

## **Health Policy Research Training**

The Health Policy Research Training meeting is a supplementary event to the main conference. The training will allow representatives from KOSANA partners and other professionals interested in health policy research to learn a select range of advanced analysis methods in health services and policy research.

The training session has two primary objectives:

- To share examples of methods and health services research work performed by WIC members.
- To discuss how these methods can be used to inform the policymaking process and the design of potential solutions for improving Kosovo's health policy framework

## **Measuring Unwarranted Variation: Addressing our Assumption that “More is Better” with Limited Data**

1. Defining Healthcare Markets: political regions vs. data driven regions
  - a. Case Study: Vermont study
  - b. Case Study: National Atlas
  - c. Conceptual application in Kosovo – interactive group session
2. Understanding Supply Sensitive Care: the relationship between healthcare delivery and available volume vs. patient preferences
  - a. Case Study: Variation in spending for End of Life (EOL) care (Barnato) – patient preferences not aligned with variation in spending at EOL
  - b. Case Study: NICU supply and outcomes (Goodman)
  - c. Top 3 assumptions of “overuse” in Kosovo (i.e. tertiary maternal care) – interactive group session
3. Data Viz: Communicating challenging concepts
  - a. Mapping variation
  - b. Dynamic change – benchmarking, improvements, and declines
  - c. Conceptual application in Kosovo

## **Invitees**

Maximum attendance of 20 people, invitation-only. Invitations will go to KOSANA partners professional staff and a certain number of seats will be reserved for other young professionals in Kosovo and the region. There will also be room for few open invitations for national, regional, and international participants.

## **Key speakers**

Stephanie Tomlin, WIC

Illir Hoxha, Solidar

Mrika Aliu, AMC

### **Link with KOSANA objectives**

This activity directly supports the third outcome of both KOSANA project components. Outcome 3 of patients' components states that patient-facing organizations have improved their organizational capacity.

Outcome 3 of workforce component states that organizations representing the health care workforce have raised their organizational capacity.

Specifically, this training will allow our partner organizations to more effectively employ data in their health policy advocacy efforts.

### **Tentative Agenda**

25 September

10.00 – 16.00 Training in health services research methods

19.00 – 21.00 Dinner