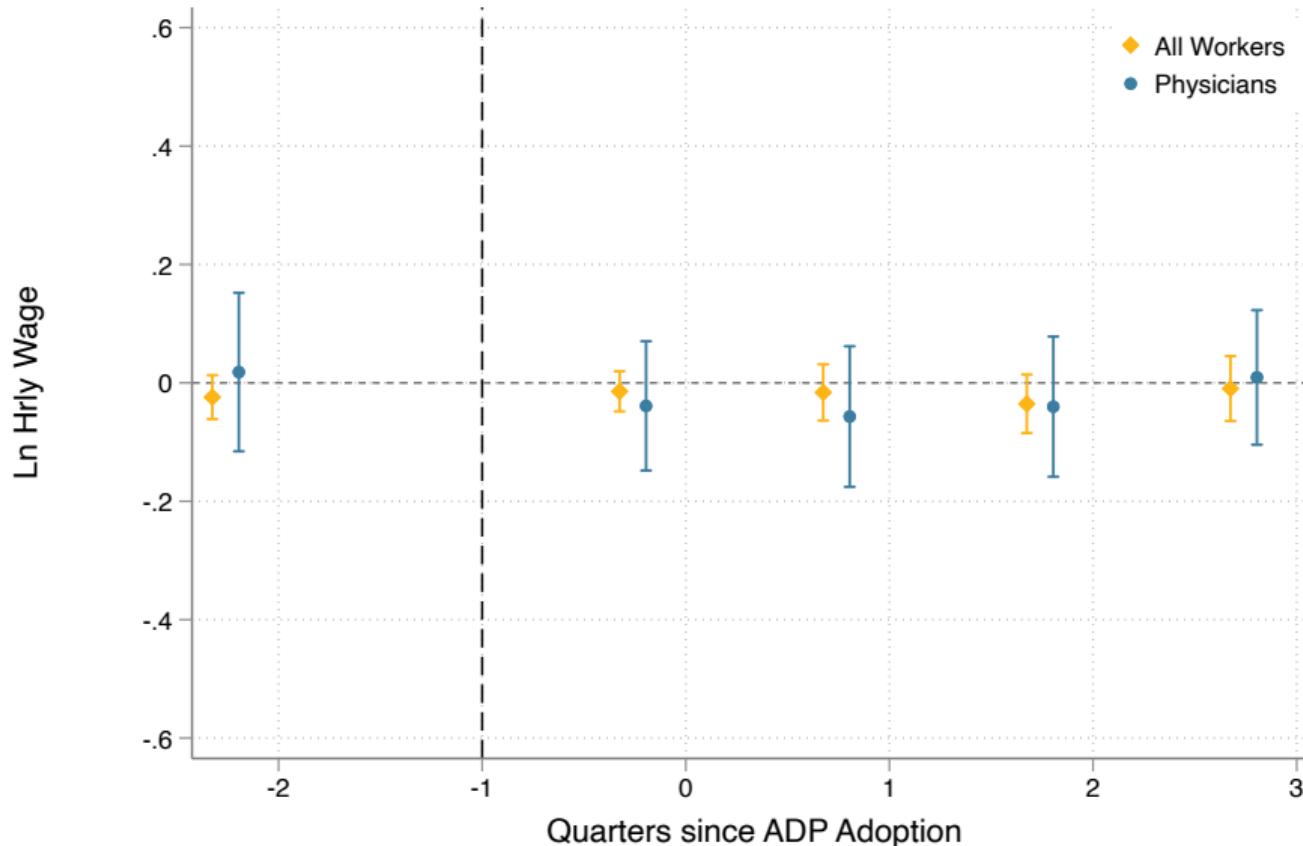
Reduced high-skilled worker turnover

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No effect on hourly wages

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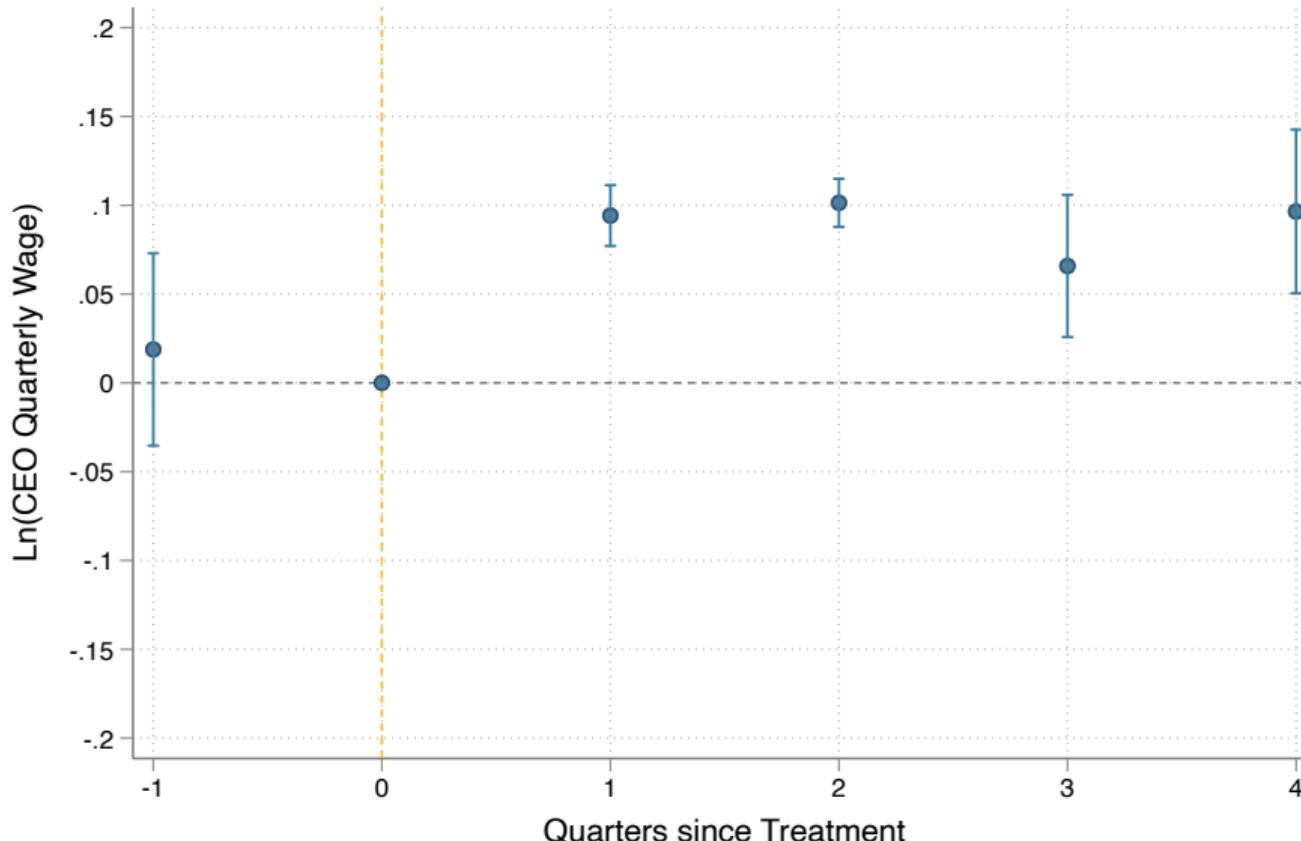
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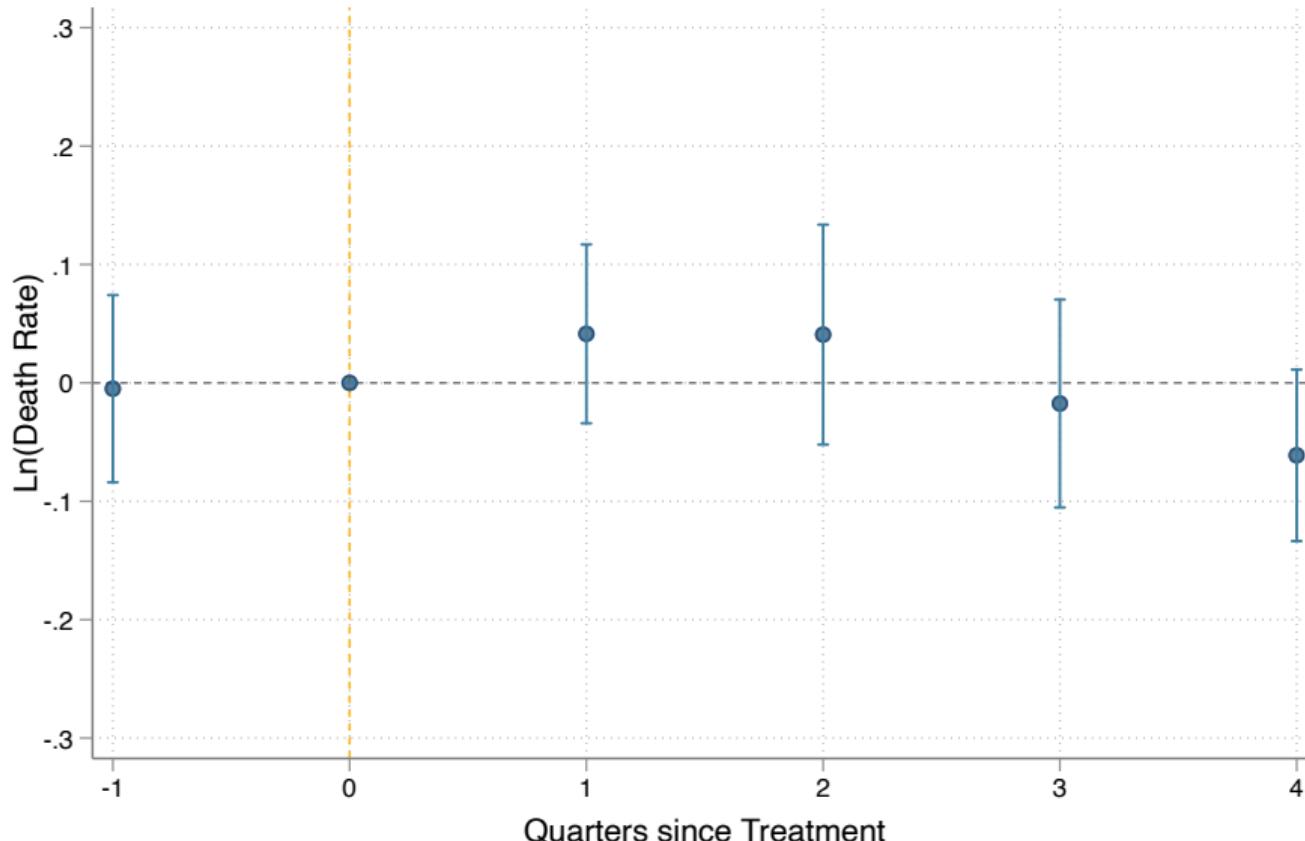
$$y_{hte} = \alpha_{he} + \gamma_{te} + \sum_{k=-1}^{4} \beta_k D_{hte}^k + \epsilon_{hte}$$

Amendment to the reform effect on wages



CEO performance doesn't improve with higher wages

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Performance pay incentives in the reform

- Senior executives agree to a 3-year performance contract
 - get a performance score based on the parameters in the contract
- Performance score impacts compensation according to:

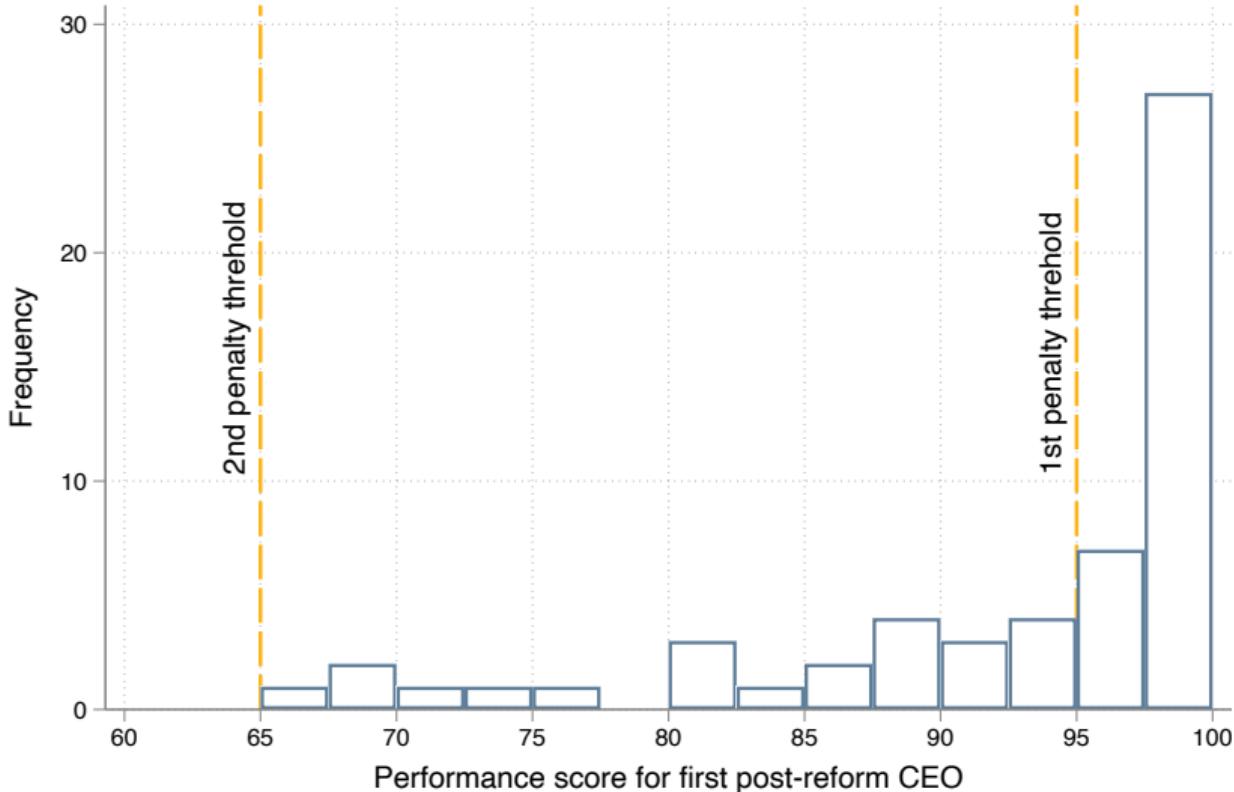
$$\text{Yearly Wage}_t = \begin{cases} 100\% & \text{if } \text{performance}_{t-1} \geq 95\% \\ 98.5\% & \text{if } 65\% \leq \text{performance}_{t-1} < 95\% \\ 93\% & \text{if } \text{performance}_{t-1} < 65\%. \end{cases}$$

- performance incentives trivial part of wage and apply only after second year

Performance pay was not binding

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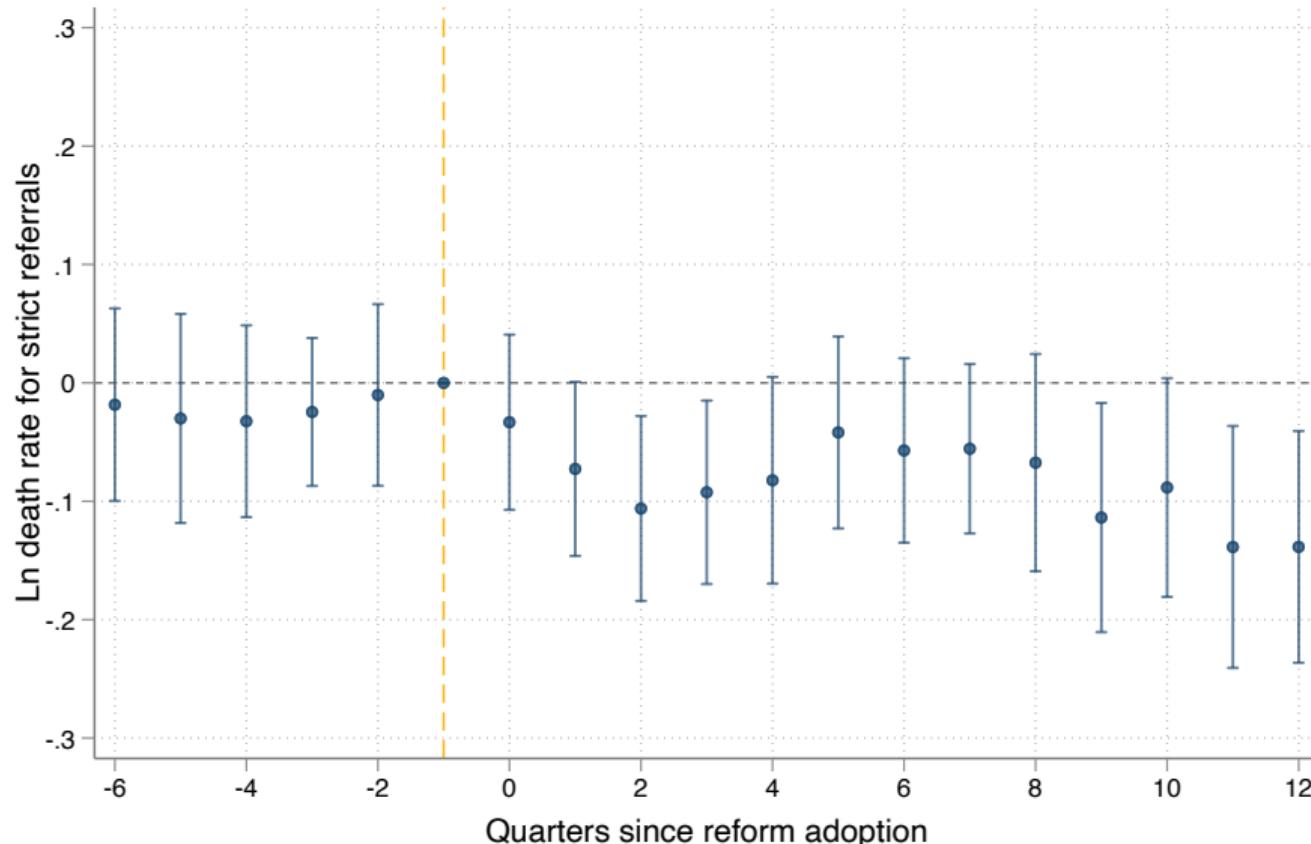
No differential impact in performance pay scores

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	Ln Death (%) (1)	Ln Death (%) (2)
Reform	-0.087*** (0.028)	
Reform & High Score		-0.086** (0.033)
Reform & Low Score		-0.089** (0.036)
Observations	7,670	7,670
Time FE	Yes	Yes
Hospital FE	Yes	Yes
Case Mix Controls	Yes	Yes
# of Hospitals	181	181
Mean Dep. Variable	2.61	2.61
p-value <i>High Score = Low Score</i>		0.94

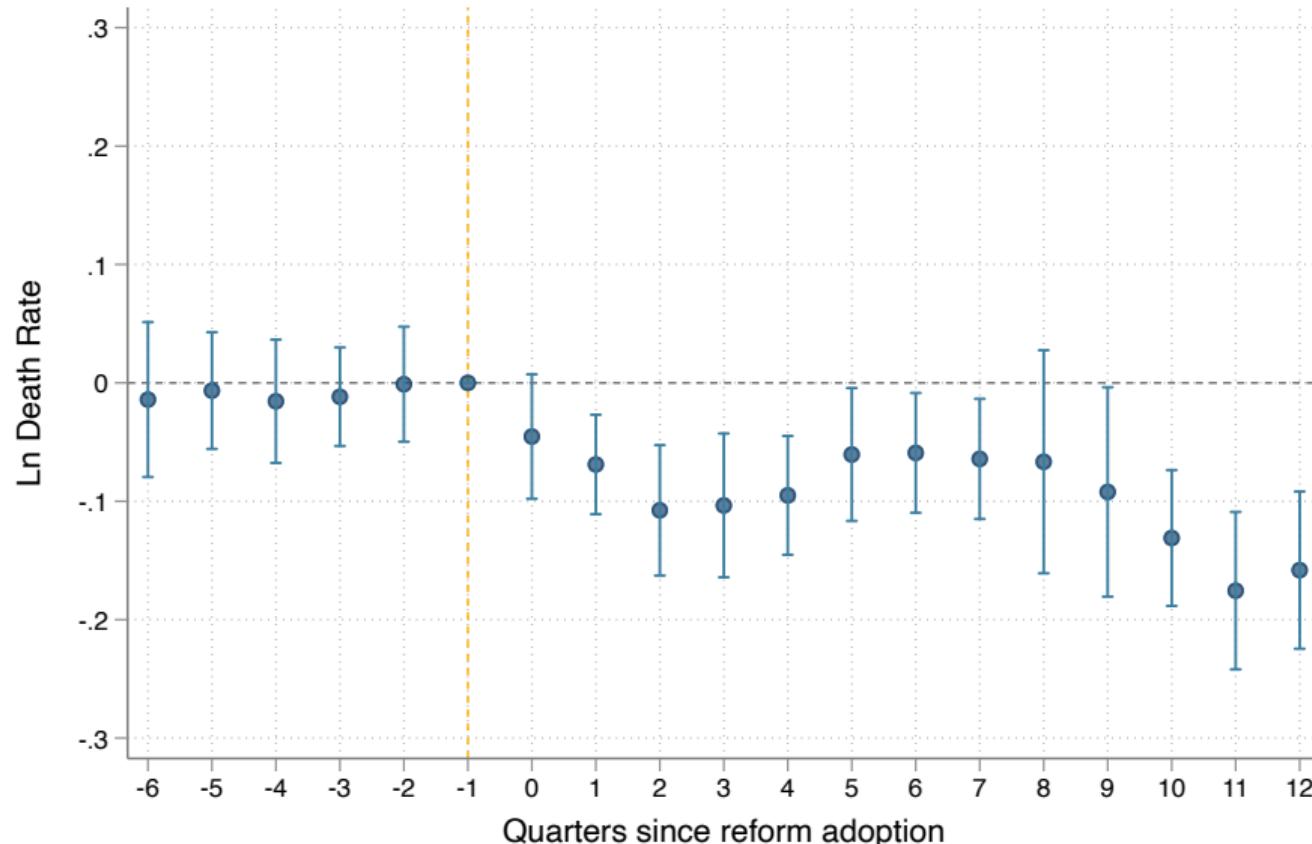
No evidence of unobserved patient sorting: strict referrals

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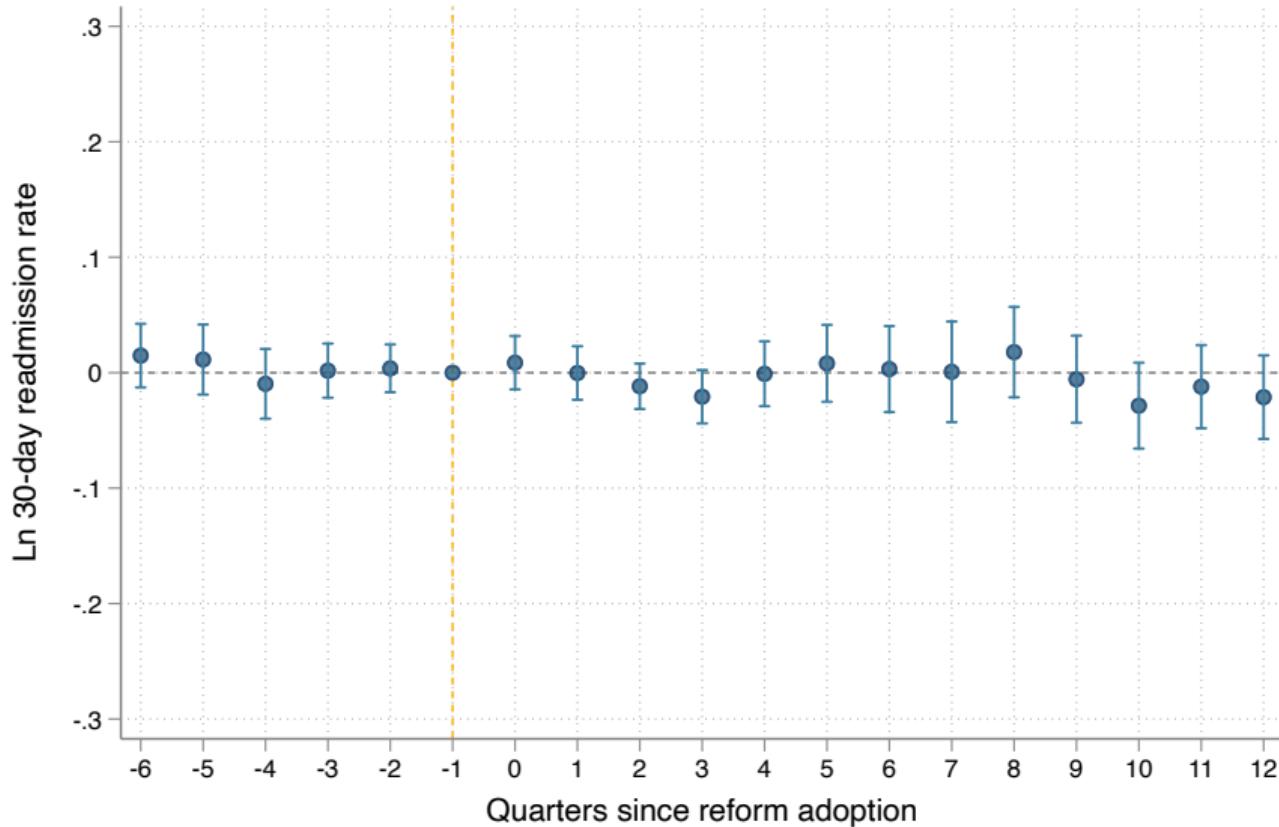
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Correlation w/ other performance metrics: waiting lists (prelim.)

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	(1) Ln surgical waitlist	(2) Ln medical waitlist	(3) Ln both waitlist
1 if reform adopted in hospital	0.319 (0.412)	0.816 (0.689)	0.601 (0.445)
Observations	56	412	464
R-squared	0.687	0.827	0.853
Time FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hospital FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
# of Hospitals	14	89	96
Mean Dep. Variable	870	2,287	2,313
Data Period	≥ 2012	≥ 2012	≥ 2012