
2025 AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting Agenda

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Friday, June 6

3:00 pm–6:00 pm

Registration Open

Room Exhibit Hall B Foyer

Saturday, June 7

7:00 am–12:00 pm

Interdisciplinary Research Group on Nursing Issues (IRGNI) Pre-Conference

Room 205 ABCD

Adjunct Meetings: Registration is Required. Visit: <https://academyhealth.org/arm/pre-conference>

The Interdisciplinary Research Group on Nursing Issues (IRGNI) Interest Group's Annual Research Meeting will highlight the latest health services research on nursing practice, workforce, and care delivery. Open to all, but separate registration is required.

7:00 am–6:00 pm

Registration Open

Room Exhibit Hall B Foyer

8:00 am–12:00 pm

AI Literacy & Learning Lab

Hilton Minneapolis Conrad B

Adjunct Meetings: Registration is Required. Visit: <https://academyhealth.org/page/2025-arm-registration>

Discover the power and potential of AI for HSR at the **AI Literacy & Learning Lab**. Visit interactive stations where experts will demo tools, answer questions, and provide guidance or resources. Join us to build basic literacy, try and test new tools, and explore how AI can enhance your work.

Objectives:

- Gain exposure to AI use cases and applications for HSR
 - Develop foundational AI literacy and access helpful resources
 - Identify opportunities to integrate AI into your work
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8:00 am–12:00 pm

Personalized Mentoring of Scholars in Academia

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Speakers: Eva N. Woodward; Rajinder Sonia Singh; Irenia Ball, Central Arkansas Veterans Health Care System;

Juinell Williams, Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center; Karen Johnson, University of Alabama School of Social Work

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The Personalized Mentoring of Scholars in Academia Training will focus on teaching learners actionable skills to enhance mentorship of others. The workshop includes one reading, one video, and small group exercises ending with describing one actionable step for you. Scientists from any field are welcome.

Objectives:

- Gain knowledge of foundational principles underlying mentorship in academia.
 - Determine at least one method of self-reflective practice for your mentorship.
 - Learn tangible skills to personalize mentorship for a variety of scholars.
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Concurrent Sessions

12:30 pm–1:45 pm

(Improving Safety, Quality, and Value) Randomized Evaluations to Improve Care Delivery: From Deprescribing Tools to Collaborative Dementia Care

Room 101 AB

Chair: Rachel Harrington, University of Illinois

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Grace McKee, San Francisco VA Health Care System; University of California, San Francisco

The VA Endoscopy Quality Improvement Program (VA-EQUIP): Results of a Large Pragmatic Randomized Controlled Trial in a National US Healthcare System

Julie Lauffenburger, Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School

Testing the Definitive Effectiveness of Electronic Health Record Deprescribing Tools for Older Adults: A 3-Arm Pragmatic Randomized Trial

Zachary Kaltenborn, University of Minnesota

PrEP Implementation in Primary Care: A Pragmatic Cluster Randomized Trial Assessing the Impact of Linking PrEP Prescribing to STI Testing

Wolfgang Hoffmann, University Medicine Greifswald; German Network for Health Services Research; German Center for Neurodegenerative Diseases (DZNE), Rostock/Greifswald

Clinical Outcomes and Cost-Effectiveness of Collaborative Dementia Care - a Secondary Analysis of a Cluster Randomized Trial

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session focuses on randomized trials of quality improvement initiatives or care delivery innovations. Topics include: a pragmatic randomized controlled trial of the VA Endoscopy Quality Improvement Program, a pragmatic randomized trial of EHR deprescribing tools, a cluster randomized trial of PrEP implementation in primary care, and clinical outcomes and cost-effectiveness of collaborative Dementia care.

(Medicaid, Coverage, and Access) Medicaid Provider Networks: Healthcare Access Issues and Policy Considerations

Room 101 CD

Chair: Dr. William Schpero,

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Wendy Xu, The Ohio State University

Using a Large Secret Shopper Survey to Assess Primary Care Provider Network Usability in State Medicaid Managed Care Plans

Matthew Lavalley, Johns Hopkins University

The Effect of Specialty Networks on Cardiovascular Care: Evidence from Random Assignment in Medicaid

Kathryn Thompson, Boston University School of Public Health

Changes in Postpartum Linkage to Primary Care Among Enrollees with Diabetes and Hypertensive Disorders of Pregnancy Following Medicaid ACO Implementation

Lucinda Leung, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System; David Geffen School of Medicine, University of California Los Angeles; Division of General Internal Medicine and Health Services Research

"Aligned with Our Partners": Perspectives of State Health Leaders on Medicaid Telemental Health Policy Implementation

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session highlights innovative approaches to assess healthcare access issues within Medicaid provider networks for primary and specialty care as well as features insights and perspectives from state leaders on the use of telehealth to expand viable healthcare access for Medicaid members.

Mental Health and Substance Use Interest Group: Engaging Communities in Mental Health/Substance Use Research, Policy, and Practice

Room 101 E

Chair: Yunyu Xiao, Weill Cornell Medicine | NewYork-Presbyterian

Panelists: Morgan C. Shields, The Brooklyn Bridge Alliance for Youth; **Mary McCarthy**, Rural AIDS Action Network

Interest Groups: This session will explore inclusive and community-driven approaches to mental health and substance use research, policy, and practice. Panelists will share strategies to meaningfully engage individuals with lived experience, elevate underrepresented voices, and co-create solutions that meet the needs of affected communities and address structural inequities. The session will conclude with the presentation of the Mental Health and Substance Use Research Interest Group's "Best Student/Postdoctoral Fellow Abstract" Award.

(Digital Technologies, Data, and Analytics) Emerging Oral Health Data Resources, Methods and Tools: Better Data Is Possible!

Room 101 F

Chair: Eric Tranby, CareQuest Institute for Oral Health

Speakers: Neel Shimpi, Dental Quality Alliance; **Vidhya Venkateswaran**, National Institutes of Health; **Lyubov**

Slashcheva, Apple Tree Dental; **John O'Malley**, CareQuest Institute for Oral Health

Panels on Critical and Emerging Issues in HSR: Access to robust oral health data for health services research from community practice settings poses challenges. This panel of experts from diverse sectors will discuss the emerging resources, methods, and tools to support access to high quality community-based oral health data, including uptake of dental diagnosis code use, data linkage and standardization, connection to data repositories and investigator guidance, and community patient and provider engagement.

(Patient-Centered, -Partnered, or -Led Research) Community Scientists Activated As Research Partners

Room 101 GH

Chair: Michelle Medeiros, The PATIENTS Program

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Jocelyn Contreras, AltaMed Health Services

Community Scientists Activate As Research Partners: A Pathway for Addressing Oral Health Disparities across Latinos in Southeast Los Angeles

Bradi Granger, Duke University School of Nursing; Duke Margolis Health Policy Institute

Patients As Partners: A Community-Driven Outreach Initiative to Improve Care Access and Reduce Uncontrolled Hypertension for Women in the South.

Brooke Reece, University of Minnesota

Equity in Action: Patient and Family Partners Driving Research Forward

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session will detail how to have authentic engagement of community at all levels of research.

(Public and Population Health) Closing Public and Population Health Gaps: Inequality by Location and Setting

Room 101 IJ

Chair: Wenhan Guo, University of Rochester Medical Center

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Rebekah Stein, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Racial/Ethnic Differences in GLP-1 Receptor Agonist Prescriptions Among Veterans with Obesity By Community-Based or VA-Based Primary Care Setting

Jodi Lewis, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research

The Spatial Patterning of Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) Violations in the United States, 2016-2022

Keying Chen, Duke University

Revisiting the Area Deprivation Index (ADI)

Emilia Cobbs, New York Health Foundation

Spatial Analysis of Preventive Care Utilization in New York State's Rural Communities

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session will present research on the relevance of location and setting in recognizing health inequalities. Topics will include inequalities in treatment, utilization, and access to care.

PCORI HSII Initiative: Sustainable Implementation in Health Systems

Room 102 ABC

Chair: Micah Mayer, PCORI

Discussant: Cary Scheiderer, PCORI

Speakers: Grace M. Lee, University; H. Lester Kirchner, Geisinger Health System; Ursula Wright, Mercy Health

Special Sessions: The Health Systems Implementation Initiative (HSII) is a PCORI initiative to advance the uptake of practice-changing comparative clinical effectiveness research results directly in care delivery settings. In this session, HSII participants will speak about plans for sustainable implementation of evidence-based programs, including pediatric antimicrobial stewardship, intensive weight loss interventions, electronic patient-reported outcomes in cancer care, and hypertension management.

(Measuring Safety, Quality, and Value) Patient-Reported Outcome Collection As a Tool for Advancing Reproductive Health Equity

Room 200 FG

Chair: Christine Dehlendorf, University of California, San Francisco

Speakers: Andrea Estes, Washington State Health Care Authority; Tenaya Sunbury, Washington State Health Care Authority; Hannah Simons, Planned Parenthood Federation of America

Panels on Critical and Emerging Issues in HSR: Patient-reported measures are critical but underutilized tools for quality improvement. The use of these measures is particularly important in the context of reproductive health care due to its sensitive and personal nature. In this panel, we will review the use of a measure of patient-centered contraceptive care in two different health systems and consider the implications for accountability programs, quality of care, and health equity.

Causal Methods: Science or Sorcery (Basic Quantitative Methods)

Room Auditorium Room 1

Chair: Eric Barrette, Health Care Cost Institute

Speakers: Melissa Garrido, James J. Peters VA Medical Center/Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai; Sam Savitz; Andrew Goodman-Bacon, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

Methods and Data: Health services and policy research requires assumptions; however, these assumptions are often taken for granted. This session will review the assumptions required of common observational study methods (e.g.,

propensity score matching, weighting, difference-in-differences, and instrumental variables) for results to be interpreted as causal estimates. The session will also feature a panel discussion about the role of observational studies in evaluating interventions for policy decision-making and recommendations for researchers presenting to various stakeholders.

(Social Determinants and Social Needs) Leveraging Natural Language Processing and Machine Learning to Identify Health-Related Social Needs (HRSNs)

Room Auditorium Room 3

Chair: Taylor Vaughan, Arizona State University

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Braja Gopal Patra, Weill Cornell Medicine

Association of Loneliness and Limited Social Network with Physical and Mental Health Comorbidities

Jane Njeru, Mayo Clinic

Application of Natural Language Processing to Identify Unmet Health-Related Social Needs in Clinical Text

Joshua R Vest, Indiana University Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health; Regenstrief Institute

Comparison of Multiple Methods of Measuring Health-Related Social Needs

Call for Abstracts Sessions: Natural language processing (NLP) is a methodology that identifies themes in free text, such as clinical notes or electronic health record data. This session includes four studies that explore the use of NLP to identify health-related social needs.

(Aging and End-of-Life) Improving Health and Quality of Care through Innovative Interventions

Room Mezzanine 100 AB

Chair: Gwen Darien,

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Alexandra Tate, University of Chicago

The Doctor-Patient Relationship in Advance Care Planning: Results from the Comprehensive Care Program RCT

Julia Adler-Milstein, University of California, San Francisco

Outcomes Associated with an Age-Friendly Emergency Department Intervention

Peter Huckfeldt, University of Minnesota School of Public Health

The Impact of an Intensive Lifestyle Intervention in Type 2 Diabetes on Long-Term Multimorbidity

Yiwen Li, George Mason University

Evaluation of WeCare 2.0: A Digital Health Intervention for Chinese American Dementia Caregivers

Call for Abstracts Sessions: Evidence-based interventions are important for improving quality of care and health outcomes for older adults. The papers in this session will focus on: 1) improving doctor-patient relationships and advanced care planning, 2) an age friendly depart emergency department intervention, 3) impacts related to a lifestyle intervention for Type 2 diabetes, and 4) a digital health intervention for Chinese American dementia caregivers.

(Child and Family Health) New Economics of Health Care: Effects on Access and Children's Health

Room Mezzanine 100 CD

Chair: Purnima Mudnal,

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Nicolas Goldstein Novick, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Private Equity Ownership in Perinatal- and Pediatric-Serving Hospitals

Hyesung Oh, Brown University School of Public Health

Delivering amidst Consolidation: Implications of Hospital Mergers on Newborn and Maternal Outcomes

Kao-Ping Chua, University of Michigan, Susan B Meister Child Health Evaluation and Research Center

Obesity Medication Prescriptions Among US Adolescents with Obesity during 2018-2024

Kevin T. Fuji, Creighton University

Exploring Child Health Needs for a Pediatric Community Health Needs Assessment

Call for Abstracts Sessions: Emerging economic developments such as private equity acquisitions and increasing mergers of health systems have raised alarms about potential effects on access to care and health outcomes, but little attention has been paid to consequences for children. Other economic changes include coverage of expensive obesity drugs and Community Health Needs Assessments required by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. This session addresses the processes and outcomes of these evolving changes.

(Global Health Research) Unpacking Drivers of Health Expenditures and Outcomes in High-Income Countries

Room Mezzanine 100 E

Chair: Prof. Bianca Frogner, University of Washington

Joseph Dieleman, Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, University of Washington

Assessing Increases in Health Care Spending across US States and the Factors Associated with That Growth

Melinda Buntin, Johns Hopkins University, Carey Business School

What Does Health Workforce Composition and Growth Trends Tell Us about Health Spending across Industrialized Countries?

Jose Figueroa, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Avoidable Mortality across US States and High-Income Countries: 2009 to 2021

Prof. Irene Papanicolas, Brown University School of Public Health

Comparing US Prevention Efforts to Five High-Income Countries

Research Panels: The US spends more on healthcare than any other country yet has declining life expectancy compared to high-income peers. This session explores drivers of high healthcare spending and poor outcomes, examining factors like aging, disease burden, and health workforce composition. Spending trends, workforce variations, and health outcomes across US states and countries will be presented. The session will also highlight the role of prevention and primary care, including how underinvestment in these areas may drive inefficiencies and poor health outcomes.

(Dissemination, Implementation, and Impact) Innovative Methods for Dissemination & Implementation

Room Mezzanine 100 GH

Chair: Bella Etingen,

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Kelsey Berryman, Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital

A Post Evaluation Examination of Camp Lejeune Policy through the Consolidated Framework for Implementation

Research Lens: Unintended Consequences for U.S. Veterans

Julian Brunner, VA Center for the Study of Healthcare Innovation, Implementation & Policy

Facilitating EHR Transitions with Experienced Peers: A Mixed Methods Evaluation of the VA's Nessu Program

Lauren Caton, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Moving Toward De-Implementation of Punitive Maternal Substance Use Policies: A Systems Approach

Call for Abstracts Sessions: Innovative approaches to closing implementation gaps are needed to shorten the often cited 17-year research to practice gap. The papers in this session have all used novel, innovative methodologic approaches to ensure innovations reach their intended targets. Specific topics are evaluating policy implementation, using a mixed methods approach to technology transition, using participatory approaches with de-implementation, and leveraging EHR data to identify low-value practices.

(Women and Gender Health) Innovative Data Use and Methods for Studying Reproductive Health and Birth Outcomes

Room Mezzanine 100 IJ

Chair: Rebecca Gourevitch, Harvard University

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Emma Mairson, University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health

Comparison of Demographic Characteristics and Birth Outcomes Among Medicaid Beneficiaries Using Medicaid

Administrative and Vital Statistics Data

Karen Schneider, Mathematica

Importance of Including Severe Maternal Morbidity (SMM) Events after Delivery Hospitalization

Simon Haeder, Texas A&M University

Challenges in Accessing Obgyn Care for Medicaid Beneficiaries Using a Large-Scale Secret Shopper Survey in Eleven States

Sumit Agarwal, University of Michigan

The Effect of Income on Fertility – Evidence from a Randomized Study of Cash Benefits and Health Care Records

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session has four studies with methodological and policy insights for reproductive and maternal health. First, we will discuss limitations to Medicaid administrative data for measuring racial inequities and other demographic differences. Second, we will discuss the implications of including postpartum adverse events in severe maternal morbidity measures. We will then have two presentations that used creative study designs to understand access to care and the impact of income on fertility.

(Health Workforce) From Burnout to Retention: Bridging Individual Struggles and Systemic Solutions

Room Mezzanine 101 ABC

Chair: Debora Goldberg, George Mason University

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Eric Apaydin, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System; David Geffen School of Medicine, University of California, Los Angeles

Burnout, Workplace Drivers of Burnout, and Turnover Intent: A Pilot Mixed Methods Study of VA Primary Care Providers and Staff

Erin Fraher, Health Policy and Management, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Family Medicine School of Medicine, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

The Impact of COVID-19 on Nurse Practitioner Turnover in Hospital and Primary Care Settings

Margaret Ziemann, The George Washington University

"Ultimately, Well-Being in Healthcare Is about Culture Change": Summative Findings and Insights on Addressing Health Workforce Burnout from HRSA Grantees

Viktoria Steinbeck, Harvard Medical School; Brown School of Public Health

Gender Burnout Disparities Among Primary Care Physicians - Evidence from the US and 9 Comparator Countries

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This panel explores burnout and turnover through four critical lenses: (1) VA primary care insights on workload, control, and retention intent; (2) COVID-19's role in exacerbating nurse practitioner turnover and workplace stressors; (3) cross-country comparisons of gender disparities and systemic factors influencing burnout among primary care physicians; (4) federal grantee programs addressing systemic solutions to workforce well-being. Together, these abstracts reveal structural drivers—workload, autonomy, organizational culture—and advocate for systemic interventions over individual resilience. Join to discuss actionable pathways for sustainable change.

12:30 pm–5:15 pm

Quiet Work Zone

Room Mezzanine 100 F

Main Events: Step away from the hustle and bustle of the conference and into our Quiet Work Zone—an area designed for focus, reflection, and productivity. Equipped with ample seating and a calm atmosphere, this space offers attendees a peaceful environment to catch up on work, respond to emails, or simply take a break in silence. Please respect the quiet setting to help maintain a serene experience for all.

1:45 pm–2:15 pm

Refreshment Break

Room Foyer

Concurrent Sessions

2:15 pm–3:30 pm

(Dissemination, Implementation, and Impact) Implementing Innovative Programs to Enhance Chronic Illness Care Management

Room 101 AB

Chair: George Jackson, Durham Veterans Affairs Health Care System

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Madeline Sterling, Weill Cornell Medicine

Implementation of a Pilot Randomized Controlled Trial with Home Health Aides Caring for Adults with Heart Failure: Feasibility, Acceptability, and Engagement

Ben Kragen, Center for Health Optimization and Implementation Research (CHOIR), VA Bedford Healthcare System
Determinants of Implementation of Continuous Glucose Monitoring in Primary Care

Lina Tieu, University of California, Davis

Applying Behavior Change Theory to Promote Clinic-Level Implementation of Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring in the Healthcare Safety Net

Jamie Smith, Mayo Clinic

Implementation and Evaluation of Billing for Patient Portal Messages As e-Visits at a Large Integrated Health System

Call for Abstracts Sessions: Effective chronic illness management requires close collaboration between patients and their providers. However, people with chronic illness spend most of their time outside of the provider's office. These presentations address the process of implementing programs that are designed to link patients' healthcare teams to what happens in patients' home lives, including through use of patient generated data, electronic patient portals, and home health.

(Health Workforce) Shaping the Health Workforce: Policy Impacts on Access, Equity, and Distribution

Room 101 CD

Chair: Anushree Vichare, George Washington University

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Elizabeth Simmons, UNC Chapel Hill

The Association of Equitable Medicaid Reimbursement Policies and Access to Certified Nurse-Midwives: An Interrupted Time Series Analysis with a Synthetic Control Group

Elizabeth Arend Dutta, George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health

The Room Where It Happens: Supporting Peer Support Specialist Role Fidelity through Engagement in the Policy Process

Felicity Ratway, Oregon State University

Most Limited English Proficient and Deaf/Hard of Hearing Medicaid Members' Interpreting Needs Are Not Met in a State with Third-Party Payer Reimbursement for Language Services

Julia Strasser, The George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health

Lower Obstetrician and Gynecologist (OB-GYN) Supply in Abortion-Ban States, Despite Minimal State-Level Changes in the 2 Years Post-Dobbs

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session explores how policy influences healthcare workforce distribution, access, and equity. Presentations will examine Medicaid reimbursement and Certified Nurse-Midwives' access, policy facilitators and barriers in the behavioral health peer workforce, interpreter shortages for Medicaid patients, and post-Dobbs shifts in the OB-GYN workforce.

(Aging and End-of-Life) Home and Community-Based Services Use and Quality

Room 101 E

Chair: Katherine Miller, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Yiqing Kuang, Johns Hopkins University

Impact of Paying Family Caregivers on Acute Care Use Among Older Adults

Dr. Tetyana Shippee, University of Minnesota

Measuring Quality in Publicly-Funded Home and Community-Based Services: Development and Validation of Self-Reported Measures for Older Adult Consumers

Romil Parikh, University of Minnesota School of Public Health

Changes in Service Utilization and Unmet Needs in Home- and Community- Based Services in the United States during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Ellis Dillon, University of Connecticut Center on Aging

Disparities in Access, Utilization, and Quality Measures for People Older Adults Living with Dementia Eligible for Connecticut's Money Follows the Person Medicaid Program and Mechanisms for Reducing Disparities

Call for Abstracts Sessions: Home and community-based services (HCBS) aim to support community living. The papers in this session will focus on mechanisms of delivery for HCBS and discuss implications for quality and service utilization. Topics include: 1) paid family caregivers, 2) quality measurement in HCBS, 3) COVID-19-related changes in HCBS use and unmet need, and 4) participation in one state's Money Follows the Person program.

IRGNI: Spotlight on the Emerging Diversity Leaders Program

Room 101 GH

Chair: Dr. Allison Squires, NYU College of Nursing

Panelists: **Jennifer Gil**, The University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing; **Ms. Alexandra Maye**, University of Pennsylvania; **David Ryamukuru**; **Dr. Celsea Tibbitt**, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, Center for Health Outcomes and Policy Research; **Hyunmin Yu**, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing

Interest Groups: This session will highlight the impactful work of the Emerging Diversity Leaders (EDL) Program. This session will showcase several EDL scholars who are advancing nursing and health services research while fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion in the field. Attendees will gain insights into their research, career journeys, and leadership development. The session will also feature interactive small-group discussions and networking opportunities, allowing early-career researchers to connect, share experiences, and build meaningful professional relationships. Don't miss this chance to engage with the next generation of diverse nursing and health services research leaders

(Structural Racism, Disparities, and Equity in Health) Paying for Care: How Healthcare Payment Models Impact Access, Equity, and Outcomes

Room 101 IJ

Chair: Dr. Hossein Zare, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Zhanji Zhang, Emory University

The Impact of Home Health Value-Based Purchasing (HHVBP) on Community-Level Inequities in High-Quality Home Health Agency (HHA) Use

Jeffrey Rozelle, USC

Impact of Illinois Medicaid Aetna Contract on Pharmacy Closures

Harsha Amaravadi, University of Washington Department of Health Systems and Population Health

Closing the Gap, or Keeping the Status Quo? Did Medicare's Patient Driven Payment Model Unintentionally Mitigate Racial Disparities in Post-Acute Care Pain Reporting?

Joseph Dieleman, Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, University of Washington

Tracking US State Health Spending By Race and Ethnicity, 2010-2019

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session explores how healthcare payment systems influence access, quality, and equity across different populations. Presenters will examine the effects of policy changes on healthcare utilization, service availability, and patient outcomes. Research will address how payment models impact disparities in care, financial sustainability, and community health, offering insights into the broader implications of healthcare financing on equity and the future of healthcare delivery.

Pursuing HSR Careers Outside of Academia

Room 102 ABC

Chair: Katherine Sanchez, Baylor Scott & White Research Institute

Speakers: April Joy Damian, Community Health Center, Inc.; Margo Edmunds, AcademyHealth

Career Development Workshops: This session will discuss options for early and mid-career researchers to explore non-academic opportunities with CBOs, other non-profits, and health centers.

Building Trust and Shifting Mindsets: Community-Engaged Partnership in Research and Analytics

Room 102 DEF

Chair: Beth Johnson, Community Information Exchange

Speakers: Artrese Morrison, Health Leads; Vanya Jones, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; Paul Sorenson, St. Louis Regional Data Alliance

Methods and Data: Building community trust is the first step in designing effective multidisciplinary and multisector research studies. This session will explore approaches to developing data collection methods that respect communities and prevent unintended harm. It will also discuss methods that expand the boundaries of HSR beyond academic and health system settings.

(Medicare) Health Care Markets: Integration and Incentives

Room Auditorium Room 1

Chair: Dr. Feng-Hua Loh, Touro College of Pharmacy

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Amelia Bond, Weill Cornell Medical College

Implications of Vertical Integration between Insurer-Pbms and Pharmacies for the Distribution and Pricing of Medicines in Medicare Part D

Prof. Mike Chernew, Harvard Medical School

Insurer-Primary Care Integration and Patient Steering in the Medicare Advantage Market

Nicole Giron, Brown University School of Public Health

Assessing the Inclusion of Federally Qualified Health Centers in Medicare Advantage Networks

David J. Meyers, Brown University School of Public Health

Vertical Alignment and Medicare Advantage Risk Coding

Call for Abstracts Sessions: Papers explore market dynamics related to plan networks and plan integration of health care services. This includes integration between insurers and pharmacy benefits managers, insurers and primary care, along with papers specifically focused on Medicare Advantage network inclusion and coding practices.

Expanding engagement in research: A toolkit of resources, strategies, and lessons learned

Room Auditorium Room 3

Chair: Anna Kasdan, Office of Research and Development, Veterans Health Administration

Speakers: Karen M. Goldstein, Durham VA Medical Center; Jennifer Cunningham-Erves, Vanderbilt University Medical Center; Kathryn Nearing, VHA Eastern Colorado Health Care System; Denisse Montoya, VA Women Improvement Network Member

Special Sessions: There are many well-documented challenges to recruiting individuals to participate in research studies and clinical trials. This session will focus on practical strategies for increasing participation and engagement in health services research and across the translational spectrum, in addition to challenges and lessons learned. The panel will provide a “take-home toolkit” of ways attendees can more broadly and deeply engage communities in the research lifecycle.

(Mental Health and Substance Use) Stakeholder Engagement to Inform Provider-Level Quality Measures for Opioid Use Disorder

Room Mezzanine 100 AB

Chair: Julie Donohue, University of Pittsburgh

Speakers: Caroline Hale, AcademyHealth; Susan Kennedy, AcademyHealth; Christine McClure, University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health; Andrew Barnes, Virginia Commonwealth University

Panels on Critical and Emerging Issues in HSR: Medicaid finances roughly half of opioid use disorder (OUD) treatment. Medicaid programs have expanded the continuum of care for OUD in recent years but have focused less attention on the quality of care delivered. This panel summarizes quantitative and qualitative research conducted with individuals with lived experience with OUD, OUD treatment providers, and Medicaid medical directors on the usefulness, feasibility, and acceptability of potential OUD quality measures. Findings inform OUD performance measurement and quality improvement initiatives in Medicaid programs.

(Patient and Consumer Preferences and Needs) Utilization, Decisions, and Financial Burden

Room Mezzanine 100 CD

Chair: Amanda Davis, Boston University

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Caitlin Carroll, University of Minnesota

Rural Hospital Bypass Among Commercially-Insured Patients

Stacy Farr, University of Missouri-Kansas City Healthcare Institute for Innovations in Quality; Saint Luke's Mid America Heart Institute

Shared Decision Making in Cardiology: Patients' and Providers' Understanding and Use

Risha Gidwani, University of Colorado School of Medicine / RAND Corporation

The Unaffordability of Affordable Care Act Insurance

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This panel explores the varied nature of consumer decision-making, including differences in patient use of rural hospitals by insurance coverage, use of clinical guidelines in shared-decision-making, and affordability of choice sets.

(Child and Family Health) Social and Political Determinants of Care Availability, Access, and Outcomes

Room Mezzanine 100 E

Chair: Sara Handley, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia/University of Pennsylvania

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Ginger Jin, Boston University School of Public Health; VA Boston Healthcare System

Association between Availability of on-Site Prenatal Care Services at US Federally Qualified Health Centers and Infant Birthweight

Kacie Dragan, Dartmouth College

How Do Neighborhoods Shape Child and Adolescent Mental Health Utilization? Evidence from within-State Movers in Medicaid

Simon Haeder, Texas A&M University

Challenges in Accessing Pediatrics Care for Medicaid Beneficiaries Using a Large-Scale Secret Shopper Survey in Eleven States

Hao Yu, Department of Population Medicine, Harvard Medical School and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Institute

Generosity of State Autism Insurance Mandates and Healthcare Spending for Children with Autism

Call for Abstracts Sessions: A broad range of factors can influence children's and families' access, use, expenditures, and health outcomes. This session includes research on four such critical and modifiable social and political determinants: neighborhoods; availability of on-site services; insurance mandates; and others.

(Improving Safety, Quality, and Value) Strategies to Improve Maternal Health and Gender Disparities

Room Mezzanine 100 GH

Chair: Julie Sakowski, Seton Hall University

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Godwin Osei-Poku, Betsy Lehman Center for Patient Safety

Improving Severe Maternal Morbidity Identification in Administrative Data through Clinical Review

Annie Glover, University of Alabama at Birmingham; University of Montana

Assessing Obstetric Emergency Care in Montana's Rural Hospitals: Opportunities for Improvements

Nadya Zawaideh, Pomelo Care

Leveraging Telemedicine to Improve Timeliness of Prenatal and Postpartum Care HEDIS Measures in Medicaid

Gray Babbs, Brown University School of Public Health

Drivers of Quality Disparities between Cisgender and Transgender Medicare Beneficiaries

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session focuses on multi-dimensional strategies to address the maternal health crisis in the United States, as well as gender disparities. Topics include: improving severe maternal morbidity identification with administrative claims and clinical review, determining gaps in best practices for obstetric emergency care, the use of telemedicine to improve prenatal and postpartum care, and drivers of quality disparities between Cisgender and transgender Medicare beneficiaries.

(Social Determinants and Social Needs) Novel Methods Incorporating Social Determinants of Health to Predict Utilization and Outcomes

Room Mezzanine 100 IJ

Chair: Ethan Abbott, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Sadiq Patel, University of Pennsylvania; Waymark

Improved Prediction of Preventive Health Care Utilization Among 14 Million Low-Income Patients: The Effect of Social Determinants of Health

Jessica K. Liu, The American College of Surgeons

Improving Value in Neighborhood Social Risk Indices Using Outcome-Specific Machine-Learning Models

Natalia Cantet, Augusta University

Machine Learning Analysis of Mental Health Visits Among Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities: Key Predictors and Methodological Comparisons

Deborah Ogunsanmi, University of Tennessee Health Science Center

Associations of Hot and Cold Spot Census Tract-Level Clusters of Uncontrolled Hypertension with Social Determinants of Health

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session contains four studies that use novel methods—including machine learning and geospatial analysis—that incorporate data on social determinants of health in order to predict healthcare utilization and health outcomes.

(Digital Technologies, Data, and Analytics) Real-time prescription benefit tools

Room Mezzanine 101 ABC

Chair: Alyna Chien, Division of General Pediatrics, Boston Children's Hospital

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Anna Sinaiko, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Optimizing a Real-Time Benefit Tool (RTBT) to Streamline Medication Changes and Lower Patients' out-of-Pocket Costs: Insights from Clinicians and Staff

Nicholas Daley, Brigham and Women's Hospital

Clinician Adoption and Use of Real-Time Prescription Benefit Tools

Caroline Sloan, Duke University School of Medicine; Duke Margolis Institute of Health Policy

Effect of Electronic Health Record-Based Medication Cost Estimator Availability on Diabetes Control

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session explores the impact, utilization, and challenges of real-time benefit tools (RTBTs) in clinical practice. Presentations will discuss findings from three studies examining RTBT adoption, workflow integration, clinician perceptions, and patient outcomes. Findings will inform how these tools influence prescribing decisions and costs.

3:30 pm–4:00 pm

Refreshment Break

Room Foyer

Concurrent Sessions

4:00 pm–5:15 pm

(Measuring Safety, Quality, and Value) Room for Improvement: Insights from National Evaluations of Health Care Quality

Room 101 AB

Chair: Oludolapo Fakeye, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Caroline Thompson, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Emergency Diagnosis of Cancer: Measurement, Epidemiology, and Implications

Shawna Green, Mayo Clinic

Magnet Status and Five Star Ratings: Investigating Hospital Performance

Danielle Steelesmith, Nationwide Children's Hospital

Antidepressant Treatment Quality of Depressed Youth: A National Evaluation of Medicaid Patients

Tatum Watson, Vanderbilt University

Network Gaps: Examining Essential Community Provider Coverage in ACA Marketplace Plans

Call for Abstracts Sessions: The studies presented in this session leverage large-scale population or provider databases and rigorous methodologies to assess quality of care for cancer and depression, access to safety net providers, and characteristics of high-performing hospitals at the national level. The findings they report highlight the persistent disparities, policy failures, and structural barriers that must be addressed and overcome to achieve the ultimate goal of optimal outcomes for all people.

(Medicaid, Coverage, and Access) Medicaid Responses to Medically and Socially Complex Social Needs

Room 101 CD

Chair: Dahai Yue, University of Maryland School of Public Health

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Megan Holtorf, Providence St. Joseph Health

Addressing Housing As a Health-Related Social Need: Insights from a Medicaid Housing Pilot in Oregon

Parth Sheth, Waymark

From Predicting Risk to Predicting Benefit: A Comparative Effectiveness Study of Risk Versus Benefit-Based Prioritization for Care Management Outreach to Prevent Emergency Room Visits and Hospitalizations Among Medicaid Beneficiaries

Dr. William Schpero, Weill Cornell Medical College

The Medicaid Transportation Benefit: Unpacking Variation in Use Relative to Need

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session highlights rigorous evaluation strategies to meet Medicaid members' medical and health-related social needs: a) novel approaches for triaging clinically at-risk patients, b) leveraging cross-agency

partnerships to extend coverage to justice-involved persons, c) non-emergency medical transportation benefits for high-need patients, and d) expansions of complex case management programs to curb avoidable hospital use.

Health Economics Interest Group: Rising Economists - Application of Health Economics in Informing Health Policies and Reforms

Room 101 E

Chair: Faith Asper, University of Minnesota

Panelists: Peter Huckfeldt, University of Minnesota School of Public Health; **Caitlin Carroll**, University of Minnesota;

Prof. Fangli Geng,

Hyesung Oh, Brown University School of Public Health

Delivering amidst Consolidation: Implications of Hospital Mergers on Newborn and Maternal Outcomes

Kewei Shi, American Cancer Society

Spillover Effects of Medicaid Expansion on Insurance Coverage, Diagnosis, and Survival Among Low-Income Elderly Patients with Cancer

Cyrus Kosar, Brown University School of Public Health

Impact of Reducing Provider Bad Debt Reimbursement on Skilled Nursing Facility Utilization and Patient Outcomes

Interest Groups: This year's Health Economics Interest Group session will feature research presentations from three early-stage scholars accompanied by discussant comments. Presentation topics include the implications of hospital mergers on newborn and maternal outcomes, effects of Medicaid expansion on coverage, diagnosis and survival among cancer patients, and impact of reducing provider bad debt reimbursement on Skilled Nursing Facility utilization and patient outcomes.

(Global Health Research) Delivering High Quality Care in the Context of Contemporary Global Challenges

Room 101 F

Chair: Mannat Tiwana, California State University, Long Beach

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Ashwag Abdulrahim, Virginia Commonwealth University

The Effect of Armed Conflict on National Health Insurance Scheme: Evidence from Sudan

Tarun Ramesh, Harvard Medical School

Assessing the Scope of Physician Migration from Conflict-Affected Areas

Priya Agarwal-Harding, Boston College

Female Venezuelan Migrants' Access and Utilization of Healthcare Services in Colombia

Xinxin Han, Southern University of Science and Technology

The Impact of Digitally-Enabled Vertical Integration of Specialist and Generalist Care on Hypertension Patient Outcomes in China: A Difference-in-Difference Analysis of Patient-Level Administrative Data

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This panel explores the impact of contemporary global challenges on the delivery of healthcare globally, spanning migration to data scarcity. Researchers find civil war can disrupt the ability of national insurance schemes to maintain coverage, heightened physician migration occurs from conflict-affected areas, public programs can extend insurance coverage for non-citizens in high-migration contexts and the ability to identify clear gaps in person-centered maternal care despite a dearth of data.

(Methods Research) Innovations in Causal Inference and Data Development

Room 101 GH

Chair: Sai Loganathan, NORC at the University of Chicago

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Joshua Lerner, NORC at the University of Chicago

A Method for Decomposing Heterogeneous Treatment Effects: Insights from the Oregon Health Insurance Experiment.

Lindsey Smith, Oregon Health & Science University

Methods for Identifying Corporate Ownership Structures for Health Service Settings: Application to Assisted Living Communities

Shuo Huang, University of Maryland Institute for Health Computing

GPS-Health: A Novel Analytic Infrastructure for Capturing, Visualizing, and Analyzing Multi-Level, Multi-Domain Geographically Distributed Social Determinants of Health at the Individual Level

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session will explore innovative causal inference and data development approaches aimed at improving the precision of impact estimates for subpopulations and advancing measurement for underrepresented groups. Speakers will introduce a framework that integrates heterogeneous treatment effect estimation with equity principles. The session will also feature innovative data linkage strategies to identify corporate ownership structures of assisted living communities. Additionally, presenters will share a novel analytic framework for capturing individual-level social determinants of health data.

(Organizational Behavior and Management) Hospital Profitability, Community Benefit, and Tax Exemption

Room 101 IJ

Chair: **Tatiane Santos**, Colorado School of Public Health

Discussant: **Dr. Hossein Zare**, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Tatiane Santos, Colorado School of Public Health

Oregon's Financial Assistance and Medical Debt Reforms: Impact on County-Level Medical Debt in Collections and Charity Care Spending

Kelsey Owsley, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Do State-Level Community Benefit Laws Influence Nonprofit Hospitals' Use of 340B Savings?

Derek Jenkins, Rice University

Nonprofit Hospital CEO Compensation: Does Quality Matter?

Research Panels: The not-for-profit hospital community benefit (CB) program has received increased scrutiny over the last few years; a key question is whether hospitals make adequate investments to justify their tax exemptions. Hospital profitability plays a key role in a hospital's ability to increase their CB spending. In this session, presenters examine hospital accountability in the context of the CB program, CEO compensation, and hospital profitability. The not-for-profit hospital community benefit (CB) program has received increased scrutiny over the last few years; a key question is whether hospitals make adequate investments to justify their tax exemptions. Hospital profitability plays a key role in a hospital's ability to increase their CB spending. In this session, presenters examine hospital accountability in the context of the CB program, CEO compensation, and hospital profitability.

Diagnostic Safety: Supporting Research, Practice Improvement, and Measurement

Room 102 ABC

Chair: **Doug Salvador**, ATW Health Solutions

Speakers: **Sangeeta Ahluwalia**, RAND Health Care; **Alex Bohl**, Mathematica Policy Research

Special Sessions: Up to 800,000 Americans die or are permanently disabled annually from misdiagnosis. In this session, participants will learn about: 1) AHRQ's IDEAS project - working with healthcare systems to implement AHRQ diagnostic safety tools; 2) AHRQ's Diagnostic Safety Centers of Excellence grantees, including available related funding opportunities; and 3) AHRQ's Quality Indicator program - working to develop and validate Diagnostic Safety measures and tools for researchers using EMR and claims data.

(Medicare) Medicare Plan Offerings, Enrollment, and Switching

Room 102 DEF

Chair: **Bethany Lilly**, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Youngmin Kwon, Vanderbilt University

Associations of State Medigap Guaranteed Issue Protections with Plan Switching Among Medicare Advantage Beneficiaries Newly Diagnosed with Cancer

Yanlei Ma, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

The Impact of the Look-Alike Plan Termination Policy on Enrollment into Integrated Care Plans Among Dual-Eligible Beneficiaries

Timothy Duong, Massachusetts General Hospital

Temporal and Geographic Variation in MA Plan Offerings for Dual-Eligible Enrollees and Opportunities to Enroll in Integrated D-SNPs

Dr. Stacie Dusetzina, Vanderbilt University

Savings Under Medicare Part D Redesign May Require Beneficiaries to Shop Plans

Call for Abstracts Sessions: Papers investigate patterns of plan enrollment and switching and the impact on beneficiary access to and costs of care.

Late-Breaking Data Blitz Session - Advancing Health Equity Through Data, Policy, and Innovation

Room 200 FG

Chair: **Paula Chatterjee**, Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics, University of Pennsylvania

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Erika Cheng, Indiana University School of Medicine

Accelerating Access: Deploying Virtual Care to Address Hypertension Disparities in Indianapolis

Elvin Khanjani, Duquesne University

Breaking New Ground: Uncovering Racial, Ethnic, and Socioeconomic Disparities in Childhood Asthma Recovery Using Nationally Representative Data (2016–2022)

Kun Li, Duke-Margolis Institute for Health Policy

Assessing Social Risk Adjustment for Children with Medicaid: Lessons from Analyses of North Carolina Medicaid Claims Data

Kirstin Piazza, VA Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion

Optimizing Social Risk Screening in Hospitalized Older Adults: Insights from Usability Testing of the Acorn Tool

Ana Poblacion, Boston University School of Medicine

Development and Validation of a 1-Item Screen to Identify Families at Risk for Very Low Food Security

Valentine Wanga, Elevance Health

State Uptake of Pandemic Take-Home Methadone Policies Is Associated with Treatment Continuity

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This panel explores data-driven strategies to identify and address health disparities across populations and conditions. Talks examine virtual care to reduce hypertension disparities, take-home methadone policies' influence on treatment, and social risk adjustment in Medicaid-covered children. Additional studies assess tools for screening for social risk, perinatal depression and postpartum care use, and pharmacy access and drug utilization by race and ethnicity.

(Digital Technologies, Data, and Analytics) AI: Regulatory Trends and Applications in Clinical Practice

Room Auditorium Room 1

Chair: Jaya Tripathi, MITRE

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Lei Raymond Guo, Northern Illinois University

The AI Healthcare Revolution: State-Level Responses and Regulatory Trends

Lisa Rotenstein, University of California, San Francisco

The Impact of AI Scribes on Clinicians' Electronic Health Record Time: Initial Results from the Multisite Ambient Clinical Documentation Collaborative

Ateev Mehrotra, Brown University School of Public Health

Impact of Artificial Intelligence Support on Detection of Pulmonary Embolism

Patrick Wilson, Mayo Clinic; University of Michigan

Developing an Artificial Intelligence Model to Reduce Workplace Violence in the Inpatient Setting

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session examines the role and impact of artificial intelligence (AI) in healthcare. We begin with a discussion of regulation and its effect on AI in healthcare. Presenters will also share about AI's role in workflow efficiency, clinical decision-making, and inpatient setting safety.

(Structural Racism, Disparities, and Equity in Health) Advancing Equity in Maternal and Child Health

Room Auditorium Room 3

Chair: Kathryn Thompson,

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Sarah Garrett, University of California San Francisco

Community Recommendations for Hospital-Based Maternity Care: Insights from Black and Pacific Islander Mothers in San Francisco

Natalie Mac Arthur, SHADAC

Provider Discrimination, Access to Care, and Child Health Equity

Sarah Garrett, University of California San Francisco

Opportunities to Advance Equity in Perinatal Care: The Intersection of Community- and Theory-Informed Intervention Targets

Call for Abstracts Sessions: Structural inequities continue to drive disparities in maternal and child health outcomes, limiting access to quality care and worsening health outcomes. This session examines systemic barriers within perinatal and pediatric care while highlighting strategies to promote equitable outcomes. Through research, community insights, and evidence-based interventions, presenters will explore opportunities to transform healthcare systems and advance maternal and child health equity.

(Public and Population Health) Transforming Public Health Advocacy: A Blueprint for Oral Health Policy Success

Room Mezzanine 100 AB

Chair: Lyubov Slashcheva, Apple Tree Dental

Speakers: John Pournoor, Government Analytica; **Sheila Riggs**, University of Minnesota School of Dentistry

Policy Roundtables: This session empowers public health professionals to address advocacy gaps and influence policy effectively. Key topics include coalition building, legislative engagement, and a structured advocacy playbook, illustrated through a Medicaid dental coverage case study. Attendees will gain actionable strategies, explore policy innovations, and learn to drive resource allocation. With hands-on tools, expert insights, and follow-up resources, this session offers a unique opportunity to amplify public health impact.

(Social Determinants and Social Needs) Multi-Sector Responses to Updated Federal Standards for Race and Ethnicity Data Collection

Room Mezzanine 100 CD

Chair: Prof. Ninez Ponce, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health

Speakers: AJ Scheitler, UCLA Center for Health Policy Research; **Rachel Harrington**, University of Illinois; **Rita**

Kuwahara, Connecticut Institute for Communities, Inc.; **KaYing Yang**, RedGreen Rivers, LLC

Panels on Critical and Emerging Issues in HSR: This panel will explore the implications of the 2024 SPD 15 revision for the healthcare industry and state regulators, including the benefits and challenges of implementation. Learning objectives for this panel include understanding the need for the changes being introduced, and the strategies different entities are using for implementation. The panel will also focus on how these revisions specifically impact public and population health and describe the importance of fostering cross-sector collaboration to improve data quality and health equity outcomes.

(Women and Gender Health) Health Conditions, Care Needs, and Policy Impacts for Sexual and Gender Minority Patients

Room Mezzanine 100 E

Chair: Davina Frick, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Dr. Abby Mulcahy, Center to Improve Veteran Involvement in Care, VA Portland Healthcare System

"Take It or Leave It": Findings from a Needs Assessment for LGBTQ+ Veterans

Sarah Leder, Veterans Health Administration

Physical and Mental Health Disparities Among Transgender and Gender-Diverse Veterans Receiving Care in Veterans Healthcare Administration: A Case-Control Study

J. Wyatt Koma, Harvard University

The Impact of Medicaid Coverage of Gender-Affirming Care on Use of Gender-Affirming Surgery Among Transgender and Gender Diverse Medicaid Enrollees

Gray Babbs, Brown University School of Public Health

Exploring Chronic Disease in Intersex Populations: A Novel Approach to Studying an Underserved Population

Call for Abstracts Sessions: Transgender, gender diverse, and other LGBTQ+ individuals experience worse physical and mental health outcomes compared with heterosexual and cisgender individuals. This session will present findings on the health care needs of these patient groups and the potential role of health care systems, policy, and novel approaches to research.

(Aging and End-of-Life) Strengthening End-of-Life and Hospice Care

Room Mezzanine 100 GH

Chair: Mika Hamer,

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Xin Hu, Emory University School of Medicine

Medicare Plan Switching, Hospice Enrollment and Place of Hospice Services at the End-of-Life Among Decedent Patients Diagnosed with Distant Stage Cancers in 2010-2019

Sneha Kannan, University of Pittsburgh

Changes in Patient Outcomes and Billing Patterns Associated with Private Equity Acquisition of Hospices

Katherine Ornstein, Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing

Home-Based Medical Care Use and Hospice Enrollment Among Seriously Ill Older Adults, Including Those with Dementia

Wenhan Guo, Ohio University; University of Rochester Medical Center

End-of-Life Outcomes Among Assisted Living Hospice Recipients: The Role of Hospice Staff Visits and State Regulations

Call for Abstracts Sessions: End-of-life and Hospice care services are important for older adults living with disabilities as well as their family caregivers. This session will highlight several studies focused on end of life care in the following: 1) home based medical care, 2) prostate cancer, 3) assisted living, and 4) during the last days of life.

(Mental Health and Substance Use) Strengthening State Behavioral Health Crisis Systems

Room Mezzanine 100 IJ

Chair: Helen Newton,

Speakers: Paul Lanier, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Cherene Caraco, Promise Resource Network;

Morgan Shields, Washington University in St. Louis

Policy Roundtables: This policy roundtable will bring together providers and evaluators from 2 states—North Carolina and Missouri—currently undertaking significant crisis system reforms to understand how state stakeholders are working to redesign the crisis system and key barriers and facilitators of system redesign, including financing, workforce, and data challenges. From this roundtable, attendees can expect to learn: 1) state levers influencing crisis redesign; 2) implementation barriers and facilitators; 3) implications for state and federal policy; 4) insights for timely research. This policy roundtable will bring together providers and evaluators from 2 states—North Carolina and Missouri—currently undertaking significant crisis system reforms to understand how state stakeholders are working to redesign the crisis system and key barriers and facilitators of system redesign, including financing, workforce, and data challenges. From this roundtable, attendees can expect to learn: 1) state levers influencing crisis redesign; 2) implementation barriers and facilitators; 3) implications for state and federal policy; 4) insights for timely research.

(Individuals Living with Disability or Other Complex Conditions) Community-Led Quality Measures to Improve Outcomes for People with IDD

Room Mezzanine 101 ABC

Chair: Hoangmai Pham, Institute for Exceptional Care

Speakers: Teal Benevides, Augusta University; Julie Seibert, RTI International; Arethusa Kirk, Total Health Care

Panels on Critical and Emerging Issues in HSR: People with IDD are growing in number and face persistent health inequities. Individuals with IDD Engaged, Aligned, and Leading (IIDDEAL) is a project involving over 200 stakeholders aiming to develop a quality measurement rubric focused on health outcomes that matter most to people with IDD. The panel will discuss methods for community engagement; existing measures prioritized in IIDDEAL; strategies to address measure gaps; and implications for research, quality improvement, and payment policy to advance National Goals for 2035 to achieve better outcomes for people with IDD.

6:30 pm–8:00 pm

JAMA Network Reception (INVITE ONLY)

Hilton Minneapolis Conrad BC

Adjunct Meetings: Reception for attendees with JAMA Network editors. Hosted by Sandro Galea, JAMA Health Forum Editor.

Sunday, June 8

7:00 am–8:00 am

Contract Research Organization Networking Breakfast

Hilton Minneapolis Conrad BC

Adjunct Meetings: Please join us for our annual meet-up to reconnect with former colleagues and interact with other firms for potential partnerships. Organized by researchers at Abt Global, GDIT, HSRI, and Lewin. Bring your coffee and join the lively discussion.

7:00 am–6:00 pm

Registration Open

Room Exhibit Hall B Foyer

8:00 am–8:45 am

Welcome Session for First-Time ARM Attendees

Room 101 IJ

Chairs: Sandy Fried, AcademyHealth; Alexandra Ade, AcademyHealth

Networking: If this is your first time at the Annual Research Meeting (ARM), join us for a warm welcome with helpful tips and networking designed just for you. In this session, you'll connect with others who are new to ARM. Start your ARM journey with insights, networking, and some friendly faces.

8:00 am–9:00 am

Health Economics Interest Group Networking Breakfast

Room 205D

Adjunct Meetings: This session is an opportunity for anyone interested in health economics to meet others with similar interests. Bring your coffee and AcademyHealth-sponsored breakfast items. We will have tables and chairs available for interest group members and health econ-curious members to meet and talk. Our guest speaker, Dr. Gregory Wozniak, will kick us off with a brief background of his career in economics, highlight how health economists can collaborate across different sectors and industries, and provide suggestions for addressing any gaps economists face in their line of work.

8:00 am–9:00 am

Continental Breakfast

Room Exhibit Hall B

8:00 am–9:15 am

Poster Session A

Room Exhibit Hall B

8:15 am–9:00 am

Coffee Chat: Supporting AcademyHealth Members with International Interests

Room 101 GH

Speaker: Michael Gluck, AcademyHealth

Networking: This informal coffee chat will discuss how AcademyHealth's Interest Group structure can best support that segment of the HSR community with international interests – both those who focus on health and health care in other countries and those interested in how international comparisons can provide lessons for US health policy and health care services.

Concurrent Sessions

9:30 am–10:45 am

(Medicaid, Coverage, and Access) Medicaid Care Use and Enrollment Among High-Need Populations

Room 101 CD

Chair: Michel Boudreaux, University of Maryland

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Evan Cole, University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health

Between and within Provider Effects and Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Adherence: Evidence from the Medicaid Outcomes Distributed Research Network

Jordan Herring, Stanford University

Variation in Primary Care Utilization in Medicaid By Area Level Social Vulnerability

Joanne Constantin, University of Michigan

Can North Carolina's Medicaid Expansion Reverse the Adverse Effects of Medicaid Unwinding on Buprenorphine Use?

Eric Roberts, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

Medicaid Disenrollment Among Dual-Eligible Individuals during Unwinding of Medicaid Maintenance of Eligibility, 2023-2024

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session examines the impact of policies, providers, and geography on health care use, treatment adherence, and enrollment among high-need Medicaid populations including patients with opioid use disorder, high social vulnerability, and dual-eligibles.

Long Term Services & Supports Interest Group: Care Providers' Role in Quality Across Home and Nursing Home Settings

Room 101 E

Chair: Katherine Miller, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Ellis Dillon, University of Connecticut Center on Aging

Disparities in Access, Utilization, and Quality for Older Adults Living with Dementia Eligible for Connecticut's Money Follows the Person Program and Mechanisms for Reducing Disparities

Hyunkyung Yun, School of Public Health, Brown University

Clinicians Who Primarily Practice in Nursing Homes and Quality of Care for Residents with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias

Prof. Fangli Geng, Brown University

Association of Shift Patterns with Overwork, Turnover, and Care Quality in U.S. Skilled Nursing Facilities

Katherine Miller, Center of Innovation to Accelerate Discovery and Practice Transformation, Durham VA Healthcare System; Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Family Caregiver Emotional Wellbeing May Influence Veteran Long-Term Nursing Home Stays

Interest Groups: Care providers play a critical role in ensuring quality for individuals receiving long-term services and supports at home and in nursing homes. This session explores how provider characteristics, workplace conditions, and family involvement influence care quality, nursing home residency, and individual outcomes. By highlighting key findings and policy implications, this session aims to advance discussions on improving care delivery and supporting those who provide essential services in both home and institutional settings.

Health Information Technology Interest Group: Improving Care with AI, Technology and Data-Driven Decisions

Room 101 F

Chair: Teresa Gibson,

Panelist: Usha Sambamoorthi,

Annie Larson, OCHIN, Inc.

Patient, Provider, and Clinic Characteristics of Econsults in Community-Based Health Centers

Yiqun Jiang, Mayo Clinic

ICU Outcome Predictions Using Real-Time Signals with Wavelet-Transform-Based Deep Learning Method

Sunny Lin, Washington University in St. Louis

Equity in Health Information Exchange Data Availability, Accessibility, and Use in the Emergency Department

Interest Groups: Timely access to accurate clinical information is essential for effective decision-making across healthcare settings. This session focus on innovative tools and data strategies aimed at improving care delivery. Presentations will explore the use of electronic consultations to enhance specialist access for community health center patients, real-time ICU outcome prediction using advanced deep learning methods, and the role of health information exchange in supporting emergency department clinicians. Together, these studies highlight opportunities to strengthen patient care through improved data availability, predictive analytics, and system-level collaboration. The session will also include an update on the activities of the HIT Interest Group.

(Mental Health and Substance Use) Emerging Issues in OUD Treatment, Policy, and Practice

Room 101 GH

Chair: Helen Newton,

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Valentine Wanga, Elevance Health

Impact of Uptake of Pandemic-Era Take-Home Methadone on Adverse Events

Yanlei Ma, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

The Impact of State Opioid Prescribing Limits on Opioid-Related Inpatient and Emergency Department Episodes

Danielle Olds, Saint Luke's Hospital

Defining Opioid Use Disorder Recovery Program Success: A Qualitative Analysis of Stakeholder Perspectives

David Zhu, Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine

Fentanyl-Xylazine Overdose Deaths in the United States, 2018-2023

Call for Abstracts Sessions: Opioid use disorder (OUD) remains a critical public health issue. This panel explores treatment and outcomes. One study found take-home methadone did not increase adverse events. Research on recovery programs showed they used diverse success metrics. Analyses of prescribing limits show they led to fewer hospitalizations and emergency department visits, and reduced disparities. Finally, rising fentanyl-xylazine overdose deaths highlight disparities, urging targeted interventions and adaptive surveillance. The studies underscore the need for flexible approaches to OUD.

Burden and Burnout: How Inclusive Leadership Can Mitigate Toxic Cultures

Room 101 IJ

Chair: Christopher Harle, Indiana University Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health

Speakers: Christy Lemak, University of Alabama; Lindsay Munn, Wake Forest University School of Medicine; Lilia

Cervantes, Univ of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus; Rachel Patzer, Emory University

Career Development Workshops: Learn and discuss leadership strategies that shift power and increase employee satisfaction.

Better Together: Collaborating to Improve Care Quality and Equity Using PROs

Room 102 ABC

Chair: Anne Schuster, Colorado School of Public Health, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

Discussant: Carolyn Petersen,

Speakers: Norah Crossnohere; Kenneth Meehan, Geisel School of Medicine, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Dartmouth Cancer Center; Eric Adjei Boakye, Henry Ford Health

Special Sessions: Patient-reported outcomes (PROs) are patients' own reports of how they feel, function, and live their lives. Using PROs in routine care offers a cascade of benefits, but can be challenging. This session will highlight PROTEUS Consortium collaborations and resources to improve care quality and equity using PROs. Researcher, clinician, and patient panelists will describe efforts to support the use of PROs in clinical practice, generally, and particularly in vulnerable and underserved populations.

Late-Breaking Session - Medicaid Under Threat: Coverage Losses, Fiscal Pressures, and Policy Consequences

Room 200 FG

Chair: Jose F. Figueroa

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Fredric Blavin, Urban Institute

Health Care Providers Would Experience Significant Revenue Losses and Uncompensated Care Increases in the Face of Reduced Federal Support for Medicaid Expansion: Results By State and Substate Region

Genevieve Kenney, Urban Institute

How Many Expansion Adults Could Lose Medicaid Under Federal Work Requirements?

Stephen Mein, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

Changes in Health Insurance and Employment after Medicaid Expansion with Work Requirements in Georgia

Claire O'Brien, The Urban Institute

Imposing per Capita Medicaid Caps and Reducing the Affordable Care Act's Enhanced Match: Impacts on Federal and State Medicaid Spending 2026–35

Call for Abstracts Sessions: The federal government is considering substantial changes to the Medicaid program. This session explores the impacts of enacted and proposed state and federal Medicaid policy changes, including provider revenue losses in the face of reduced federal support for Medicaid expansion, coverage losses under work requirements, and the fiscal effects of Medicaid per capita caps. These talks highlight the far-reaching implications of state and federal reforms for Medicaid coverage, access, and financing.

Causal Inference: Start to Finish (Intermediate Quantitative Methods)

Room Auditorium Room 1

Chair: Eric Barrette, Health Care Cost Institute

Speakers: Jean Digitale, University of California San Francisco; Tim Hanson, Medtronic; Marcelo Perrailon, University of Colorado

Methods and Data: Conducting policy relevant health services and policy research requires substantial planning and preparation. Moreover, the results of research should inform stakeholder decisions, which requires proper application and interpretation of results. This session will cover methodological aspects of the conceptualization, interpretation, and application of causal effect estimates. Specific topics covered will include directed acyclic graphs (DAGs), differences in treatment effect estimates, and transportability of trial results.

PCORI's Role In Supporting Methodological Advances in Patient-Centered AI

Room Auditorium Room 3

Chair: Erin Holve, Government of the District of Columbia

Speakers: James Flory, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center; Alexander Turchin, Brigham and Women's Hospital; Mary Reed, Kaiser Permanente Northern California

Special Sessions: This session highlights PCORI's nimble approach to funding comparative clinical effectiveness research (CER) methods development using patient-centered artificial intelligence (AI). This session will present work from PCORI-funded research teams leveraging breakthroughs in large language models (LLMs) to improve transparent and reliable methods for disease prediction, assessing equipoise to test evidence-based clinical decision-making, and analysis of unstructured data from clinical encounters.

(Payment and Delivery Systems Innovations) Impact of Reimbursement Models on Care Delivery

Room Mezzanine 100 AB

Chair: Ellesse-Roselee Akre,

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Kun Li, Duke-Margolis Institute for Health Policy

Accounting for Social Risk in North Carolina Medicaid Payments: Lessons for Social Risk Adjustment in State Medicaid Programs

Danielle Bargo, Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health

Impact of a Minimum Spending Floor on Community Benefit Spending at Oregon's Non-Profit Hospitals

Aaron Mitchell, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Does Volume-Based Reimbursement for Cancer Drugs Influence Treatment Decisions?

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session will focus on the impact of different alternative payment and care models on health care spending, use and both patient and financial outcomes. Speakers will explore the direct and indirect incentives in each of 3 types of models at the federal and state level: global budgets, volume-based fee-for-service, and performance-based payments.

(Public and Population Health) Reflections on COVID-19 Era Lessons for Public and Population Health

Room Mezzanine 100 CD

Chair: Valerie Yeager, Indiana University Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

John Hsu, Massachusetts General Hospital

Deadly Aftershocks - Cardiac Mortality after the Pandemic Onset

Alysa Pomer, Brigham and Women's Hospital

Ready or Not: How Prepared Are Hospitals for the Next Pandemic?

J. Mac McCullough, Boise State University

Funding Cliffs for Public Health and Social Services: Quantifying COVID-Era Funding Changes and Looming Policy Implications

Leonard Mndala, Malawi-Liverpool-Wellcome Programme

Effects of COVID-19 on Maternal and Neonatal Outcomes, and Access to Care in Malawi: An Interrupted Time Series Analysis of Data from a National Facility-Based Cohort (MATSurvey)

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session will discuss lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic. Researchers will share studies on health outcomes, including cardiac mortality and maternal and neonatal outcomes, and on policy and preparation implications.

(Child and Family Health) Mental & Behavioral Health: Navigating Risk Factors, Disparities, and Care

Room Mezzanine 100 E

Chair: Richard Epstein,

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Jason Sell, Vanderbilt University

Incident Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Associated Health Outcomes Among School-Aged Medicaid Enrollees

Megan Cole, Boston University School of Public Health

Over Time, Psychotropic Medication Prescribing Rates Increased Among Privately-Insured Children and Decreased Among Medicaid-Insured Children

Tiffany Lemon, Arizona State University

Working 9 to Sick: Associations between Insurance-Related, Dependent-Associated Job Lock and Adult Mental and Physical Health

Talar Markossian, Loyola University Chicago

Economic Evaluation of 'Building Early Connections', an Early Childhood Integrated Primary Care Program at a Large Urban Academic Medical Center

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session examines the complex factors shaping children's mental health. Discussions will highlight the intersection of policy, care, and social determinants, offering insights into challenges and opportunities for improving mental health outcomes. This session aims to inform strategies for more equitable and effective care for children and families.

(Women and Gender Health) The Changing Landscape of Access to Abortion Care and Measurement Considerations

Room Mezzanine 100 GH

Chair: Julia Strasser, George Washington University

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Caitlin Murphy, The Milken Institute School of Public Health at The George Washington University

In States with Abortion Bans, Community Health Center Patients Face Challenges Getting Reproductive Health Care

Skye Miner, RAND

Local and Institutional Policies and Abortion Access in Virginia and North Carolina

Eva Dindinger, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

Changes in Reasons for Termination and Days to Abortion Appointment Following State and National Abortion Bans

Sarah Horvath, Penn State University Milton S. Hershey Medical Center

Identification of Non-Live Birth Pregnancy Outcomes in CMS Data

Call for Abstracts Sessions: The 2022 Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health Supreme Court decision continues to alter the landscape of access to abortion and other reproductive health care. These presentations will describe some of these impacts using qualitative, legal epidemiology, and quantitative methods. We will also discuss relevant methodological considerations for using national Medicaid claims data to identify non-live birth pregnancy outcomes.

(Health Workforce) Transforming Health Care Access: The Power of Innovative Midwifery Education

Room Mezzanine 100 IJ

Chair: Amy Alspaugh, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Speakers: Julie Blumenfeld, Rutgers University; **Shannon Pirrie**, University of Colorado; **Ellen Solis**, University of Washington; **Elizabeth Munoz**, University of Alabama

Panels on Critical and Emerging Issues in HSR: Midwives can offer innovative ways to provide care in communities but are underutilized in the US. Midwifery initiatives in New Jersey, Washington, Colorado, and Alabama showcase diverse approaches to increasing health care accessibility, including improving perinatal health across a state, expanding abortion care, addressing rural maternity care shortages, and providing care in maternal health deserts. Collectively, these programs demonstrate midwives' vital role in connecting communities to health care to promote equity, improve outcomes, and enhance wellness.

(Health Workforce) Developing the Next Generation Health Policy Workforce to Advance Health and Health Care

Room Mezzanine 101 ABC

Chair: Mark McClellan, Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy, Duke University

Speakers: Corinna Sorenson, Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy, Duke University; **Rachel Werner**, University of Pennsylvania; **Joanne Spetz**, Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies, University of California; **Sarah Reeves**, University of Michigan, Susan B Meister Child Health Evaluation and Research Center

Policy Roundtables: Health policy education and training is evolving to align with the complex challenges facing health, health equity, and health care. Drawing on the experiences of interdisciplinary academic institutes involved in health policy education and training, this policy roundtable explores health policy core competencies and supporting programs needed for health policy researchers and practitioners to succeed, existing opportunities and gaps in health policy education and training, and recent strategies and initiatives to improve health policy workforce development.

9:30 am–5:00 pm

Quiet Work Zone

Room Mezzanine 100 F

Main Events: Step away from the hustle and bustle of the conference and into our Quiet Work Zone—an area designed for focus, reflection, and productivity. Equipped with ample seating and a calm atmosphere, this space offers attendees a peaceful environment to catch up on work, respond to emails, or simply take a break in silence. Please respect the quiet setting to help maintain a serene experience for all.

10:45 am–11:00 am

Break

Room Exhibit Hall B

11:00 am–12:45 pm

Opening Plenary: Charting the Future of Health Services Research: Opportunities in a Changing Landscape and Award Presentations: Alice S. Hersh Emerging Leader Award and Gail Wilensky Award for Impact in Health Policy

Room Auditorium

Chairs: **Bianca Frogner**, University of Washington Center for Health Workforce Studies; **Aaron Carroll**, Indiana University School of Medicine

Speakers: **Cara James**, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services - Office of Minority Health; **Dr. Nir Menachemi**, Indiana University Richard M Fairbanks School of Public Health; **Kat McDavitt**, Innsena; **Aaron Schwartz**, Brigham and Women's Hospital; **Michael Davern**, NORC at the University of Chicago; **Dr. Robert Valdez**, University of New Mexico

Plenary: As the political landscape evolves in 2025, health services researchers have opportunities to shape the future of their work. This session will showcase leaders in the field who have successfully navigated complex public health and health policy discussions, offering valuable insights and strategies for advancing research in this dynamic environment. The Alice S. Hersh Emerging Leader Award will be presented to the award recipient, Dr. Aaron Schwartz.

The new Gail Wilensky Award for Impact in Health Policy, Sponsored by NORC at the University of Chicago, will be awarded to Dr. Robert Otto Valdez.

12:45 pm–2:00 pm

Lunch on Your Own

PCORnet®101: A National Resource for Patient-Centered Health Research

Room 208 B

Adjunct Meetings (Registration required): PCORnet®, the National Patient-Centered Clinical Research Network is a “network of networks” that harnesses the power of large amounts of health information while leveraging strong partnerships between patients, clinicians, health plans, and health systems. This broad infrastructure, open to all researchers, facilitates conduct of large observational studies that include clinical and patient-reported outcomes as well as large, pragmatic clinical trials embedded within participating health systems. This session will provide an overview of PCORnet and its data, engagement, and research resources. The session will also discuss PCORI funding opportunities leveraging PCORnet. Lunch will be provided. There will be an opportunity to schedule private consultations with the PCORnet® team. Register [here](#)

1:30 pm–2:00 pm

Meet the AcademyHealth Advocacy Team

Room Exhibit Hall B

Moderator: **Josh Caplan**, AcademyHealth

Networking: If you're curious about how AcademyHealth is engaging with the current political landscape, visit the AcademyHealth booth for an informal meet and greet with the Advocacy Team. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and learn about our advocacy goals and initiatives. Join us to connect with like-minded individuals and explore ways to make a difference.

Concurrent Sessions

2:00 pm–3:15 pm

(Medicare) Caring for Vulnerable Older Adults: Focus on Alzheimer's and Dementia

Room 101 AB

Chair: **Purna Mukhopadhyay**,

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Elham Mahmoudi, University of Michigan School of Medicine

Potentially Preventable Hospitalizations Among Different Subpopulations of Older Adults with Dementia: 2017-2021

Cyrus Kosar, Brown University School of Public Health

Impact of Institutional Special Needs Plans on Hospitalization Rates for Nursing Home Residents with Dementia

Shubing Cai, University of Rochester Medical Center

From CC27 to CC30: Evaluating the Effects of Medicare's Updated Chronic Condition Files on Dementia Identification and Disparities

Dr. Geoffrey Hoffman, University of Michigan School of Nursing

Examining Differences in Injury, Function, and Utilization for Medicare Advantage and Traditional Medicare Enrollees with Alzheimer's Disease

Call for Abstracts Sessions: Papers focus on care among Medicare beneficiaries with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, including measurement issues related to the identification of such beneficiaries in Medicare claims.

Child Health Interest Group: Building Bridges: Advancing Child Health Policy and Research Through Networking
Room 101 E

Chair: Kao-Ping Chua, University of Michigan, Susan B Meister Child Health Evaluation and Research Center

Interest Groups: Are you interested in health policy or health services research focused on children, adolescents, and young adults? If so, we invite you to join our interest group meeting. We will provide an overview of the mission and activities of our interest group, then recognize the best in our field by announcing the winners of this year's awards. We will end by engaging the audience in a speed networking event, with the aim of promoting connections and expanding professional networks.

Learning Health Systems Interest Group: Meeting the Moment - Building toward Trustworthy AI in Health Services Research
Room 101 F

Chair: Lucy Savitz

Panelist: Sarah Greene, Self-Employed

Sam Savitz, Mayo Clinic

Assessing Patient Eligibility for Community Health Worker Services Using an Artificial Intelligence Algorithm

David Haggstrom, Regenstrief Institute

Adaptive Performance Benchmarking in Healthcare Foundational Models: The Need for a National Assurance Lab

Andrew Gonazlez, Regenstrief Institute Center for Health Services Research

Beyond Explainability – How to Actually Build Trust in Healthcare AI

Interest Groups: We are experiencing a revolution in the modernization of healthcare IT, largely driven by artificial intelligence (AI) methods, tools and applications. The LHS Interest Group will focus much of its 2025 meeting on reviewing challenges across a range of topics related to the use of AI and machine learning healthcare delivery and embedded health services research (HSR). Three presenters will share specific examples of their foundational work to build trustworthy foundational models to support improved care, followed by moderated discussion. Attendees will also review and discuss latest developments related to the Learning Health System

(Mental Health and Substance Use) Policies to Expand Access to Medications for Opioid Use Disorder: The VA Experience
Room 101 GH

Chair: Adam Gordon, Informatics, Decision-Enhancement, and Analytic Sciences Center, VA Salt Lake City Health Care System

Sophia Huebler, University of Utah School of Medicine; VA Salt Lake City Health Care System, Informatics, Decision-Enhancement and Analytic Sciences Center (IDEAS)

Buprenorphine Treatment in Non-Addiction-Specialty Settings in the Veterans Health Administration

Richard Nelson, University of Utah School of Medicine; VA Salt Lake City Health Care System, Informatics, Decision-Enhancement and Analytic Sciences Center (IDEAS)

Mortality Outcomes Do Not Differ By Setting of Buprenorphine Initiation Among Veterans with Opioid Use Disorder

Fatima Rahim, VA Salt Lake City Health Care System, Informatics, Decision-Enhancement and Analytic Sciences Center (IDEAS); University of Utah School of Medicine

Veterans Health System Leader and Clinician Perspectives on Expanding Access to Methadone Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder

Megan Vanneman, VA Salt Lake City Health Care System, Informatics, Decision-Enhancement and Analytic Sciences Center (IDEAS); University of Utah School of Medicine

Expanding Access to Methadone Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder: Measurement and Policy Considerations for the Veterans Health Administration

Research Panels: Following the Evidence Act of 2018, government agencies are required to provide evidence-based data to support policies and programs. Improving access to medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) in non-traditional settings is a national VA priority. Our research panel presents evaluations of two programs and policies to improve MOUD access including use of practice facilitation to encourage VA provider prescribing of MOUD outside of addiction clinics, purchasing methadone treatment (M-MOUD) outside the VA health system, and the piloting of mobile M-MOUD services.

Best Student Poster Symposium
Room 101 IJ

Chair: Deepak Palakshappa, Wake Forest University School of Medicine

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Ngoc Duong, Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine

Assessing the Variability in Effectiveness of a Behavioral Economics-Informed, Point-of-Care Clinical Decision Support Tool on Prostate-Specific Antigen Overtesting Among Clinicians

Julie Holm, New York University School of Global Public Health

Current and Preferred Methods of Birth Control Among Women in the United States

Emma Keer, Wayne State University School of Medicine

Knowledge and Use of Extended Postpartum Medicaid Eligibility in Michigan

David Ko, Haverford College

Analyzing the Rising Risk of Suicide Attempts Among U.S. High School Students with a Focus on Sexual Identity and Electronic Bullying

Anna Noronha, University of Michigan

Impact of Health System Affiliation on Discretionary Care Utilization: Lessons from High-Performing Hospitals

Rong Rong, Tulane University, Celia Scott Weatherhead School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

Cost-Effectiveness of Testing Strategies for Trichomoniasis Among Symptomatic and Asymptomatic Women in U.S. Outpatient Clinical Settings

David Ryamukuru, University of Michigan

The Impact of Specialty Registered Nurse Certification on Patient Outcomes: A Nurse-Patient Level Analysis

Andrew Shermeyer, University of Minnesota

Primary Care Access and Utilization Following the Colorado Option

Joe Sundell, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Evaluating Rates of Hospital Acquired Infections through the COVID-19 Pandemic Using an Interrupted Time Series Model: Evidence from a Nationally Representative Claims Database

Opportunities for Improving and Learning from Transparency in Coverage Data

Room 102 ABC

Chair: David Schleifer, Peterson Center on Healthcare

Speakers: Yuvraj Pathak, West Health; Alex Bohl, Mathematica Policy Research; Dr. Alison Cuellar, George Mason University; Kosali Simon, Indiana University

Special Sessions: Federal rules require commercial market insurance plans to disclose price data, including negotiated rates and billed charges. This data could inform employers' purchasing and help researchers and policymakers understand commercial spending. Yet the Transparency in Coverage (TiC) data is difficult to access and analyze, and plans' compliance with the rules has not been enforced. Panelists will discuss insights from working with TiC data and ways to improve data access, quality, and useability.

Publish and Flourish: Meet the Editors

Room 102 DEF

Chair: Kristin Rosengren, AcademyHealth

Speakers: Sandro Galea, Editor-in-Chief, JAMA Health Forum and Washington University in St Louis; Jessica

Bylander; Monica Peek, University of Chicago; Alan Cohen, Boston University, Questrom School of Business

Career Development Workshops: This workshop is designed to help authors get better at publishing in top journals. Panelists will explain what their journals are looking for, demystify the peer-review process, and share tips on writing strong papers and navigating revisions. They'll also help attendees understand the unique focus of each journal and what makes for a great submission.

(Methods Research) Working with Medicaid TAF Data: Practical Solutions and Insights for Researchers

Room 200 FG

Chair: Dr. William Schpero,

Speakers: Alina Denham, University of Rochester Medical Center; Kelsey Chalmers, Lown Institute; Yoon Hong Park, Milken Institute School of Public Health Fitzhugh Mullan Institute for Health Workforce Equity

Panels on Critical and Emerging Issues in HSR: In this panel, researchers who are members of the Medicaid Data Learning Network will share their insights on the Transformed Medicaid Statistical Information System (T-MSIS) Analytic Files (TAF) data. Attendees will gain practical insights into data issues in order to improve the rigor of TAF data research. This panel will encourage collaboration among TAF data users, helping to reduce redundant research efforts and maximize the impact of TAF data research on Medicaid policy and enrollees.

Accelerating Patient Access to Data and Analytics

Room Auditorium Room 1

Chair: Dr. Katherine Kim, University of California, Davis

Speakers: Vinay Pai, Health Tequity, LLC; Valencia Robinson, The Light Collective

Methods and Data: One of the fastest-growing areas in digital health research is using technology to generate and access personal health data through wearable and implantable devices and consumer portals. This session will review current evidence on the role of technology literacy in clinician, consumer, and community engagement.

(Patient and Consumer Preferences and Needs) Emerging Topics: GLP-1s, AI, SUD

Room Auditorium Room 3

Chair: Betsy Cliff, University of Illinois Chicago

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Vivian Hsing-Chun Wang, NYU Grossman Long Island School of Medicine

The Role of Culturally Competent Care and Cost Barriers in the Utilization of Newer Diabetes Drugs

Anna Sinaiko, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Differences in Access to and out-of-Pocket Spending on GLP-1 Agonists By Race and Ethnicity, and By Indication

Leah Habersham, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Understanding Maternal Health Provider Needs and Preferences for Continuing Medical Education on Substance Use Identification and Treatment

Paige Nong, University of Minnesota

What Do Patients Expect from AI in Healthcare?

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This panel explores “hot” and emerging topics in the field of consumer and patient needs and preferences, covering cultural and cost barriers, as well as differences in access for GLP-1s, substance use disorder in maternal health, and the emerging expectations of patients for AI in healthcare.

(Payment and Delivery Systems Innovations) The Role of Primary Care in Alternative Payment Models

Room Mezzanine 100 AB

Chair: Jonathan Staloff, University of Washington

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Ishani Ganguli, Harvard Medical School

Gender Differences in Primary Care Physician Earnings and Outcomes Under Medicare Advantage Value-Based Payment

Emily Hague, Mathematica

The Role of Medicare Alternative Payment Models in Supporting the Essential Features of Primary Care

Jayram Sastry, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania; Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania; Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics, University of Pennsylvania

Examining the Consistency of Hierarchical Condition Categories in Primary Care Risk Adjustment Models

Yanlei Ma, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Association between Primary Care Follow-up and Medicare Spending and Patient Outcomes after High-Cost Surgeries: Implications for Medicare Transforming Episode Accountability Bundled Payment Model

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session will explore the evolving role of primary care within the rapidly expanding landscape of alternative payment models. Speakers will discuss how these models affect reimbursement for primary care clinicians and the effect the models may have on the provision of primary care services and the related impact on patient health outcomes, utilization, and costs.

(Public and Population Health) Protecting Our Communities: Organizational and Policy Efforts and Challenges

Room Mezzanine 100 CD

Chair: Jennifer Mandelbaum, Athenahealth

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Glen Mays, Colorado School of Public Health, Anschutz Medical Campus

How Do Accountable Health Communities Affect Multi-Sector Population Health Networks? Evidence from Network Analysis

Y. Alicia Hong, George Mason University

Evaluation of Stronger2 Project (Stronger2 Partnership Stronger Community), a Community-Government-Academic Partnership to Enhance Resilience and Reduce Health Disparities

Kasia Klasa, University of Michigan School of Public Health

State-Level Obstacles and Opportunities for Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response

Cherie Conley, University of Michigan School of Nursing

Beyond Community Benefit: Unveiling Nonprofit Hospitals' Comprehensive Efforts to Improve Community Health

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session will present different strategies undertaken by the public and private sectors to protect community health. Researchers will discuss the efficacy of accountable health communities, community benefit efforts, and governmental approaches.

(Health Workforce) Innovations and Challenges in Rural Health Workforce Development

Room Mezzanine 100 E

Chair: Casey Balio,

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Karen E. Schifferdecker, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth

Evaluating Rural Healthcare Workforce Programs: Applying Whole-of-Person Retention Improvement Framework in VA Programs

Karen Donelan, Brandeis University

Nurse Corps Participant Retention in Rural Areas, Medically Underserved Communities, and Schools of Nursing

Erika Moen, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College

Rural Oncologists Perceptions of Specialty Scarcity and Repercussions for Care Delivery: A Qualitative Study

Tyler Malone, Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research; Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research

The Effect of Rural Hospital Mergers and Acquisitions on Worker Wages

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This panel explores critical issues in rural health workforce dynamics, from hospital mergers' impact on wages to oncologist shortages, Nurse Corps retention, and VA recruitment strategies. Presentations will highlight challenges, adaptive strategies, and policy implications for sustaining rural healthcare.

(Social Determinants and Social Needs) Medical Debt: Causes, Consequences, and Policy interventions

Room Mezzanine 100 GH

Chair: Nora Becker, University of Michigan

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Jingxuan Zhao, American Cancer Society

Association of County-Level Medical Debt and Timely Treatment Initiation Among Individuals Newly Diagnosed with Cancer

Kyle Moon, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Medical Debt and Forgone Mental Health Care Due to Cost Among U.S. Adults, 2023–2024

Nishant Uppal, Brigham and Women's Hospital

Longitudinal Heterogeneity in Debt, Bankruptcy, and Credit Scores after Cancer Diagnosis

Zhiyuan Zheng, American Cancer Society

Changes in Medical Debt, Family Income, and Wealth after Diagnoses of Major Health Conditions in the U.S.

Call for Abstracts Sessions: Medical debt is common in the U.S. and has become an increasing area of policy focus. This session focuses on the bidirectional relationship between medical debt and health diagnoses and utilization.

(Structural Racism, Disparities, and Equity in Health) State Efforts to Improve Race, Ethnicity, and Language Data and Health Equity

Room Mezzanine 100 IJ

Chair: Elizabeth Lukanen, SHADAC/University of Minnesota

Speakers: Natalie Mac Arthur, SHADAC; **Kavita Rajani**, NY State of Health (NY State Department of Health); **Sarah Qin**, MassHealth

Panels on Critical and Emerging Issues in HSR: Improvements to data collection on race, ethnicity, and language are essential to advancing health equity. In March 2024, the Office of Management and Budget finalized revisions to their [Standards for Maintaining, Collecting, and Presenting Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity](#). State-focused research is influenced by federal guidance and also drives innovation. This panel will explore initiatives to improve race, ethnicity and language data and support health equity in four states: Minnesota, Massachusetts, New York and Oregon.

(Medicaid, Coverage, and Access) Medicaid Financing and Delivery System Reforms

Room Mezzanine 101 ABC

Chair: Megan Cole, Boston University School of Public Health

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Dr. Kimberley Geissler, UMass Chan Medical School - Baystate

Impact of Medicaid Financing and Delivery System Reforms on Pediatric Behavioral Healthcare Utilization and Disparities in Massachusetts

Yara Halasa Rappel, ForHealth Consulting at University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School

Massachusetts Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment Program and Supported Programs Produced a Positive Return on Investment Among Medicaid Accountable Care Organization Enrollees

Sayeh Nikpay, University of Minnesota School of Public Health

Medicaid's Hidden Subsidy - Medicaid Drug Payment Policy and the 340B Program

Sean MacDonell, Minnesota Department of Health

Findings from the 2024 Minnesota 340B Covered Entity Report

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session highlights studies on the impact of Medicaid financing, payment and delivery system reforms on health care use, disparities and cost.

3:15 pm–3:45 pm

Refreshment Break

Room Exhibit Hall B

Concurrent Sessions

3:45 pm–5:00 pm

Meeting the Moment with Solidarity, Resolve and Radical Listening

Room 101 AB

Chair: Gwen Darien,

Speakers: Alma McCormick, Messengers for Health; Lisa Stewart, Torchlight Advisors; Karriem Watson, University of Illinois at Chicago

Special Sessions: How do we meet this moment with solidarity, resolve and radical listening? Patient-led and community-engaged research and initiatives are powerful approaches to align health care with health goals and priorities of individuals and communities to advance a healthy nation. It is critical to learn from communities and to understand the historical and current context for health and well-being as we respond to and act in this moment. This panel will bring awareness to the health and well-being of people and communities living in marginalized conditions. In our discussion, we will explore the genesis of a Native-led non-profit, Messengers for Health, in the Crow Nation in Montana and its long-term research partnership with an academic institution in which the community is in the driver's seat, with the academic partner providing support. We will discuss patient-engaged research, examining the development of a team of citizen scientists, and the power of one of the few public sector Federally Qualified Health Centers in the nation in the Chicago area. The panel will consider the evolution and role of patient- and community-engagement, focusing on how authentic engagement fosters solidarity and community and patient-led research honors the essential commitment to radical listening to prioritize solutions found in communities. Local, community-based efforts are sources of great strength and energy right now, the venues in which real, measurable results can be achieved and incorporated into health and care.

Transformative Tools: Address Challenges with Strategic Communication & AI

Room 101 CD

Chair: Angelica Rodriguez, AcademyHealth

Speakers: Lauren Adams, AcademyHealth; Kristin Rosengren, AcademyHealth; Antara Aiama, AcademyHealth; Amy Hammer, AcademyHealth

Special Sessions: Join us for an ARM-sized sample of AcademyHealth's popular online professional development courses. These courses, specifically designed to tackle the core challenges faced by AcademyHealth members, delve into strategic communications, building trust to effectively combat misinformation, and using AI for high-impact health research. Engage in an interactive skill-building activity and gain valuable insights from AcademyHealth experts during an informative Q&A. Transform your approach and elevate your impact with this preview into our full professional development offerings!

Health Workforce Interest Group: Caring for an Aging America: Addressing Workforce Challenges through Research and Data

Room 101 E

Chair: Dr. Xiaochu Hu, Association of American Medical Colleges

Panelists: Bianca Frogner, University of Washington Center for Health Workforce Studies; Joanne Spetz, Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies, University of California; Sherif Olanrewaju, Pennsylvania State University; Lei Chen, University of California San Francisco

Interest Groups: The United States is undergoing a demographic shift toward an aging population, with 18% of the population aged 65 and older in 2024, projected to rise to 23% by 2050. Despite this, the U.S. health workforce is ill-prepared for the demands of elderly care, with significant shortages of physicians, nurses, and long-term and home care workers specializing in geriatrics. This panel discussion will bring together renowned scholars and emerging researchers in the health workforce field to explore the current limitations and challenges in elderly care, examine new data resources, and share insights from ongoing research on the long-term care workforce.

Global Health Interest Group: Cross-country Evaluations in Global Health Policy and Systems Research

Room 101 F

Chair: Claire Pernet, Boston University

Dr. Olivier Wouters, Brown University

Timing of New Drug Launches in 90 Low-, Middle-, and High-Income Countries: A Retrospective Analysis of Data from 1982 to 2024

Sungchul Park, Korea University

Association of Health and Social Spending with Disability-Adjusted Life Years and Death Among 37 OECD Countries between 2000 and 2019: A Fixed Effects Analysis

Tarun Ramesh, Harvard Medical School

Trends in Physician Migration after the 2010 World Health Organization Code on International Recruitment of Physicians from Shortage Countries

Maceey Nicksch, Brown University School of Public Health

Evaluating the Value for Money of Global Fund's Investments (2017-2019)

Interest Groups: In this session, speakers will present four new empirical analyses that use large datasets to make cross-country comparisons and evaluations on pressing issues in global health. The topics include health workforce migration, social spending, pharmaceutical policy, and development assistance for health.

(Digital Technologies, Data, and Analytics) The human side of technology

Room 101 GH

Chair: Grace Wang, Weitzman Institute

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Leticia R. Moczygemba, The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy

Case Manager Recommendations in a Smartphone Based Intervention to Improve Care Coordination for People Experiencing Homelessness

Jay Patel, Temple University School of Dentistry

Generative AI Tools Vs. Human-Led Systematic Reviews: Exploring Evidence Synthesis for Social Determinants of Health and Periodontal Disease

Mary Beth Mercer, Cleveland Clinic

Artificial Intelligence and Empathy in Health Care: A Qualitative Study with Key Stakeholders

Call for Abstracts Sessions: Technology expands access to information and services, but does not replace human insight and interaction. This session discusses the role of technology in care coordination delivered by human case managers and research evidence synthesis. Patients, providers, and data scientists share their perspectives on AI and relationships within healthcare. Human expertise remains central to addressing questions and real-world problems in social services, research, and clinical care.

(Organizational Behavior and Management) Impact of Workforce Experiences, Care Infrastructures, and Hospital Contexts on Multi-level Outcomes

Room 101 IJ

Chair: Vanessa Hurley, Georgetown University

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Sylvia Hysong, Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center

Evaluating the Impact of the 72/80 Alternative Work Schedule on Nurse Well-Being and Workforce Outcomes

Timothy Levensgood, Boston University School of Public Health; Northwestern University

Financial Wellbeing and Service Provision Among 340B Hospitals (2000–2019): A Staggered Difference-in-Differences Analysis of Disproportionate Share Hospitals

Sara McCleskey, RAND

Differences in Integrated Care Infrastructure and Physician Experiences between Health System-Owned Practices and Independent Practices: Insights from Interviews with Primary Care Physicians

Min-Young Kim, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College

Heterogeneous Effects of Hospital Closures on Colon and Lung Cancer Surgery Quality, Access, and Outcomes

Call for Abstracts Sessions: The focus of this session is to explore the influence of structural and contextual factors on organizational and individual level outcomes. During this session, attendees will learn about the outcomes of research on alternative work schedules on well-being and work outcomes among nurses in the Veterans Health Administration, the association between participation in the 340B Drug Pricing Program and hospital revenue and service provision, and differences in care infrastructure and physician experiences in health system-owned and independent practices. Attendees will also learn about the effects of hospital closures on colon and lung cancer surgery quality, access, and outcomes for Medicare fee-for-service (FFS) patients.

Transforming Academic Institutions to Respond to Today's Demands

Room 102 ABC

Chair: Dan Gentry, Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA)

Speakers: Jami Jones, Medical University of South Carolina; Joshua R Vest, Indiana University; Karoline Mortensen, School of Business Administration, University of Miami; Bankole Olatosi, University of South Carolina

Special Sessions: Today's academic institutions are grappling with the imperative to adapt to a rapidly changing environment while continuing to be inclusive, innovative, compassionate organizations that support the careers of high impact leaders in research and healthcare. This panel will share new approaches and reflect on challenges encountered in adapting to our new environment.

(Payment and Delivery Systems Innovations) Effects of policy and market changes on access to care

Room 102 DEF

Chair: Michal Horný, Emory University School of Medicine

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Christopher Cai, Brigham and Women's Hospital

Bankruptcy and Closure after Private Equity Acquisition of US Health Care Delivery Organizations

Leigh Evans, Abt Global

Identifying Geographic Areas to Incentivize Increased Primary Care Access in Maryland

Peiyin Hung, University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health

State Telehealth Reimbursement Policies and Hybrid Perinatal Care in the United States: A Study of National Clinical Cohort Collaborative Data

Ashley Lewis, NYU Grossman School of Medicine

The Impact of Medicaid Value-Based Payments on Healthcare Use for Patients with Mental Illness

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session will focus on how changes to policy or local market conditions can impact access to health care services. Speakers will discuss disruptions including changes to reimbursement policy and acquisitions of health care delivery organizations by private equity firms. They will discuss the ensuing impacts on access to care as well as how access varies by geographic region.

Best of ARM Session: Technology, Quality, and Crisis Preparedness in Care Delivery

Room 200 FG

Chair: Yhenneko Taylor, Atrium Health

Discussant: Yhenneko Taylor, Atrium Health

Xiaoyi Zhang, University of Washington

Transforming Quality Measurement – Integrating Information from Narrative Clinical Notes to Augment Structured Quality Measures

Megan Cole, Boston University School of Public Health

The Impact of a Telehealth Navigation and Remote Patient Monitoring Intervention on Hypertension Control and Primary Care Engagement Among Black Patients

Alysa Pomer, Brigham and Women's Hospital

Ready or Not: How Prepared Are Hospitals for the Next Pandemic?

Anna Sinaiko, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Optimizing a Real-Time Benefit Tool (RTBT) to Streamline Medication Changes and Lower Patients' out-of-Pocket Costs: Insights from Clinicians and Staff

Best Of: This session focuses on the integration of technology in patient care and quality measurement, as well as strategies for readiness and equity in care delivery.

How Data Science Approaches Drive Innovation in Health Services Research

Room Auditorium Room 1

Chair: Kevin Wiley,

Speakers: Aaron Tierney, UC Berkeley School of Public Health; **Paige Nong**, University of Minnesota; **Nate Apathy**,

Methods and Data: This session examines the evolving intersection of health services research (HSR) and data science, highlighting their impact on methodological advancements. Through real-world examples from leading HSR and informatics researchers, we will explore how machine learning, natural language processing (NLP), and artificial intelligence are transforming the field. We will also clarify key concepts and bridge the gap among public health advocates, health services researchers, informaticists, and computer scientists. By fostering a shared understanding, this session seeks to enhance interdisciplinary collaboration and drive innovation in HSR.

(Medicare) Alternative Payment Models, Quality, and Spending

Room Auditorium Room 3

Chair: Sara Knox, MGH Institute of Health Professions

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Aidan Crowley, Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania

Performance of Physicians and Hospitals in Medicare's Latest Bundled Payment Program for Lower Extremity Joint Replacement

Robert E. Burke, University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine

Skilled Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing Program Not Associated with Intended Reductions in Hospital Readmissions in Older Adults Receiving Post-Acute Care

Mike Markee, Saint Louis University

Association of Participation in an Episode-Based Payment Model for Lower Extremity Joint Replacements and Community-Based Physical Therapy Utilization

Call for Abstracts Sessions: Session includes evaluation of four value based or episode based payment models and associated outcomes. These models include the skilled nursing care facility value-based purchasing program, the lower extremity joint replacement model, and the bundled payments for care improvements advanced model.

(Mental Health and Substance Use) Older Adults and Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder

Room Mezzanine 100 AB

Chair: Dr. Michael Barnett, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Samantha J. Harris, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Disparities in Use and Perceptions of Substance Use and Harm Reduction Services Among Older Adults in the Era of Fentanyl: Results from a Multi-State Survey

Charity Hoffman, University of Michigan Medical School

Nowhere Else to Go: Nursing Homes As a Stop Gap for Adults with Serious Mental Illness

Patience Dow, Brown University School of Public Health

Optimizing Transitions and Care for People with Opioid Use Disorder in Skilled Nursing Facilities: A Multi-State Qualitative Inquiry

Youngran Kim, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health

Trends in Antipsychotic Prescriptions By Provider Type Among Medicare Part D Beneficiaries, 2013–2022

Call for Abstracts Sessions: A growing number older adults live with mental illness or substance use disorders. The session explores mental health and substance use among older adults, including a study of harm reduction, analyses of nursing homes as stopgap housing for those with serious mental illness and the challenges of transitioning people with opioid use disorder to skilled nursing facilities. A study on antipsychotic prescriptions reveals a rise in roles for APRNs/PAs, especially in rural areas. These new analyses offer evidence to help improve behavioral health care in an aging population.

(Aging and End-of-Life) Supporting and Empowering Family Caregivers

Room Mezzanine 100 GH

Chair: Wenhan Guo, University of Rochester Medical Center

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Katherine Miller, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Employer Strategies for Supporting Family Caregivers: Delphi Panel Consensus

Elizabeth Ciemins, AMGA

A Wholistic Approach to Dementia Care: Empowering Patients and Care Partners with Home-Based Care Coordination

Melissa Harris-Gersten, Center of Innovation to Accelerate Discovery and Practice Transformation, Durham VA Healthcare System

Vital Conversations about the Acceptability of the Veterans Health Administration's Family Caregiver Health and Wellbeing Coaching Program: Evidence from a Partnered, Mixed Methods Evaluation

Alexandra Mendoza-Graf, RAND

Factors Impacting Caregiver Burden for Familial Caregivers in Puerto Rico: Perspectives from 51 Caregivers of People Living with Alzheimer's Disease

Call for Abstracts Sessions: Family caregivers are a critical component in the care of older adults living with disabilities. This session will highlight the care experiences of family caregivers as well as discuss strategies to better support them. Topics include: 1) workplace strategies to support family caregivers, 2) care coordination efforts to empower patients and family caregivers, 3) caregiver supports in the Veterans Health Administration, and 4) dementia caregiver burden in Puerto Rico.

(Individuals Living with Disability or Other Complex Conditions) Medicaid and Supportive Services: Disparities, Utilization, and Outcomes

Room Mezzanine 100 IJ

Chair: Niyang Li,

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Betsy Cliff, University of Chicago

Medicaid Disenrollment Among Young Adults with Complex Medical Conditions: Prevalence and Variation By Condition and Geography

John Palatucci, Rutgers Center for State Health Policy

Permanent Supportive Housing Exits Among Medicaid-Enrolled Adults: Differences in Healthcare Utilization Patterns and Likelihood of Returns to Homelessness By Exit Type

Laurin Bixby, Lurie Institute for Disability Policy, Brandeis University

Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Utilization of Medicaid Long-Term Services and Supports

Reside Jacob, Veterans Health Administration

Vocational Rehabilitation Services' Impact on Health Care Cost and Utilization Among Veterans

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session examines Medicaid disenrollment among young adults with complex medical conditions, highlighting variations by condition and geography. It also addresses the challenges of unsuccessful exits from permanent supportive housing among Medicaid-enrolled adults, the racial and ethnic disparities in the utilization of Medicaid long-term services and supports, and the impact of vocational rehabilitation services on healthcare costs and utilization among veterans.

Partnering with Community and Applying Evidence to Advance Reproductive Health

Room Mezzanine 101 ABC

Chair: Tiffany Green, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Speakers: **Asha Hassan**, University of Minnesota Medical School; **Laura Lindberg**, Rutgers University; **Caitlin Russell**, University of Pennsylvania; **Nicole Quinones**, University of Minnesota Division of Health Policy and Management
Special Sessions: Explore how the *Dobbs* decision and subsequent health care and policy decisions have affected person-centered reproductive health care, three years on. Physician and research leaders will share insights from their work to address barriers and enhance the clinical care experience in order to protect access and improve outcomes. Panelists will also reflect on their experiences collaborating with community-based organizations, legislators, and other decision-makers to advance reproductive health equity.

5:15 pm–6:30 pm

Poster Session B

Room Exhibit Hall B

5:30 pm–6:00 pm

Continue the Conversation: Medicaid Data Learning Network - Catalyzing Medicaid Research with TAF

Room 101 IJ

Chair: **Susan Kennedy**, AcademyHealth

Speakers: **Dr. William Schpero**; **Hyunjee Kim**, Oregon Health and Science University; **Annaliese Johnson**, AcademyHealth

Networking: We welcome researchers using the latest generation of Medicaid claims data — the T-MSIS Analytic Files (TAF) — to meet with our Medicaid Data Learning Network (MDLN) faculty, learn about forthcoming MDLN activities, and network with peers. The MDLN provides a forum for TAF researchers to share insights, challenges, and best practices for using TAF, with the goal of elevating opportunities to engage in Medicaid-focused work.

Meet the AcademyHealth Advocacy Team

Room Exhibit Hall B

Moderator: **Josh Caplan**, AcademyHealth

Networking: If you're curious about how AcademyHealth is engaging with the current political landscape, visit the AcademyHealth booth for an informal meet and greet with the Advocacy Team. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and learn about our advocacy goals and initiatives. Join us to connect with like-minded individuals and explore ways to make a difference.

6:30 pm–8:30 pm

Reproductive Health Equity Happy Hour

Location with Address: [Wood + Paddle Eatery, 31 S 7th St, Minneapolis, MN 55402](#)

Adjunct Meetings: Are you passionate about reproductive health equity? Are you interested in connecting with peers conducting reproductive health research? Join us for an informal get-together on Sunday, June 8, co-hosted by University of Minnesota's Collective for Reproductive Health Research & Justice and AcademyHealth's Research Community on the Equity Impacts of *Dobbs*. We hope to see you there! Light bites and refreshments will be provided. Please [RSVP here](#) to help the hosts estimate the headcount.

7:30 pm–9:30 pm

University of Michigan LHS-ARM25 reception (INVITE ONLY)

Hilton Minneapolis Conrad BC

Adjunct Meetings: Department Chair for University of Michigan Learning Health Sciences, Gretchen Piatt, PhD, MPH along with DLHS faculty, staff and students host a reception during the AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting (ARM25) in Minneapolis.

Monday, June 9

7:00 am–7:45 am

Morning Yoga

Hilton Minneapolis Conrad A

Chair: **Jaime Adler**, AcademyHealth

Networking: Wake up with morning yoga. We will engage in gentle movement and meditation to start the day. This session is accessibly paced for those new to yoga, as well as long-time practitioners. Participants will need to wear comfortable clothing for movement. Towels will be available to use as a support. Bring your own travel mat or other supports as you have available.

7:00 am–5:30 pm

Registration Open

Room Exhibit Hall B Foyer

7:30 am–8:30 am

Meet-The-Experts Student Breakfast

Hilton Minneapolis Conrad BC

Discussants: **Stephen Patrick**, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine; **Elizabeth Habermann**, Mayo Clinic; **Angela Snyder**, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University; **Oludolapo Fakeye**, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; **Kelly Devers**; **Reginald D. Williams II**, The Commonwealth Fund; **Paula Lozano**, Kaiser Permanente Washington

Adjunct Meetings: Open to Student Attendees - Join our panel of Health Services Research experts for an informal networking breakfast. Students will have the chance to talk with leaders in the field.

8:00 am–9:00 am

Continental Breakfast

Room Exhibit Hall B

8:00 am–9:15 am

Poster Session C

Room Exhibit Hall B

8:15 am–9:00 am

Coffee Chat: Measuring What Matters – Capturing the Real-World Impact of Your Research

Room 101 GH

Speakers: **Megan Collado**, AcademyHealth; **Danielle DeCosta**; **Rishika Desai**, AcademyHealth

Networking: How do you assess the real-world impact of your research? Why do you even need to know? During this coffee chat, connect with your peers and AcademyHealth for a discussion about how to measure the impact of your work and what challenges you currently face. This discussion will help inform future AcademyHealth professional development offerings around capturing and understanding the impact of your work, which can inform conversations with current and potential future funders, institutional leaders, and colleagues.

8:30 am–9:00 am

HSR Community Brainstorm: We Need Your Input to Design an Innovative Consortium

Room 101 JJ

Chairs: **Elizabeth Cope**, AcademyHealth; **Antara Aiama**, AcademyHealth

Networking: Come learn about AcademyHealth's latest initiative to accelerate the integration of research into clinical practice to improve patient outcomes and evidence-based care. A new consortium will leverage implementation science and foster collaboration between academia, healthcare, and pharma/health tech industries for better adoption of innovation. We invite you to discuss the consortium's purpose, value, and how it could benefit you. Your input is crucial in shaping this effort. All are welcome!

Concurrent Sessions

9:30 am–10:45 am

(Dissemination, Implementation, and Impact) Implementing Initiatives to Enhance Coordination and Delivery of Care

Room 101 AB

Chair: **Allison Lewinski**,

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Linnaea Schuttner, University of Washington; VA Puget Sound Health Care System

Impact of Converting in-Person to Electronic Screening for Alcohol Use Disorder in Primary Care: A Randomized Quality Improvement Trial

Summer Newell, Center to Improve Veteran Involvement in Care (CIVIC), VA Portland Health Care System

Nurse and Social Worker Perceptions of Early Adoption of VA's Largest Care Coordination Effort

Kimberly Lind, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System

Build It and They Will Come – Building VA Women's Health Services through a Targeted Funding Initiative

Matthew Augustine, Veterans Sponsorship Initiative, Transitioning Servicemember/Veteran and Suicide Prevention Center

National Virtual Care Clinic for Transitioning Veterans: Rapid Transition from Department of Defense into Veterans Health Administration Care Via Telehealth

Ronald Calderon, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System

Perceptions of External Facilitation in Supporting the Implementation of Critical Time Intervention in Under-Resourced Homeless Service Agencies

Call for Abstracts Sessions: Delivery of effective health service frequently requires coordination within and across settings and over time. These presentations describe the process of implementing and supporting programs aimed at enhancing coordination and delivery of care among individuals being serviced across a range of programs.

(Health Workforce) Health Workforce Compensation: Gender, Policy, and Their Impact on Outcomes

Room 101 CD

Chair: Diana Bowser, Boston College

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Lauren Mitchell, University of Chicago

Trends in Community Health Worker Place of Employment and Wages from 2012 – 2023 and Effect of Certification and Medicaid Reimbursement

David Armstrong, Center for Health Workforce Studies

Gender Differences in New Physician Income in the Post-Pandemic Era

Olesya Baker, Department of Population Medicine, Harvard Medical School and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Institute

Impact of Abortion Bans on Obstetrician-Gynecologist Salaries: Evidence from Texas

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session examines how gender and policy intersect to shape compensation and outcomes in the health workforce. Presentations will highlight diverse perspectives, including those of physicians, community health workers, and the hospice industry.

Quality and Value Interest Group: Top-Ranked Research and Early Career Investigator Awards

Room 101 E

Chairs: Stacy Farr, Saint Luke's Hospital; University of Missouri-Kansas City; **Kelsey Chalmers**, Lown Institute

Amir Alishahi Tabriz, Moffitt Cancer Center

Assessing the Validity of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Measure in Identifying Potentially Preventable Emergency Department Visits By Patients with Cancer

Joanne Constantin, University of Michigan

Effects of Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Use Mandates on Perioperative Opioid Prescribing and Adverse Events

Alexandra Hames, Humana Healthcare Research

Association between a Pharmacy Benefit Manager-Supported Behavioral Health Retrospective Drug Utilization Review Program and Utilization Among Medicare Advantage Enrollees

Mohammad Abdel Jawad, Saint Luke's Mid America Heart Institute; UMKC Healthcare Institute for Innovations in Quality (HI-IQ)

Shared Decision-Making in Primary Mitral Regurgitation Treatment: Barriers and Opportunities for Implementation of a Decision Aid

Gray Babbs, Brown University School of Public Health

Drivers of Quality Disparities between Cisgender and Transgender Medicare Beneficiaries

Giryeon Bae, Korea University

The Effects of Expanded Coverage for Brain MRI on Low-Value Use in South Korea: A Difference-in-Differences Analysis

Interest Groups: This session will start with a brief overview of the Quality & Value Interest Group (QVIG) followed by two sets of presentations. The first section will include brief presentations by the three outstanding Early Career Investigator Awardees (ECIAs) in Quality & Value for 2025. The second section will include the top 3 quality and value abstracts in the quality and value IG for 2025.

(Individuals Living with Disability or Other Complex Conditions) Addressing Behavioral Health Crisis Care and Mental Health Utilization

Room 101 F

Chair: Teal Benevides, Augusta University

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Dr. Ashlyn Burns, Indiana University School of Medicine

A Patient-Centered Outcomes Framework for Evaluating Behavioral Health Crisis Care

Rosha Loach, University of Florida

Predictors of Suicidality, Mental Health Care Service Utilization, and Perceived Unmet Need for Mental Health Care Services Among U.S. Adults with Disabilities

Rebecca Lewis, RTI International

Care Experiences for Individuals with Cancer and Serious Mental Illnesses (SMI): A SEER-Cahps Study

Kathleen Gallagher, Patient Advocate Foundation; Patient Insight Institute

Reaching the Breaking Point: Exploring Healthcare Costs, Financial Strain, and Coping Strategies Among Chronically Ill Medicare Patients

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session delves into a patient-centered outcomes framework for evaluating behavioral health crisis care, identifying predictors of mental health care utilization and unmet needs, and examining care experiences for individuals with cancer and serious mental illnesses. It also explores the financial strain, healthcare costs, and coping strategies among chronically ill Medicare patients.

(Improving Safety, Quality, and Value) Pre-Hospital Diagnostic Delays in Sepsis, Cancer, and Acute Cardiovascular Events

Room 101 GH

Chair: Allison Isaacson, AcademyHealth

Speakers: Mark Schlesinger, Yale School of Public Health; Adam Oostema, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine; Jeffrey Yaeger, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry; Caroline Thompson, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Panels on Critical and Emerging Issues in HSR: Diagnostic errors account for almost 60 percent of medical errors and an estimated 40,000-80,000 deaths per year. Cancer, acute cardiovascular events, and sepsis account for the majority of delayed diagnoses. This panel features findings from recent research analyzing the social, clinical, and financial factors contributing to pre-hospital delays in diagnosing those conditions. These delays occur before patients reach the care setting where their condition is ultimately diagnosed.

Updated View of Core Competencies: The Evolution and Readiness of HSR LHS Training Programs

Room 102 ABC

Chair: Margo Edmunds, AcademyHealth

Speakers: Sarah Greene, Self-Employed; Stephanie Shimada, Department of Veterans Affairs; Mark Holmes, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health

Career Development Workshops: A collaborative advisory group will discuss ways to harmonize HSR LHS training in the future.

(Medicare) Great Debates: Medicare Advantage and the Corporatization of Health Care

Room Auditorium Room 1

Chair: Amol Navathe, University of Pennsylvania

Speakers: Melinda Buntin, Vanderbilt University Medical Center; Prof. Mike Chernen, Harvard Medical School; Sachin Jain, CareMore Health

Policy Roundtables: This roundtable explores Medicare Advantage and corporatization as distinct but interconnected trends. Panelists will debate their benefits and drawbacks, with opening arguments tailored to their expertise. Using polling software, the moderator will foster audience engagement, ensuring a dynamic and interactive discussion on the future of health care in America.

Innovating Health Services Research in Challenging Times

Room Auditorium Room 3

Chair: Michael Gluck, AcademyHealth

Speakers: Brian Quinn, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; Davina Frick, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; Jenni Lane, Weitzman Institute

Special Sessions:

With support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation since 2019, AcademyHealth has driven efforts to improve the responsiveness, relevance, and impact of the health services research (HSR) enterprise. These efforts draw from practices of human centered design and aim to nurture an innovation mindset in all we do. This panel will reflect on the impact of these efforts, the relevance for the existential moment HSR is facing, and what we all can do to assure evidence-informed, equitable health care policy and practice.

Late-Breaking Session - Evolving Strategies to Address the Opioid Crisis & Health Inequities

Room Mezzanine 100 AB

Chair: Andrew B. Boozary,

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Rohan Khazanchi, FXB Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University

Ending Mandatory Child Protective Services Reporting for Prenatal Substance Exposure: A Quasi-Experimental Analysis of Differential Impacts By Race and Use of Medications for Opioid Use Disorder

Samantha Auty, Boston University School of Public Health

Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Checks Reduce Emergency Department Use Among Veterans

Rohan Khazanchi, FXB Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University; Harvard Internal Medicine-Pediatrics Residency Program at Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston Children's Hospital, and Boston Medical Center

Redressing Race-Based Medicine: A Difference-in-Differences Analysis of How a National Wait Time Modification Policy Affected Kidney Transplantation Inequities

Kao-Ping Chua, University of Michigan, Susan B Meister Child Health Evaluation and Research Center

Effect of Academic Detailing on Opioid Prescribing to Adolescents and Young Adults By High-Prescribing Dentists: A Randomized Controlled Trial

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This panel highlights evolving strategies to combat the opioid crisis and health inequities. Presentations examine the impact of prescription drug monitoring checks on ED use among veterans, how changing national policies affect kidney transplantation inequities, the effects of ending mandatory child protective services'

reporting for prenatal substance use, and a randomized control trial of academic detailing to reduce opioid prescribing by dentists.

Partnerships are the Heart of Community-Engaged Research

Room Mezzanine 100 CD

Chair: April Joy Damian, Community Health Center, Inc.

Speakers: Susan Goold, University of Michigan School of Public Health; Derek Griffith, Penn Nursing, University of Pennsylvania; Somava Saha, Well-being and Equity in the World; Angel Ortiz-Siberon, Esperanza; Clarence Jones, Hue-Man Partnership

Methods and Data: Panelists will discuss approaches and opportunities to develop partnerships in applied settings and how community-engaged research can survive and thrive.

(Patient-Centered, -Partnered, or -Led Research) Pcornet: Patients Guiding Network Governance and Research Execution

Room Mezzanine 100 E

Chair: Greg Merritt, Patient is Partner

Lindsay Mayberry, Vanderbilt University Medical Center; Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Pcornet, the National Patient-Centered Clinical Research Network

Schuyler Jones, Duke Clinical Research Institute

Patient-Led Clinical Trials in Pcornet

Lauren Cohen, Duke Clinical Research Institute

Addressing Underrepresentation in Clinical Trials and Clinical Care

Research Panels: This session will provide an overview of PCORnet, the National Patient-Centered Clinical Research Network, and describe how patient stakeholders contribute to the ongoing operations of the Network infrastructure, as well as are integral members of research programs leveraging this infrastructure. We will provide specific examples of patient leadership from recent and ongoing large clinical trials in the cardiovascular and metabolic areas. This session will provide an overview of PCORnet, the National Patient-Centered Clinical Research Network, and describe how patient stakeholders contribute to the ongoing operations of the Network infrastructure, as well as are integral members of research programs leveraging this infrastructure. We will provide specific examples of patient leadership from recent and ongoing large clinical trials in the cardiovascular and metabolic areas. This session will provide an overview of PCORnet, the National Patient-Centered Clinical Research Network, and describe how patient stakeholders contribute to the ongoing operations of the Network infrastructure, as well as are integral members of research programs leveraging this infrastructure. We will provide specific examples of patient leadership from recent and ongoing large clinical trials in the cardiovascular and metabolic areas. This session will provide an overview of PCORnet, the National Patient-Centered Clinical Research Network, and describe how patient stakeholders contribute to the ongoing operations of the Network infrastructure, as well as are integral members of research programs leveraging this infrastructure. We will provide specific examples of patient leadership from recent and ongoing large clinical trials in the cardiovascular and metabolic areas.

Health Equity IG: The Politics of Health Equity: Navigating Changing Policies and the Research Landscape

Room Mezzanine 100 GH

Chair: Kathryn Thompson,

Panelists: Venice Williams, Colorado School of Public Health; Odi Akosionu-DeSouza, Minnesota Department of Health; Makeda Zulu, University of Minnesota; Katie Remington Cunningham, Minnesota Justice Research Center; Thomas Sorenson, Native Public Defense Corporation

Interest Groups: In this session, we will be joined by local experts from Minnesota to discuss how researchers, practitioners, and communities are navigating the changing policies and research landscape in the current geo-political context. Panelists will share their experiences in building university-community partnerships, engaging with policy and state health officials, and advancing equity-focused research with community members. Join us in this enriching discussion to share innovative methods and approaches to engaging the community in eliminating inequities in health and health care.

The Critical Role of State-based Research in Protecting Access and Equity

Room Mezzanine 100 IJ

Chair: Jennifer Edwards, IPRO

Speakers: Alina Salganicoff, Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation; Kris Rhodes, Minnesota Department of Health;

Elizabeth Lukanen, SHADAC/University of Minnesota; Lilia Cervantes, Univ of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus

Special Sessions: Research conducted at the state level is a powerful tool for assisting policymakers, advocates, and clinicians in assuring access to critical health care. When paired with sound communication strategies, significant progress can be achieved. During this session, our esteemed panelists will share their experiences as producers of state-level research, advocates, and changemakers. Having dedicated their efforts to promoting access to evidence-based care

for women, immigrants, American Indians, and other vulnerable groups, they possess invaluable lessons for ARM attendees.

(Aging and End-of-Life) Supporting Older Adults Living with Disabilities Across Long-Term Care Settings

Room Mezzanine 101 ABC

Chair: Courtney Baird, Brown University School of Public Health

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Rachel Prusynski, University of Washington Department of Rehabilitation Medicine; University of Washington Center for Health Workforce Studies; University of Washington Department of Health Systems and Population Health

Reductions in Therapy Provision in Skilled Nursing Facilities after Medicare Payment Reform and during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Lucille Xiang, American Health Care Association; Brown University

Understanding the Impact of SNF Closures on Residents: A Comparative Analysis of Discharge Destination and Change in Quality of Care in Urban Vs Rural Settings

Sherif Olanrewaju, University of Pennsylvania

Impact of Transitional Experiences on the Preparedness of Internationally Educated Nurses to Provide Care for Older Adults in U.S. Long-Term Care Settings: A Qualitative Study

Lindsey Smith, Oregon Health & Science University

What Is Memory Care? Implications of the Variation in Definition across State Licensure, Industry Report, and Consumer Advertising

Call for Abstracts Sessions: The care of older adults living with disabilities extends across several long term care settings. The papers in this session will focus on the following: 1) therapy provision and skilled nursing facilities during COVID-19, 2) the impact of skilled nursing facility closures on residence by rurality, 3) preparedness of internationally needed nurses in long term care settings, and 4) defining memory care across long term care settings.

9:30 am–4:45 pm

Quiet Work Zone

Room Mezzanine 100 F

Main Events: Step away from the hustle and bustle of the conference and into our Quiet Work Zone—an area designed for focus, reflection, and productivity. Equipped with ample seating and a calm atmosphere, this space offers attendees a peaceful environment to catch up on work, respond to emails, or simply take a break in silence. Please respect the quiet setting to help maintain a serene experience for all.

10:45 am–11:15 am

Refreshment Break

Room Exhibit Hall B

11:15 am–12:30 pm

Monday Plenary: Building Resilient Careers: Strategizing for Shifting Research Climates and Award Presentation: Mosaic Award

Room Auditorium

Chairs: Keshia Pollack Porter, John Hopkins University, School of Public Health; **Prof. Ninez Ponce**, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health

Speakers: Anirban Basu, University of Washington; **Taylor Rogers**, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health; **Aaron Schwartz**, Brigham and Women's Hospital; **Natalie Turner**, University of Washington; **Abigail Echo-Hawk**, Urban Indian Health Institute; **Joanne Levy**, University of Pennsylvania

Plenary: This plenary session will explore the future of the health services research workforce, with a focus on supporting early-stage researchers in a rapidly changing world. Attendees will gain insight into how the field can better support and protect the next generation of researchers, especially in areas facing political challenges. Emerging and established researchers will share their personal experiences and discuss ideas for overcoming shifting research landscapes, including seeking alternative funding sources. The session will address strategies to attract and retain the next generation in health services research, ensuring a robust and resilient workforce for the future.

The Mosaic Award will be presented to the award-winning groups, Seattle Indian Health Board/Urban Indian Health Institute, & The University of Pennsylvania Wharton Health Care Management Department and Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics.

12:30 pm–1:45 pm

Lunch on Your Own

HPRS Mentorship Lunch (INVITE ONLY)

Room 205 CD

Advancing the Learning Health System Maturity Model

Room 208 A

Adjunct Meetings: This interactive session will engage attendees in the validation of an organization-level maturity model for learning health systems (LHSs) developed by a multi-stakeholder effort led by the Learning Health Community and AcademyHealth. Panelists will provide an overview of the maturity model's development to date and then lead attendees in discussions to explore options for model refinement and to solicit feedback and interest in future testing and/or applications of the model.

Medicaid Data Learning Network Members-Only Networking Event (INVITE ONLY)

Room 205 B

Adjunct Meetings: Medicaid Data Learning Network (MDLN) members can join this opportunity to meet with their network peers, discuss current TAF-related topics, and discuss the future of this Network.

Council Spring Convening (Education/Methods and Data Council) (INVITE ONLY)

Hilton Minneapolis Conrad BC

1:30 pm–2:00 pm

Meet the AcademyHealth Advocacy Team

Room Exhibit Hall B

Chair: Josh Caplan, AcademyHealth

Networking: If you're curious about how AcademyHealth is engaging with the current political landscape, visit the AcademyHealth booth for an informal meet and greet with the Advocacy Team. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and learn about our advocacy goals and initiatives. Join us to connect with like-minded individuals and explore ways to make a difference.

Concurrent Sessions

1:45 pm–3:00 pm

(Structural Racism, Disparities, and Equity in Health) Examining Differences in Healthcare Access, Utilization and Outcomes

Room 101 AB

Chair: LaShaune Johnson, University of Houston

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Tonghui Xu, University of Houston

Behavior Change-Informed Text Messages to Boost Colorectal Cancer Screening in FQHC Patients with Open Care Gaps

Tamara Byrd, University of Pittsburgh

The Impact of Race and Social Determinants of Health on Prehospital Interventions Among Injured Patients

U. Gayani E. Perera, Columbia University School of Nursing

Evaluating the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Hospital Discharges to Post-Acute Care for Older Adults with Acute Myocardial Infarction By Race and Ethnicity: A Comparative Interrupted Time-Series Analysis, 2016-2021

Yusheng Jia, University of Rochester

Racial and Ethnical Disparities in Dental Access and Costs: Associations with Usual Source of Care and Foreign-Born Status

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session explores the complex factors influencing access to care, including systemic barriers, cost, policy, and social determinants of health. Presenters will examine how race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status shape healthcare utilization, treatment decisions, and health outcomes. Through discussions on disparities in emergency response, post-acute care, preventive services, and affordability, this session will highlight challenges and opportunities for advancing equitable healthcare access.

(Women and Gender Health) Access and Utilization of Contraceptive Care

Room 101 CD

Chair: Sophie Morse, The University of Texas at Austin

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Eleanor Schwarz, UCSF

Knowledge and Perceived Access to Long-Acting Contraceptive Alternatives Among US Individuals Considering Tubal Sterilization: A Randomized Trial

Grace Ferguson, Allegheny Health Network

Facilitators and Barriers to Implementation of Immediate Postpartum LARC (IPLARC) Programs within Pennsylvania Hospitals 7 Years after PA Medicaid Reimbursement

Meghan Bellerose, Brown University School of Public Health

Medicare's Coverage Gaps Reduce Contraceptive Use Among Women with Disabilities

Ashley O'Donoghue, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

Understanding Contraceptive Deserts and Evaluating the Effect of Policies That Expand Contraceptive Access

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session focuses on access and insurance-related barriers to contraceptive care in the United States. These papers address contraceptive barriers including patient knowledge about procedures and their alternatives, health system support for initiatives to expand access, insurance coverage gaps for those with disabilities, and geographical access to providers.

State Health Research and Policy Interest Group: Bridging State and Federal Health Policy - Conversations and Rapid Insights

Room 101 E

Chair: Lauryn Walker,

Panelists: Kristin Rosengren, AcademyHealth; **Susan Kennedy,** AcademyHealth

Donna Spencer, RTI International

Expansion of Coverage for Services Under Medicaid Section 1115 Substance Use Disorder Demonstrations: Experiences of Managed Care and Provider Organizations

Nigel Deen, Boston University School of Public Health

The Association between Medicaid Reimbursement for Maternal Depression Screening in Well-Child Visits and Care for Postpartum Depression

Adrianna McIntyre, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

U.S. Coverage Changes during Medicaid Unwinding in 2023

Interest Groups: Join a dynamic panel discussion featuring Kristin Rosengren, VP of Strategic Communications at AcademyHealth, alongside a Minnesota state health official, as they delve into bridging state and federal health policy. Through an engaging, interview-style conversation, explore AcademyHealth's strategic vision for aligning federal goals with state-level actions, purposeful outreach initiatives, and pathways for enhancing mutual engagement between state policymakers and AcademyHealth. Stay for rapid-fire abstracts offering timely insights into Medicaid unwinding coverage shifts, Medicaid Section 1115 Substance Use Disorder Demonstrations, and Medicaid reimbursement impacts on maternal depression care. Equip yourself with actionable strategies to influence health policy effectively.

Oral Health Interest Group: Interprofessional Strategies for Overall Well-Being

Room 101 F

Chair: Sujay Mehta, Self-Employed

Dr. Heather Taylor, Indiana University Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health

The Medical-Dental Divide: How Neglecting Oral Health Strains Health Systems and Harms Populations—and What It Takes to Bridge the Gap

John O'Malley, CareQuest Institute for Oral Health

The National Medical-Dental Care Asymmetry: Demonstrating the New State of Oral Health Equity in America Survey Research Tool

Lisa Heaton, CareQuest Institute for Oral Health

Oral Health and Its Links with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias: Opportunities for Interprofessional Education and Collaboration

Interest Groups: Oral health is a vital yet often overlooked component of overall health and health equity. This session will explore oral health challenges and opportunities for integration through three expert-led discussions. Topics include the medical-dental divide and its impact on health systems, new survey research on oral health equity in America, and the links between oral health and Alzheimer's disease. A moderated discussion will highlight strategies for interprofessional collaboration, policy reform, and innovative approaches to bridging gaps in care and improving population health.

(Measuring Safety, Quality, and Value) Innovative Approaches to Measuring Quality, Equity & Patient-Centered Care

Room 101 GH

Chair: R. Adams Dudley, Minneapolis VA Health Care System

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Dr. Celsea Tibbitt, The Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics

Quality, Equity, and Spontaneous Vaginal Birth

Patrick Romano, University of California Davis School of Medicine

Development and Validation of Electronic Clinical Quality Measures of Hospital Harms for Public Reporting

Katherine Nash, New York Presbyterian/Columbia University Irving Medical Center

Evaluating Pediatric Readmissions As an Equity Metric Using a National Sample of Children's Hospitals

Danielle Rose, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System

Ratings of Communication and Providers Among VA Clinical Resource Hub and Community Care Patients, FY 2020-2023

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session highlights research on improving the quality and equity of health care through innovative and patient-centered measurement strategies for assessing maternal health outcomes, safety and quality of acute care, and patient experience. The abstracts explore how data-driven metrics from a range of diverse sources and stakeholders can contribute to better measurement and enhancement of health care delivery.

Late-Breaking Session - Economic and Structural Forces Shaping the Health Care Workforce in Nursing Homes, Home Health Medical Care, and Hospitals

Room 101 IJ

Chair: Anna Sinaiko, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Senta Wiederholt, VA Portland Health Care System

Practice Acquisitions in Home-Based Medical Care in the United States

Cal Chengqi Fang, The University of Chicago

Wage Inequalities within Nonprofit Hospitals, 2009-2023

Dr. Jasmine Travers, New York University

Impact of the Paycheck Protection Program on Nursing Home Staffing during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

Hong-Lun Tiunn, The George Washington University

Beyond Wages: The Role of Non-Economic Provisions in Nurse Collective Bargaining Agreements

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This panel examines workforce and financial dynamics in U.S. health care delivery. Talks explore trends in practice acquisitions in home-based medical care, wage disparities among workers in nonprofit hospitals, and how the Paycheck Protection Program influenced nursing home staffing during COVID-19. The final presentation highlights the role of non-economic provisions—such as scheduling and safety—in nurse collective bargaining.

The Value of Primary Care Research: AHRQ's Investments and Reports from the Field

Room 102 ABC

Chair: Sarah Shoemaker-Hunt, Principal Associate

Speakers: Omolola Adepoju, University of Houston College of Medicine; **Lisa Rotenstein**, University of California, San Francisco; **Stephanie Gold**, Eugene S. Farley, Jr. Health Policy Center

Research Resources: Primary care research is critical for positioning the nation's healthcare system to reverse the rise in chronic conditions that are driving morbidity and mortality in the US. This session describes how AHRQ's recent investments address the different dimensions of high-quality primary care, followed by a panel of primary care researchers offering insights from their work and thoughts on how future research can strengthen primary care and improve the health of all Americans.

The People Say! A New Digital Research Platform for Collecting Lived Experiences

Room 102 DEF

Chair: Narda Ipacki, The SCAN Foundation

Speakers: Chelsea Mauldin, Public Policy Lab; **Dr. Sean Bruna**, Western Washington University

Special Sessions: Research to inform policies for older adults is more effective when it includes their lived experiences. *The People Say* is a unique digital platform showcasing videos, audio, transcripts, and more, reflecting the needs of older adults. Join our breakout session to learn about the platform's creation, hear from an older adult participant, and discuss how involving older adults can enhance research and policy development for more meaningful outcomes.

Insurer and Provider Consolidation in U.S. Healthcare

Room Auditorium Room 1

Chair: Risha Gidwani, RAND Corporation

Speakers: Cory Capps, Bates White; **Cheryl L Damberg**, RAND Corporation

Special Sessions: The focus of this session is to explore the consolidation of payers and providers (e.g., health insurers purchasing provider groups and/or health systems offering health insurance) and its implications for both patient care and health services research.

Ethics of AI in Data Science and HSR: What Principles Should Matter Most to the Future Workforce?

Room Auditorium Room 3

Chair: Mary Reed, Kaiser Permanente Northern California

Speakers: Jaime Boris, Department of Veterans Affairs; **Sarah Greene**, Self-Employed; **Genevieve Melton-Meaux**, University of Minnesota School of Medicine

Career Development Workshops: Presenters will discuss ethical approaches to leverage AI with causal machine learning, evidence synthesis, clinical toolkits, and patient data access.

(Improving Safety, Quality, and Value) Improving Quality and Outcomes Across Health Care Settings: Veterans Health, Medicare Advantage, and Nursing Homes

Room Mezzanine 100 AB

Chair: Andrew Oseran, Massachusetts General Hospital

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Edwin Wong, VA Puget Sound Health Care System; University of Washington

Does Increasing Primary Care Team Panel Size Affect Health Care Costs? Findings from a VHA Pilot Program

Kimberly Korwek, HCA Healthcare

Using Hospital and Health Plan Data to Identify Factors Associated Post-Sepsis Mortality in Medicare Advantage Population

Diana Govier, Oregon Health & Science University - Portland State University School of Public Health; Veterans Rural Health Resource Center - Portland, VA Office of Rural Health; Center to Improve Veteran Involvement in Care (CIVIC), VA Portland Health Care System

Risk of Hospital Readmissions and Receipt of Care Coordination Services Among High-Risk Veterans

John Bowblis, Miami University

Do Minimum Staffing Levels Improve Nursing Home Quality? Empirical Evidence from California's Minimum Staffing Regulations

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session focuses on factors associated with cost, quality, and clinical outcomes, from primary care to nursing homes. Topics includes: how primary care panel size impacts health care costs in the VHA, factors associated with post-sepsis mortality in the Medicare Advantage population, the interplay between care coordination services and risk of readmissions among Veterans, and the implications of minimum staffing levels in nursing homes on quality of care.

(Mental Health and Substance Use) Enhancing Behavioral Health in the Perinatal Period

Room Mezzanine 100 CD

Chair: Samantha Goldfarb, Florida State University College of Medicine

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Stephanie Hall, University of Michigan

Trends in Racial Disparities in Diagnosis of Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders Among Delivering Michigan Medicaid Enrollees 2016-2020

Megan Cole, Boston University School of Public Health

Medicaid Accountable Care Organizations Increased Mental Health Screening and Treatment Among Pregnant and Postpartum People

Ayse Akincigil, Rutgers University

Rates and Patterns of Discontinuation of Antidepressants Due to Pregnancy

Flora Sheng, RAND

Examining Factors Associated with Buprenorphine Prescribing for Childbearing Age Women with Opioid Use Disorder: Roles of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Call for Abstracts Sessions: Pregnant and postpartum individuals face significant barriers to behavioral health care. This panel examines racial disparities in perinatal mood disorder diagnoses, the impact of Medicaid accountable care organizations on mental health screening and treatment, and antidepressant discontinuation during pregnancy. The session also explores provider roles in opioid use disorder care among women of child-bearing age. Findings will inform policy and clinical strategies to enhance perinatal behavioral health.

(Dissemination, Implementation, and Impact) Pragmatic Implementation in Surgery: Lessons Learned to Optimize Uptake of Evidence-Based Innovations and Surgical Outcomes in Real-World Settings

Room Mezzanine 100 E

Chair: Salva Balbale, Northwestern University

Cassandra Iroz, Northwestern University

Pragmatic Implementation of a Safe Opioid Use Agreement in Surgery

Anne Stey, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

Pre-Implementation Work from an Intervention to Improve Interprofessional Communication to Enhance Diagnosis for Shock Patients

Shipra Arya, Stanford University Medical Center

Use of Formative Evaluation to Guide Adaptations and Uptake in a Hybrid 1 Effectiveness Implementation Pragmatic Trial

Willemijn Schaefer, Northwestern University

Implementation Assessment of a Complex Intervention in Pediatric Surgery

Research Panels: With a focus on diverse surgical contexts/populations, this panel brings together four presentations: (1) Pragmatic implementation of a safe opioid use agreement in general surgery; (2) Pre-implementation findings from an intervention to improve diagnosis of shock in trauma patients; (3) Formative evaluation of a hybrid type 1 trial to test frailty screening and preoperative optimization for Veterans undergoing surgery; and (4) Assessment of a hybrid type 2 trial on implementation of an Enhanced Recovery Protocol (ERP) designed for children undergoing surgery.

Engaging a "Vibrant Community:" Advancing the Science of Engagement in Research

Room Mezzanine 100 GH

Chair: Madelyne Greene, PCORI

Speakers: **Kristin Carman**, Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute; **Monica Perez Jolles**, University of Colorado, Denver; **Thomas Mackie**, Rutgers University School of Public Health; **Elaine Morner**, University of Pittsburgh

Special Sessions: This session will introduce PCORI's Science of Engagement (SoE) portfolio and summarize lessons from funded projects. The goal of PCORI's SoE funding is to build an evidence base on engagement in research. Presenters will provide a brief overview of the state of the science and share perspectives on the most urgent and pressing evidence gaps. Three currently funded SoE research teams will share their approaches, preliminary findings, lessons learned, and recommendations for future work.

Climate Change & Healthcare: Impacts on Patients, Providers, and Payers

Room Mezzanine 100 IJ

Chair: Jessica Kronstadt, Johns Hopkins University

Discussant: Betty Bekemeier, University of Washington

Speakers: Sonia Angell, Johns Hopkins University; Jeremy Greene, Johns Hopkins University; Winnie Chi, Elevance Health

Special Sessions: This panel will explore the intersection of planetary health and healthcare delivery, highlighting considerations for providers, payers, and those seeking care. Panelists will examine factors such as how weather events, heat, and single-use materials affect patient outcomes, care costs, and system efficiency. Through real-world examples and data, the session will highlight potential strategies to optimize healthcare while promoting better health outcomes for both patients and the planet.

(Social Determinants and Social Needs) Innovative Strategies for Implementing and Evaluating Social Needs Referral Programs

Room Mezzanine 101 ABC

Chair: Heather Lee,

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Sarah Zollweg, UCLA

Improving Social Needs Referral Tools in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan: An Academic-Community Partnership

Sarah Harper, Mayo Clinic Health System

Implementation Considerations for Using a Semi-Automated Referral Platform in the Electronic Health Record to Screen and Intervene for Social Drivers of Health

Megan Cahn, Legacy Health

Beyond Regulations: Maximizing Health-Related Social Needs Screening and Response Data to Achieve Health Equity

Kathryn Istas, Saint Lukes

Collaborative Services Network Solution for Addressing Social Needs in Patients Recovering from Heart Failure: Intersectoral Infrastructure for Randomized Control Trial

Call for Abstracts Sessions: These four studies demonstrate novel and innovative ways of evaluating or implementing social-needs screening and referral programs.

3:00 pm–3:30 pm

Refreshment Break

Room Exhibit Hall B

Concurrent Sessions

3:30 pm–4:45 pm

(Measuring Safety, Quality, and Value) Characterizing, Challenging, and Refining Quality and Outcome Measures

Room 101 AB

Chair: Andrew Anderson, Hopkins

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Xiaoyi Zhang, University of Washington

Transforming Quality Measurement – Integrating Information from Narrative Clinical Notes to Augment Structured Quality Measures

Alex Sox-Harris, VA Palo Alto Health Care System

Determining the Minimal Clinically Important Differences (MCIDs) in Patient Reported Outcomes for Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (CTS)

Kenneth Nieser, Stanford University School of Medicine

The Unreliability of Two Publicly Reported CMS Outcome Measures When Applied to Veterans Health Administration Facilities

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session explores research that further defines, improves, or highlights limitations of existing measures of health care quality. Topics include incorporating clinicians' notes to improve performance measurement in EHRs, defining meaningful changes in patient-reported outcomes, contextual variations in a measure's reliability, and modified modeling for greater precision. The studies yield valuable insights to revolutionize how the measures discussed are used in practice.

(Methods Research) Identifying & Categorizing Dementia in Home Care: Novel Approaches, Novel Data Sources

Room 101 CD

Chair: Sara Knox, MGH Institute of Health Professions

Sara Knox, Medical University of South Carolina

Integration of Clinical Diagnostic Criteria into an Adrd Algorithm for Medicare Data

Julia Burgdorf, Center for Home Care Policy & Research

Applying Brief Interview for Mental Status in a Diverse Home Health Population

Maxwell Cutty, Medical University of South Carolina

Identifying Potential Hospice Candidates Among Home Health Beneficiaries with Dementia

David Russell, VNS Health

Comparing Methods of Dementia Identification Among Managed Medicaid Enrollees

Research Panels: This session presents data-driven approaches to identifying people with dementia (PWD) in Medicare, Medicaid, and private health data. Methods presented include 1) an algorithm for identifying PWD in Medicare Fee-for-Service claims that incorporates clinical diagnostic criteria 2) the performance of the Brief Interview for Mental Status in home health (HH), 3) a claims-based approach for identifying potential hospice candidates among PWD in HH, and 4) claims-based and assessment-based methods for identifying community-living, dually enrolled PWD in two large health plans.

Women and Gender Interest Group Special Session

Room 101 E

Chair: Hao Yu, Harvard Medical School and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Institute

Panelists: Hannah Murphy, Vizient Inc.; **Anu Bompelli**, University of Minnesota; **Claire Pernat**, Boston University;

Sarah Soppe, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; **Ahra Kim**, Vanderbilt University; **Julia Edelbuettel**, Harvard University; **Arina Chesnokova**, University of Pennsylvania

Interest Groups: We welcome all members of the Women and Gender health Interest Group to come by our session! We will review our goals as an Interest Group, have presentations by the highest scoring student applicants who are not presenting elsewhere at the conference, and network among the members to get to know each other. Please stop by for any or all of the content!

Research in Public Health Systems: A Focus on Workforce, Evaluation, and Disease Surveillance

Room 101 F

Chair: Casey Balio

MaKenzie Gee, Indiana University Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health

Competency Gaps Among Governmental Public Health Employees with and without a Certificate in Public Health

Ebony Funches, Marion County Public Health Department

Process Evaluation of a Public Health Infrastructure Grant Funded Certified in Public Health (CPH) Program

Kusuma Madamala, Oregon Public Health Division

Towards a Modern Public Health System: Evaluation of a Legislative Investment in Oregon's Foundational Public Health Services through Accountability Metrics

Donald McCormick, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Modernization of Public Health Disease Surveillance in Arkansas

Lauren Mitchell, University of Chicago

Trends in Community Health Worker Place of Employment and Wages from 2012 – 2023 and Effect of Certification and Medicaid Reimbursement

Interest Groups: This session of the Public Health Services and Systems Research Interest Group will include timely presentations across public health workforce, evaluations, and disease surveillance. Specific topics include evidence surrounding the Certificate in Public Health, an evaluation of Oregon's investment in Foundational Public Health Services, disease surveillance modernization efforts in Arkansas, and community health worker wages, employment, and reimbursement.

Creating learning health systems to accelerate system-wide care improvements

Room 101 GH

Chair: Christopher Miller, VA Boston Healthcare System

Speakers: Mark Reger, VA Puget Sound Health Care System; **Sylvia Hysong**; **Yuvaram Reddy**, Massachusetts General Hospital; **Dr. Timothy P. Hogan**, University of Massachusetts Medical School

Special Sessions: Aligning research evidence and performance data using a learning health system approach is essential for delivering more efficient, patient-centered care. Drawing on the experiences of the VA Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI) and Health Systems Research, this session will describe the evolution of learning health system implementation in a large national integrated US health system.

(Payment and Delivery Systems Innovations) Site-Neutral Payment and Facility Fee Billing Reforms

Room 101 IJ

Chair: **Jessica Chang**, Health Care Cost Institute

Discussant: **Molly Jeffery**, Mayo Clinic

Melinda Buntin, Johns Hopkins University, Carey Business School; Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health

Medicare Site-Neutral Payment Policies: Effects of Proposals on Hospital and Beneficiary Groups

Roslyn Murray, Brown University, School of Public Health

Estimating Savings from Site-Neutral Payment Caps for Low-Complexity Services

Michal Horný, University of Massachusetts Amherst; Health Care Cost Institute

Outpatient Facility Fee Reform: Evidence from Connecticut

Research Panels: This session presents three closely related research studies examining policies aimed at aligning payments for ambulatory health care services across settings in both Medicare and commercial sectors. Findings from these studies are timely and highly relevant to ongoing federal and state policy efforts to curb spending in both Medicare and commercial sectors.

Hot Topics in HSR

Room 102 ABC

Chairs: **Aaron Carroll**, Indiana University School of Medicine; **Dr. Nir Menachemi**, Indiana University Richard M Fairbanks School of Public Health

Special Sessions: Hear from two national leaders in the field of health services research (HSR) on the important and timely issues impacting HSR and ask them your questions.

Bridging the Gap: Communicating Evidence Across Political Divides

Room 102 DEF

Chair: **Josh Caplan**, AcademyHealth

Speakers: **Jan Malcolm**, Minnesota Department of Health; **Sarah Gollust**, University of Minnesota; **Kamaria Kaalund**, Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy

Special Sessions: Communicating evidence to policy audiences is both a science and an art. And these days, it can feel more challenging than ever. This skill-building session will empower researchers with practical tools and strategies to effectively convey their findings to policymakers at all levels. By addressing the unique challenges of engaging with diverse political and ideological perspectives, this session provides actionable insights to help scientists connect their work to real-world impact.

New Directions in Accountable Care: Leveraging Public-Private Partnerships to Accelerate Change

Room 200 FG

Chair: **Frank McStay**, Duke Margolis Center for Health Policy

Speakers: **Amy Russell**, Mountain Area Health Education Center, NC AHEC; **Mariann Yeager**, The Sequoia Project; **Renee McLaughlin**, Cigna

Methods and Data: For several decades, accountable care has had bipartisan support as a pathway to align health care payments and benefits with care that improves quality, access, and affordability. Adoption has steadily increased across public and private payers. A key driver of accountable care adoption to date has been collaborative engagements across diverse stakeholders—policymakers, private payers, providers, employers, etc. —to identify opportunities for aligned action. This panel discussion will feature key health care leaders who will speak to their experiences at the National, regional, and state levels to drive change.

(Medicare) The Future of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA): Opportunities and Challenges in the Trump Era

Room Auditorium Room 1

Chair: **Christopher Cai**, Brigham and Women's Hospital

Speakers: **Dr. Benjamin Rome**, Program on Regulation, Therapeutics, and Law, Division of Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacoeconomics, Brigham and Women's Hospital; **Dr. Stacie Dusetzina**, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine;

Alyson Bancroft, Patients for Affordable Drugs/NOW

Panels on Critical and Emerging Issues in HSR: Signed in 2022, the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) introduced the largest reforms to Medicare Part D since it was enacted. The IRA empowered the government to negotiate prices for certain high-cost drugs, required manufacturers to pay rebates if they raised drug prices faster than inflation, and capped patient costs at \$2000 per year. This session will review early data about the impact of these changes, consider emerging opportunities for researchers to evaluate how these changes affect patients' access to medications, and identify opportunities for future reform.

(Digital Technologies, Data, and Analytics) Leveraging Internet Search Data for Clinical Diagnosis: Insights and Challenges

Room Auditorium Room 3

Chair: Lucas Tramontozzi, Innovation Horizons

Speakers: Jane Hamilton, University of Texas Health Science Center Houston, McGovern Medical School; Alex Dhima, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center;; Catherine Marinac, Harvard Medical School and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute; Renee Schneider, Google

Panels on Critical and Emerging Issues in HSR: Six researchers share insights from projects utilizing internet search data to enhance clinical diagnoses for lung cancer, mental health disorders, and alcohol use disorder and discuss the ethical and technical challenges of using patients' search histories, including obtaining consent, ensuring privacy, and overcoming data collection barriers. The session highlights opportunities to integrate digital data into clinical workflows and explore future research directions, providing insights into how this innovation can enhance personalized healthcare and care management.

(Organizational Behavior and Management) Clinical, Financial, and Other Operational Implications of Hospitals' Private Equity and System Affiliations

Room Mezzanine 100 AB

Chair: Bo Kim, VA Boston Healthcare System

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Alexander P. Phillips, Brown School of Public Health

Price Implications of Private Equity and Hospital Affiliation in Gastroenterology and Cardiology

Caitlin Carroll, University of Minnesota

Effect of System Affiliation on Hospital Choice: Evidence from Rural Markets

Sneha Kannan, University of Pittsburgh

When Private Equity Hospitals Are Sold – an Early Look at Financial Health

Daniel Johnson, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center; The University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine
Changes in Case Mix, Procedural Utilization, and Clinical Outcomes for Heart Failure Patients after Private Equity Acquisition of Hospitals

Call for Abstracts Sessions: Private equity and system affiliations can have substantial implications for hospitals' operations. This session examines a range of such implications as they relate to different specialties, organizations, and markets. The presenters will provide insight into specialty care services' price variations across hospital- and private equity-affiliated physicians; effects of system affiliations on hospital choice in rural markets; financial outcomes of private equity hospitals being sold to secondary owners; and changes in care utilization and clinical outcomes associated with hospitals' private equity acquisitions. The session will help orchestrate active discourse on these topics that are especially timely given recent years' trends in ownership changes and market consolidation.

(Social Determinants and Social Needs) Designing and Evaluating Health-Related Social Needs Screening and Referral Processes

Room Mezzanine 100 CD

Chair: Justeen Hyde, ENRM VA Medical Center

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Deborah Gurewich, VA Boston Healthcare System; Boston University School of Medicine

Using Co-Design to Develop a Rural-Tailored Social Need Intervention

Nicholas Myers, Penn Medicine Center for Health Equity Advancement

A Mixed Methods Evaluation of Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Screening and Intervention Processes across Multiple Hospitals within a Large Academic Health System

Sydney Ruggles, VA Bedford Healthcare System

Facilitators and Barriers to Implementation of a Veterans Health Administration Social Needs Screening and Referral Initiative

Nina Diamond, Thomas Jefferson University

Findings from the Nutrition-Hrsn Assessment and Referral Tool (N-HART) Pilot Implementation Trial

Call for Abstracts Sessions: Health-related social needs screening and referral programs are rapidly becoming common, but wide variation exists in their implementation. These four studies describe the creation and implementation of four different health-related social needs screening and referral programs.

(Child and Family Health) Meeting Delivery Challenges for Structurally Marginalized Children

Room Mezzanine 100 E

Chair: Joyce Woo, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Stephanie Ettinger de Cuba, Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine

Safety-Net Program Enrollment Gaps, Administrative Burden and Public Policy Environment Among US-Born and Immigrant Families with Young Children

S. Wilton Choi, San Diego State University

Effective State Maternity Care Policies for Immigrants Under Restrictive Federal Immigration Policies

Sara Handley, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

Rural-Urban Differences in Healthcare Access for Postpartum Parent and Infant Dyads

May Oo, Moses/Weitzman Health System

Enabling Resources and Dental Care Use Among Children Aged 0-5 Years: Insight from the 2022-2023 National Survey of Children's Health

Call for Abstracts Sessions: Underserved populations such as immigrant families, rural children and their postpartum moms, and children in need of dental care continue to face access challenges. These studies address how new approaches to public policy can help to improve access and health care outcomes for children with the greatest needs.

Best of ARM Session: Innovations in Healthcare Delivery and Payment Reform

Room Mezzanine 100 GH

Chair: Bianca Frogner, University of Washington Center for Health Workforce Studies

Discussant: Laurence Baker, Stanford

Nicolas Goldstein Novick, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Private Equity Ownership in Perinatal- and Pediatric-Serving Hospitals

Dr. Kimberley Geissler, UMass Chan Medical School - Baystate

Impact of Medicaid Financing and Delivery System Reforms on Pediatric Behavioral Healthcare Utilization and Disparities in Massachusetts

Ishani Ganguli, Harvard Medical School

Gender Differences in Primary Care Physician Earnings and Outcomes Under Medicare Advantage Value-Based Payment

Xinxin Han, Southern University of Science and Technology

The Impact of Digitally-Enabled Vertical Integration of Specialist and Generalist Care on Hypertension Patient Outcomes in China: A Difference-in-Difference Analysis of Patient-Level Administrative Data

Best Of: This session explores structural and financial transformations in healthcare systems, addressing public and private sector dynamics, payment models, and their effects on access and outcomes.

Late-Breaking Session - Navigating Barriers to Reproductive Care After Dobbs: Abortion, Contraception, and Legal Constraints

Room Mezzanine 100 IJ

Chair: Adrianna McIntyre, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Brenda McGrath, OCHIN, Inc.

Use of Telemedicine Versus Face-to-Face Visits for Contraceptive Care in US Safety Net Clinics 2019-2024

Rebecca Gourevitch, University of Maryland School of Public Health

The Impact of Abortion Bans on Timing of Prenatal Care Initiation

Jacqueline Ellison, University of Pittsburgh

Contraceptive Method Switching Among Texans in Response to SB8

Liana Woskie, Tufts University

Obstetric-Related Emtala Violations Post-Dobbs: A Difference-in-Differences Analysis

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session examines barriers to reproductive care in the post-Dobbs era. Talks explore shifts in contraceptive use after Texas SB8, impacts of Dobbs on obstetric-related EMTALA violations, effects of ending Medicaid abortion on timing of prenatal care, and trends in telemedicine use for contraceptive care in safety net clinics. Together, these studies highlight how legal and policy changes shape access to essential reproductive health services.

(Medicaid, Coverage, and Access) The Role of State-Level Policies in Protecting Health Equity during the Unwinding of the Medicaid Continuous Coverage Requirement

Room Mezzanine 101 ABC

Chair: Julie Donohue, University of Pittsburgh

Discussant: Dr. Kevin Griffith, VA Boston Healthcare System

Aparna Soni, Indiana University Indianapolis

Health Characteristics of Adults Who Could Not Complete Medicaid Renewal during the Unwinding Period

Dr. Erica Eliason, Rutgers University

Continuous Eligibility Policies and Chip Structure Affected Children's Coverage Loss during Medicaid Unwinding

Joseph Benitez, University of Kentucky

Carrier Overlap and Transitions from Medicaid to Individual Marketplace Coverage during the Unwinding

Research Panels: Over 25 million people have been disenrolled from Medicaid since April 2023 during the unwinding of the pandemic-era continuous coverage requirement. The three studies presented in this session show that the Medicaid

unwinding worsened health equity and disproportionately affected people in worse health and financial situations. However, state-level policies and characteristics, such as CHIP structure and carrier overlap, helped to minimize coverage loss during the unwinding period.

5:00 pm–6:15 pm

Poster Session D

Room Exhibit Hall B

5:15 pm–5:45 pm

Continue the Conversation on "Building Resilient Careers: Strategizing for Shifting Research Climates" Plenary

Room 101 IJ

Chair: Keshia Pollack Porter, John Hopkins University, School of Public Health

Speakers: Taylor Rogers, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health; Natalie Turner, University of Washington

Networking: Join speakers from Monday's ARM Plenary, "Building Resilient Careers: Strategizing for Shifting Research Climates," to "continue the conversation." Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with the speakers in a more intimate setting and ask their questions. We hope you will join us!

5:30 pm–6:00 pm

Meet the AcademyHealth Advocacy Team

Room Exhibit Hall B

Moderator: Josh Caplan, AcademyHealth

Networking: If you're curious about how AcademyHealth is engaging with the current political landscape, visit the AcademyHealth booth for an informal meet and greet with the Advocacy Team. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and learn about our advocacy goals and initiatives. Join us to connect with like-minded individuals and explore ways to make a difference.

Tuesday, June 10

7:00 am–12:00 pm

Registration Open

Room Exhibit Hall B Foyer

8:00 am–9:00 am

Continental Breakfast

Room Foyer

Concurrent Sessions

8:30 am–9:45 am

(Mental Health and Substance Use) Strengthening Behavioral Health Access and Sustainability through Policy, Payment, and Delivery

Room 101 AB

Chair: Dr. Ashlyn Burns, Indiana University

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Simon Haeder, Texas A&M University

ACA Network Regulatory Filings for Mental Health Providers Are Inaccurate, Poorly Match Provider Directories

Ruijie Liu, Yale University

Enhanced Payments for Behavioral Health: A Path to Improved Access

Christopher Miller, VA Boston Healthcare System

Implementing the Collaborative Chronic Care Model: Impact on Team Functioning and Mental Health Hospitalizations

Ensheng Dong, RAND Corporation

Evaluating the Spatiotemporal Dynamics of Mental Health Facilities in the United States before and after the COVID-19 Pandemic

Call for Abstracts Sessions: Provider networks, payment models, and innovative care delivery methods all critically impact access to behavioral health care. This panel explores the inaccuracy of ACA mental health provider networks, the impact of Medicaid enhanced payments on patient care, the effectiveness of collaborative care in reducing hospitalizations, and shifts in mental health facility availability post-COVID-19. Insights will inform strategies to ensure equitable, sustainable access to behavioral health care.

(Payment and Delivery Systems Innovations) Unlocking the Power of Transparency: Opportunities & Challenges of Price Transparency Data

Room 101 CD

Chair: Laurence Baker, Stanford

Speakers: Jean Abraham, University of Minnesota; Ellen Montz, Harvard; Lauryn Walker,

Policy Roundtables: Health care unaffordability is a growing concern. Despite rising costs, little is known about how hospitals and insurers negotiate their prices and contracts. Price transparency data offers a unique opportunity to better understand the true costs of health care. It has the ability to inform fair pricing and antitrust regulations, guide payment policies, foster market competition, help patients make informed decisions, and promote health care affordability. In this session, panelists will discuss the implications of price transparency data on the health care and policy sector.

Surgical and Perioperative Care Interest Group: Frontiers in Surgical and Perioperative HSR

Room 101 E

Chair: Marc Pimentel, Harvard Medical School, Brigham and Women's Hospital

Edward Joseph, Allegheny Singer Research Institute

Lung Cancer Surgery at Community-Based Versus Specialized Care Facilities: A Value-Based Care Assessment

Po Hong Tan, Mayo Clinic

Development and External Validation of a Predictive Model for Nodal Metastases in Appendiceal Cancer - Who Needs Right Hemicolectomy?

Tudor Borza, University of Michigan; Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation; University of Wisconsin

Improved Opioid Stewardship Associated with Participation in a Surgical Quality Improvement Initiative: Implications for Clinical Practice and Health Policy

Lindsay Welton, University of Minnesota

Advance Care Planning Patient Portal Messaging: Can Primary Care Tools be Exported to Surgery?

Muhammad Muntazir Mehdi Khan, Allegheny Health Network

A Novel Tool to Assess the Effects of Patient-Level Social Determinants of Health on Survival Among Patients with Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma

Interest Groups: Join an engaging series of quick-shot podium presentations for the five of the top abstracts submitted to the AcademyHealth Surgical and Perioperative Care Interest Group (AH-SPIH). Topics include value based care, opioid stewardship, perioperative advanced care planning, and social determinants of health.

(Health Workforce) Challenges and Solutions in Health Workforce Supply, Well-Being, and Retention

Room 101 F

Chair: Kyla Woodward, University of Washington School of Nursing

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Karissa Fenwick, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, Center for the Study of Healthcare Innovation, Implementation & Policy (CSHIIP)

VA Staff Perspectives on Post-Incident Interventions for Responding to Patient-Perpetrated Harassment and Supporting Affected Staff

Angela Liu, Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health

Assessing Physician Workforce As a Driver of Health Care Spending: Evidence from Cardiology

Lisa Rotenstein, University of California, San Francisco

Prevalence and Predictors of Physicians' Reductions in Clinical Services: A Nationwide, Longitudinal Analysis

Susie Gurzenda, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Changes in Behavioral Health Provider Supply Associated with Participation in the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Program

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session explores key challenges and potential solutions in health workforce supply, worker well-being, and workforce sustainability. Presentations will examine these topics through the diverse perspectives of VA primary care staff, the behavioral health and physician workforce, and health economics.

Late-Breaking Session - The Price of Change: Health and Coverage in a Shifting Policy Landscape

Room 101 GH

Chair: Dr. Benjamin Rome, Program on Regulation, Therapeutics, and Law, Division of Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacoeconomics, Brigham and Women's Hospital

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Christie Teigland, Inovalon

Medicare Advantage Vs. Traditional Fee-for-Service: Different Populations; Different Outcomes

Daniel Johnson, The University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine

Changes in Physical and Mental Health after the End of SNAP Emergency Allotments

Christopher Cai, Brigham and Women's Hospital

Changes in Medicare Part D Plan Designs after the Inflation Reduction Act

Matthew Klebanoff, University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine; Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics

Trends in Medicare Part D Formulary Coverage, Prior Authorization, and out-of-Pocket Costs for Glucagon-like Peptide-1 Receptor Agonists, 2020-2025

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This panel examines the evolving landscape of public programs and its effects on access, coverage, and health outcomes. Talks explore health changes after the end of SNAP emergency allotments, shifts in

Medicare Part D plan designs post-Inflation Reduction Act, access to GLP-1 drugs through Medicare formularies, and differences in outcomes between Medicare Advantage and traditional Medicare populations.

(Social Determinants and Social Needs) Measuring and Understanding Health-Related Social Needs

Room 101 IJ

Chair: Ellyse Llamocca, Henry Ford Health

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Kevin Nguyen, Boston University School of Public Health

Claims Documentation of Social Risk Factors during the Perinatal Period: Changes Following Implementation of Massachusetts' Medicaid Accountable Care Organization

Na'amah Razon, University of California, Davis

Riders Not Patients: Perspectives on Using Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) for Accessing Hemodialysis Treatment

Lauren Leviton, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

Hospitalized Patients' Health-Related Social Needs: A Comparison of Hospital Staff and Research Staff Conducted Screenings

Diana Govier, Center to Improve Veteran Involvement in Care (CIVIC), VA Portland Health Care System; Oregon Health & Science University - Portland State University School of Public Health; Veterans Rural Health Resource Center - Portland, VA Office of Rural Health

Health-Related Social Needs and Healthcare Use Among Women Veterans with and without VA Coverage

Call for Abstracts Sessions: Health-related social needs continue to be challenging to measure and understand. These four studies all attempt to measure and understand health-related social needs in different populations.

Digital Transformation in Health Care: Confronting and Managing Culture Change

Room 102 ABC

Chair: Aaron Carroll, Indiana University School of Medicine

Speakers: Margo Edmunds, AcademyHealth; Genevieve Melton-Meaux, University of Minnesota School of Medicine

Career Development Workshops: Keeping up with AI-driven change requires a new degree of collaboration and integration between HSR and data science. Panel members will discuss innovations in research management and training that reflect new kinds of collaboration.

(Public and Population Health) Current Challenges for Public and Population Health: Environment and Climate

Room 102 DEF

Chair: Cory Cronin, Ohio University

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Jim P. Stimpson, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

A Regional Analysis of Healthcare Utilization Trends during Consecutive Disasters in Puerto Rico Using Private Claims Data

Jeff Romine, Carelon Research

The Impact of Extreme Heat on Healthcare Utilization and Costs: Evidence from Commercial, Medicaid, and Medicare Populations

Jessica LeClair, University of Wisconsin - Madison

Nurse-Community Partnership Outcomes for Climate Justice

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session considers health care challenges presented by environmental and climate issues, with researchers discussing barriers and strategies that have emerged due to needs presented by climate disasters or extreme weather conditions.

Advancing Population Health Through Modern Data Science Approaches

Room Auditorium Room 1

Chair: Kevin Wiley,

Speakers: Feifan Liu, UMass; Joshua R Vest, Indiana University; Sisi Ma, University of Minnesota

Methods and Data: This session examines the intersection of data science and health services research (HSR), highlighting practical, real-world applications of machine learning, fairness-aware modeling, and causal discovery in population health. Presenters will share findings from completed and ongoing research that leverage structured and unstructured electronic health record (EHR) data to address social determinants of health, mitigate algorithmic bias, and guide decision-making in resource-constrained settings. Emphasis will be placed on demystifying complex methods including demographic parity analysis, tree-based models, and causal inference approaches to make accessible for an HSR audience. Attendees will gain a clearer understanding of how these data science approaches can be thoughtfully integrated into HSR to advance health system effectiveness and improve health outcomes.

AI in healthcare administration: A trust-centered debate

Room Auditorium Room 3

Chair: Jody Platt, University of Michigan Medical School

Speakers: Paige Nong, University of Minnesota; Renee Smiddy, University of Michigan Medical School

Special Sessions: As AI increasingly streamlines operational processes in healthcare, questions around trust in these systems are rising. This debate-style session will feature three experts offering distinct perspectives on the use of AI in healthcare administration. The session will explore potential benefits (e.g., improved efficiency, reduced administrative burden) alongside risks (e.g., transparency concerns, data privacy, algorithmic bias). Attendees will gain a deeper understanding of how AI is shaping care payment and operations, and its implications for patient and provider trust.

(Aging and End-of-Life) Using Newly Available Medicaid Claims to Understand Home and Community-Based Service Use

Room Mezzanine 100 AB

Chair: Julia Adler-Milstein, University of California, San Francisco

Hyunjee Kim, Oregon Health and Science University

Comparing Outcomes Among Medicaid Home and Community-Based Service Users: Private Homes Vs. Assisted Living Facilities

Mingyu Qi, University of Chicago

Effects of Medicaid Home- and Community-Based Services Use on Outcomes of Community-Dwelling Patients Receiving Medicare Home Health Care

Yongkang Zhang, Weill Cornell Medical College

Association between Medicare-Medicaid Integration and Acute Care Use Among Hcbs Users with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias

Julia Adler-Milstein, University of California, San Francisco

Using Medicaid Claims to Identify and Characterize Organizations Delivering Home and Community-Based Services to the Adrd Population

Research Panels: Our session will describe four timely projects from different research groups that use newly-available, national Medicaid claims data (TAF data) capturing home- and community-based services (HCBS) to share results related to utilization and outcomes, as well as lessons learned working with these data. Projects focus on Medicare-Medicaid dual-eligibles with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias and the organizations that deliver HCBS to this population.

(Structural Racism, Disparities, and Equity in Health) Research Strategies to Assess and Advance Health Equity

Room Mezzanine 100 CD

Chair: Debbie Nyakaru,

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Dr. Michael Barnett, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Missing Diagnoses: Assessing Racial Bias in Electronic Health Records Using Machine Learning and Physiologic Data

Dr. Renuka Tipirneni, University of Michigan Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation; University of Michigan Department of Internal Medicine

Development and Psychometric Evaluation of the Perceived Equity of Care Index

Eniyah Baptiste, Morehouse School of Medicine, National Center for Primary Care

Utilizing Community Engagement to Modify and Sustain Policies That Advance Health Equity in the City of East Point, Georgia

Jeongyoung Park, The Robert Graham Center for Policy Studies in Family Medicine and Primary Care, American Academy of Family Physicians

Interoperability Disparities in Family Medicine: Implications for Advancing Health Equity

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session highlights innovative research methods used to examine structural racism, disparities, and equity in healthcare. Presenters will explore how machine learning, psychometric evaluation, community engagement, and health system interoperability can reveal and address inequities.

(Women and Gender Health) Chronic Conditions in Pregnancy and Access to Perinatal Care

Room Mezzanine 100 E

Chair: Renata Howland, NYU Langone

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Sarah Gareau, University of South Carolina Institute for Families in Society

Prevalence and Disparities of Cardiac Conditions in Obstetric Care: A Comprehensive Analysis

Deirdre Quinn, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine; VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System

Establishing Links between Veterans' Pre-Pregnancy Chronic Conditions and Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes

Yanlei Ma, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Effects of Maternal Health Workforce Expansion on Traveling Burden for Childbirth in Underserved Areas

Call for Abstracts Sessions: Understanding the prevalence of chronic conditions during and before pregnancy is important for improving maternal health outcomes. This session will include presentations on the prevalence of chronic conditions including hypertension and cardiac conditions, and their impact on pregnancy outcomes. We will also discuss how workforce expansion affects travel time to care for birthing people.

Expanding access to Opioid Use Disorder treatment in pregnancy: Lessons from PCORI research

Room Mezzanine 100 GH

Chair: Steve Clauser, PCORI

Speakers: Ariadna Forray, Yale School of Medicine; Sarah Lord, Center for Technology and Behavioral Health, Geisel School of Medicine, Dartmouth College; Wendy Hansen, Professor; Marie Vice, University of Kentucky UK Pathways Program

Special Sessions: The prevalence of Opioid Use Disorder has increased dramatically among pregnant women in parallel with the current opioid epidemic. OUD in pregnant women is associated with potentially serious maternal, fetal, and neonatal risks. PCORI identified treatment for opioid use disorder among pregnant women, with a focus on maternal and neonatal outcomes, as an important research topic. In this session, participants will hear about preliminary results from three PCORI-funded trials comparing the effectiveness of OUD treatment interventions for pregnant women.

(Improving Safety, Quality, and Value) Can We Improve Access to High-Value Care? ACOs, Report Cards, and Remote Patient Monitoring

Room Mezzanine 101 ABC

Chair: Rishi Wadhwa, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Lucas Marinacci, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center; Harvard Medical School

Impact of Medicaid Accountable Care Organizations on High-Value Cardiometabolic Care Delivery in Massachusetts: A Difference-in-Differences Analysis

John Mafi, University of California, Los Angeles

A Statewide Initiative to Reduce Low-Value Care: Smarter Care Virginia

Megan Cole, Boston University School of Public Health

The Impact of a Telehealth Navigation and Remote Patient Monitoring Intervention on Hypertension Control and Primary Care Engagement Among Black Patients

Claire Allen, Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute

Reducing High-Dose Opioid Prescribing in Primary Care: Effectiveness of Opioid Safety Committees

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session focuses on state and health system level interventions focused on advancing the delivery of high value health care services and/or reducing low value care. Topics include: The effect of Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) in Medicaid on the delivery of high value cardiometabolic care, the implementation of a multi-faceted intervention in Virginia to reduce low value care, the use of telehealth and remote patient monitoring to improve hypertension control among Black adults, and leveraging patient-centered safety committees to reduce high-dose opioid prescribing.

8:30 am–11:30 am

Quiet Work Zone

Room Mezzanine 100 F

Main Events: Step away from the hustle and bustle of the conference and into our Quiet Work Zone—an area designed for focus, reflection, and productivity. Equipped with ample seating and a calm atmosphere, this space offers attendees a peaceful environment to catch up on work, respond to emails, or simply take a break in silence. Please respect the quiet setting to help maintain a serene experience for all.

9:45 am–10:15 am

Break

Room Foyer

Concurrent Sessions

10:15 am–11:30 am

(Health Workforce) Rethinking Health Workforce Strategies: Insights from Data, Policy, and Practice

Room 101 AB

Chair: JP Leider, University of Minnesota

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Taylor Rogers, University of California, San Francisco

Conceptual Framework for Anti-Racist, Equitable, Community-Driven Health Workforce Research and Policy Making

Stephen Holloway, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

A Revolutionary Big Data Strategy for Elucidating Health Professional Shortage in Colorado

Sujatha Changolkar, University of Michigan

Associations between Faculty and Resident Gender Diversity

Erin Fraher, Health Policy and Management, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Family Medicine School of Medicine, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Improving Health Workforce Models through "Backcasting": Understanding How the Actual Supply of Registered Nurses Differed from Projections

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This panel explores innovative approaches to health workforce challenges, from gender diversity in medical training to big data strategies for addressing shortages. Presentations will cover predictive modeling, anti-racist frameworks, and data-driven interventions to improve equity and access in healthcare workforce planning.

(Individuals Living with Disability or Other Complex Conditions) Enhancing Healthcare Access and Equity for Individuals with Disabilities

Room 101 CD

Chair: Hoangmai Pham, Institute for Exceptional Care

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Yazhini Ramesh, National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)

Understanding Priorities of Quality Measurement in the Disability Equity Space

Rhea Shah, University of Chicago

Primary Care Clinic Capacity for Individuals with Complex Medical Conditions

Ari Ne'eman, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Who Does the 6-Question Disability Sequence Identify?

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session explores key topics in disability health equity, focusing on social risk factors for adults with communication disabilities, quality measurement priorities in the disability equity space, and primary care clinic capacity for those with complex medical conditions. Additionally, it examines the effectiveness of the six-question disability sequence in identifying individuals with disabilities.

(Aging and End-of-Life) Care and Supports for Persons Living with Dementia

Room 101 E

Chair: Robert Rosati, VNA Health Group

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Mary Louise Pomeroy, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins

Epidemiology of Older Adults at Risk for Being Unrepresented in the United States

Christina Sheu, Center for Surgery and Public Health, Brigham and Women's Hospital

Hospital Resources to Support Surgical Decision-Making and Care of Persons Living with Dementia (PLWD)

Seyedeh Nazanin Khatami, American Institute for Research

Disparities in the Use of Care Management Services By Medicare Fee-for-Service (FFS) Beneficiaries with Alzheimer's Disease & Related Dementias (ADRD)

Julia Adler-Milstein, University of California, San Francisco

Telemedicine Use in Primary Care Associated with More Timely Access without Unintended Subsequent Utilization for People with Dementia

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session will focus on issues related to caring for persons living with dementia. The papers in this session will highlight several novel areas in dementia care research, including: 1) older adults living with dementia who do not receive assistance from family or friends during medical encounters; 2) hospital resources to support patient and family decision making in surgical procedures; 3) disparities in the use of care management services, and telemedicine use in primary care.

(Patient and Consumer Preferences and Needs) Behavior Change and Consumer Decision-making

Room 101 F

Chair: Dan Kelleher, Mayo Clinic

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Jeffrey T. Kullgren, University of Michigan; VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System

Supporting Autonomous Motivation for Healthy Behaviors: A Mixed Methods Analysis of Data from the Behavioral Economics and Self-Determination Theory to Reduce Diabetes Risk (BEST Change) Randomized Trial

Justeen Hyde, VA Bedford Healthcare System

The "Ripple Effect" of Focusing on What Matters Most to Patients: The Impact of Health and Wellness Coaching on U.S. Military Veterans' Engagement in Health and Well-Being Services

Chenyu Li, California Public Employees' Retirement System

Incentivizing Patient Choice of Lower-Price Providers for Shoppable Laboratory Services in Commercial PPO Plans

Miranda Yaver, University of Pittsburgh

Administrative Burdens and Inequities in Cobra Take-up

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This panel presents a wide array of approaches to understand and modify consumer behaviors. Topics include the impact of health and wellness coaching, incentivizing patient choice of lower-price

laboratory providers, administrative burdens and inequities of COBRA, and reducing diabetes risk through text messages targeting autonomous motivation.

Health Equity, Performance Metrics, and Insurers

Room 101 GH

Chair: Omolola Adepoju, University of Houston College of Medicine

Speakers: Linda Davis, Boynton Chapel Methodist Church; Mark Friedberg, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts;

Marianne McPherson, NICHQ; Sarah Moyer, Humana Healthy Horizons in Kentucky

Special Sessions: This panel examines how healthcare providers, insurers, and policymakers measure and incentivize progress toward health equity. Experts will discuss challenges in standardizing social needs metrics, strategies for improving accountability, and the role of payers in advancing equitable care. Panelists will share insights on integrating equity-driven performance measures, addressing systemic barriers, and aligning incentives to improve health outcomes. Attendees will gain practical strategies to apply these metrics within their own healthcare systems and research initiatives.

(Public and Population Health) Resources and Policies: Preventing and Protecting Through Foundational Public Health Services

Room 101 IJ

Chair: Cynthia Chapman,

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Meng-Yun Lin, Wake Forest University School of Medicine

State-Level Flavored E-Cigarette Bans and Vaping Initiation Among Adolescents and Young Adults

Kelsey Burke, Health Care Cost Institute

Rates of Semaglutide Utilization Among Medicaid and ESI Populations

Ibtein Okefor, Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina

Does Adolescent Vaccine Bundling Improve HPV Vaccine Series Completion and Timeliness? - an Instrumental Variable Approach

Nina Hill, University of Michigan Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation; University of Michigan Department of Internal Medicine

Dispensing of HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Medications to U.S. Young Adults, 2016-2023

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session will examine prevention and promotion strategies to address a range of health risks, including vaping, obesity, HPV, and HIV.

(Digital Technologies, Data, and Analytics) Technology, operational efficiency, and provider experiences

Room 102 DEF

Chair: Naomi Bardach, Department of Pediatrics, UCSF School of Medicine

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Aidan Crowley, Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics, University of Pennsylvania

Evaluation of Usage Rate and Editing Overlap for Artificial Intelligence-Drafted Replies to Patient Messages

Lisa Rotenstein, University of California, San Francisco

Changes in Ambulatory Physician Burnout and EHR Time with Use of Artificial Intelligence Scribe Technology

Jan David Hauck, Veterans Health Administration

The Effectiveness of Simulation Training for a Moderate Sedation Workflow to Improve EHR Usability and User Experience during EHR Transition

Call for Abstracts Sessions: To improve provider experience, healthcare systems are adopting new technologies focused on operational efficiency and workflows. Presentations will cover AI-drafted replies to patient messages, AI scribe technology's effect on physician burnout and EHR time, and simulation training for EHR transitions. Findings will inform strategies for optimizing technology adoption.

(Medicare) Medicare Advantage Enrollment, Payment, and Networks

Room Auditorium Room 1

Chair: Dr. Rachel Reid, RAND Corporation

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Andy Johnson, MedPAC

How Do Differences in Diagnostic Coding Intensity Affect Payments to Medicare Advantage Plans and Stand-Alone Prescription Drug Plans for Part D Benefits?

Dr. Geoffrey Hoffman, University of Michigan School of Nursing

Favorable Enrollment into and Overpayments to Medicare Advantage Are Underestimated By 8 Percent

Matthew Lavalley, Johns Hopkins University

Evaluating the Effects of Medicare Advantage Network Adequacy Regulations

David J. Meyers, Brown University School of Public Health

Trends in Rapid Disenrollment from Medicare Advantage Contracts

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session examines critical aspects of Medicare Advantage (MA) through four complementary analyses: coding intensity differences between MAPD and PDP plans, geographic payment distortions, impacts of network adequacy standards, and trends in rapid plan disenrollments.

(Medicaid, Coverage, and Access) Transforming Healthcare Quality: Leveraging Medicaid Data for Better Outcomes

Room Auditorium Room 3

Chair: Jaime Adler, University

Speakers: Karen Yao; Leticia Campos, Washington State Department of Health; Joel Cantor, Rutgers Center for State Health Policy; Elizabeth Lukanen, SHADAC/University of Minnesota

Policy Roundtables: Drawing on researcher, practice-based, and technical assistance provider perspectives, this session will offer examples of how learning communities and technical assistance can support leveraging Medicaid data with complementary data sources to create more meaningful data for quality and equity improvements. Examples from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, and Washington will showcase promising approaches utilizing Medicaid data to achieve improved outcomes that may be of interest to states and federal policymakers.

(Mental Health and Substance Use) Addressing Special Populations with Complex Clinical and Social Needs

Room Mezzanine 100 AB

Chair: Cindy Thomas, Brandeis University

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Shay Cannedy, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, Center for the Study of Healthcare Innovation, Implementation & Policy (CSHIIP)

Enhancing Recovery from Homelessness Among Consumers with Substance Use Disorders in Permanent Supportive Housing

Gray Babbs, Brown University School of Public Health

The Trans Care Paradox: Mental Health Disparities Among Transgender and Nonbinary Patients

Stephen Crystal, Rutgers Center for Health Services Research, at the Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research

Navigating Re-Entry: Longitudinal Experiences of Peer Navigation Services By Individuals with Substance Use Disorder Following Release from Prison

Call for Abstracts Sessions: Mental health and substance use recovery are shaped by trauma, stigma, and systemic barriers. This panel explores diverse challenges, from defining success in OUD recovery to the long-term effects of childhood maltreatment on disordered eating. It also examines mental health disparities among transgender and nonbinary individuals and the role of peer navigation in supporting re-entry after incarceration. Findings highlight the importance of addressing the unique needs of vulnerable populations.

(Social Determinants and Social Needs) Using Changes in Health Insurance Coverage to Address the Social Determinants of Health

Room Mezzanine 100 CD

Chair: Winnie Chi, Elevance Health

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Jim P. Stimpson, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

A Difference-in-Differences Analysis of Medicaid Expansion and State Paid Sick Leave Laws on Colorectal Cancer Screening

Kurt Hager, University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School

Medicaid Flexible Services to Address Nutritional Needs: Impacts on Healthcare Utilization and Costs in Massachusetts

Kelly Jean Craig, CVS Health

Medically Tailored Meal Delivery After Hospitalization is Associated with Decreased Healthcare Utilization and Expenditures in Medicare Advantage Members

Meagan Sabatino, University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School

Medicaid Housing-Related Supports Reduced Hospitalizations, Emergency Visits, and Costs for Adults with Behavioral Health Conditions in Massachusetts

Call for Abstracts Sessions: These four studies all examine the impact of health insurance expansions or changes in health insurance benefit design intended to address social determinants of health.

(Child and Family Health) The State of Healthy Parenting in Primary Care Interventions in Advancing Health Equity

Room Mezzanine 100 E

Chair: April Joy Damian, Community Health Center, Inc.

Speakers: Julie McCrae, Chapin Hall; Cady Berkel, REACH Institute, Arizona State University; Nikki Shearman, Reach Out and Read

Panels on Critical and Emerging Issues in HSR: Authors of the National Academies State of Healthy Parenting in Primary Care (HPPC) Interventions in Advancing Health Equity Perspectives publication will discuss: (1) literature on parent engagement in HPPC program design, implementation, and evaluation, with an emphasis on parents from marginalized backgrounds; (2) HPPC interventions demonstrating implementation feasibility to strengthen health systems/workforce capacity; (3) key elements contributing to scaling and sustainability, and (4) core policy levers to support equity-centered HPPC interventions.

(Structural Racism, Disparities, and Equity in Health) Mental Health: Barriers to Access, Policy Challenges, and Structural Inequities

Room Mezzanine 100 GH

Chair: McKenzie Lockett, VA Palo Alto Healthcare System

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Elyse Llamocca, Nationwide Children's Hospital

Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Treatment of Youth with Bipolar Disorders

Emily Claypool, University of Wisconsin

What Are We Doing Here? Reflexivity and the Ethics of Intervention Research in the Face of Structural Violence

Catherine Ettman, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Suicidal Ideation, Assets, and Race in U.S. Adults from 2023 to 2024

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session explores the systemic challenges impacting mental health care, including policy barriers, racial and ethnic disparities, and ethical considerations in treatment and research. Discussions will highlight the effects of prior authorization on addiction recovery, inequities in youth mental health care, structural violence in intervention research, and trends in suicidal ideation. Presenters will examine how these factors shape access, outcomes, and the future of mental health policy.

(Women and Gender Health) Implementation and Impact of Alternative Models of Care to Support Perinatal and Postpartum People

Room Mezzanine 100 IJ

Chair: Jacqueline Ellison, University of Pittsburgh

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Sara Handley, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

The Positive Effects of Postpartum Doula and Midwife Care in the NICU – a Qualitative Study of Birth Parent Perspectives

Shelby Wyand, Medstar Health Research Institute

Maryland Medicaid Doula Program: Promises, Pitfalls, & the Path Forward

Nicole Quinones, University of Minnesota School of Public Health

The Financial and Psychosocial Impacts of a Racially and Culturally Concordant Home Visitor Program on Black and Indigenous Postpartum Women

Alison Hamilton, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, Center for the Study of Healthcare Innovation, Implementation & Policy (CSHIIP); UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine

An Evaluation of Reach out Stay Strong Essentials (ROSE) across Veterans Health Administration (VA) Sites

Call for Abstracts Sessions: Addressing the needs of the perinatal and postpartum population requires moving beyond the doctor-patient relationship. This session will present qualitative and community-engaged research on the impact of alternative models of care for supporting the health and emotional wellbeing of perinatal and postpartum people, including doula care, NICU-based midwives, home visitors, and other programs.

(Dissemination, Implementation, and Impact) Implementation Science focused on Optimizing Care Delivery

Room Mezzanine 101 ABC

Chair: Amanda Bettencourt

Call for Abstracts Sessions Panelists

Jacqueline Hirth, Baylor College of Medicine

Expansion of a Primary-Care Led Lung Cancer Screening Program in East Texas

Zenith Rai, U.S. Department of Veterans Health Affairs, VA Bedford Healthcare System

A Model and Case Study for Partnered Implementation Playbook Development

Reiping Huang, American College of Surgeons

Hospital Configurations Leading to Successful Implementation of Enhanced Recovery Pathways Program in Colorectal Surgery

Call for Abstracts Sessions: This session focuses on implementation science approaches that improve care delivery. The papers in this session have all used implementation science methods to improve efficiency, access, and impact for various innovations. Content areas covered include surgical patients, veterans re-entering after incarceration, cancer care screening, and screening for alcohol use disorder.

11:30 am–11:45 am

Break

11:45 am–1:00 pm

**Closing Plenary: Orienting to the Future: AI's Promise and Potential for Health Care and Award Presentation:
Reinhardt Distinguished Career Award**

Room Auditorium

Chairs: Aaron Carroll, Indiana University School of Medicine; Daniel Yang, Kaiser Permanente

Speakers: Grace Cordovano, Enlightening Results; Christopher Longhurst, UCSD Health; Fatima Mirza, The Warren Alpert Medical School, Brown University; Abhinav Shashank, Innovaccer; Prof. Mike Chernew, Harvard Medical School

Plenary: Hear emerging and exciting perspectives from experts who will share their experiences and big ideas about specific use cases and the immense potential of AI in healthcare and the role of HSR. Through case studies and discussion, learn about AI's opportunities for improving health care for all and how it will shape the future of the field of HSR.

The Reinhardt Distinguished Career Award will be presented to the award recipient, Dr. Michael Esman Chernew.