

# Economic and econometric analyses of medical practice variations

International comparisons Large differences across countries in post-discharge health care use & spending **appear related more to intensity of care than price**

Higher Spending Associated with Better Outcomes in Canada, not US Canada is on the lower end of the spending and specialist supply curve than the US. **Spending smartly (not more) may produce better outcomes**

Orthopaedic surgery care pathways (France) integrated care associated with shorter LOS and higher home care days with. **Readmission rate increases over time appear attenuated.**

GP visit rate inversely related to travel time. Implications for sicker people in remote regions => incentivize GPs to practice in remote areas? **Do sicker patients live closer to GPs?**

Hip fx LOS inversely related to mortality. Q: Can you use **“hospital discharge tendency” as an IV** without the trial approach? It removes survival bias.