

Wednesday 16 to Friday 18 October 2013
Dartmouth College, Hanover New Hampshire, USA

Wednesday, October 16

Coffee & Breakfast Hayward & Ballroom West 7:30am

Welcome 8:30am

Gwyn Bevan *The London School of Economics and Political Science*
 David Goodman *The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy & Clinical Practice*

Opening Remarks 9:00am

Wiley "Chip" Souba *Dean, Geisel Medical School at Dartmouth College*

Key Note Address 9:15am

Ms. Susan Dentzer *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation*

A1

Main findings of the OECD project on medical practice variations 10:00am

Valérie Paris *OECD*
 Divya Srivastava *OECD*

A2

Explaining regional variations in surgery rates in France with multilevel modelling 10:25am

Zeynep Or *Institute for Research and Information in Health Economics*

Break 10:50am

A3

ECHO project update 11:30am

Enrique Bernal-Delgado *Institute for Health Sciences - Instituto de Investigación Sanitaria Aragon*

A4

Variation in length of stay and in-patient mortality for AMI patients in five European countries 11:55am

Nils Gutacker *University of York*

Discussion 12:20pm

Gwyn Bevan *London School of Economics and Political Science*

Lunch Ballroom West 12:45pm

Out of the academy and into the arena: Creating a public dialog about variations 1:45pm

Chuck Alston *MS&L*

Panel Discussion regarding communication with policy makers 2:15pm

John Newton *Chief Knowledge Officer, Public Health England*
 Enrique Bernal-Delgado *Institute for Health Sciences - Instituto de Investigación Sanitaria Aragon*

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B1	Risk adjustment revisited		3:00pm
	John E Wennberg	<i>The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy & Clinical Practice</i>	
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B2	Defined populations and virtual provider communities: Using administrative data to reduce unwanted regional variation in Germany		3:25pm
	Dominik von Stillfried	<i>Central Research Institute of Ambulatory Health Care in the Federal Republic of Germany (ZI)</i>	
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	Break		3:50pm
B3	Physician footprints in British Columbia: Variations in care and implications for health care system costs		4:20pm
	Kimberlyn McGrail	<i>University of British Columbia</i>	
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B4	Multispecialty physician network PC intensity and post-discharge care of chronic disease patients		4:45pm
	Thérèse A Stukel	<i>Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences</i>	
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	Discussion		5:10pm
	Klim McPherson	<i>Oxford University</i>	
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	Adjourn		5:45pm
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	Welcome Reception	Salt Hill Pub, Lebanon Street, Hanover NH	6:00pm

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Thursday, October 17

Coffee & Breakfast Hayward & Ballroom West 6:30am

The power of maps 7:30am

Flora Vale *Esri*

Lauren Rosenshein Bennett *Esri*

Making a difference: How insights from variations research are influencing policy 8:15am

Elliott Fisher *The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy & Clinical Practice*

C1 Variation in two small islands 8:45am

Catherine Gerard *Health Quality and Safety Commission New Zealand*

C2 Overview of the variability of care in the Portuguese health system 9:10am

Luís Campos *Hospital S. Francisco Xavier*

Paulo Alexandre Boto *Ministry of Health Portugal*

C3 The road to defining preference-sensitive care 9:35am

Judit Zsuga *University of Debrecen*

Break 10:00am

C4 The long walk to MPV in the Czech Republic 10:25am

Tomáš Roubal *Ministry of Health, Czech Republic*

C5 C-section rates: A case of variability in Portuguese NHS hospitals 10:50am

Céu Mateus *Universidade Nova de Lisboa*

Discussion 11:15am

Gert Westert *Radboud University*

Group Photo Function Space 11:40am

Lunch Ballroom West 12:00pm

D1 Capacity planning and need for geriatric centers in Germany 1:00pm

Sebastian John *Kassenärztliche Bundesvereinigung (KBV)*

D2 Geographic distribution of dementia in the U.S. 1:25 pm

Daniella Koller *The Commonwealth Fund*

D3 Measuring treatment intensity at the end of life: A systematic review 1:50pm

Xhyljeta Luta *University of Bern*

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D4	The influence of system-wide stroke service reconfiguration on variations in care provision in two large conurbations in England	2:15pm
	Angus Ramsay <i>University College London</i>	
	Discussion	2:40pm
	Julie Bynum <i>The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy & Clinical Practice</i>	
	Break	3:05pm
E1	A spatial analysis of regional variation in in-patient care using examples from five selected procedures	3:35pm
	Natalie Götz & Leonie Sundmacher <i>University of Technology Berlin</i>	
E2	Integrating clinical registry and Medicare claims data to assess long term outcomes in transplant	4:00pm
	David Axelrod <i>Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center</i>	
E3	Hospital and geographical variations in adopting new technologies –the case of laparoscopic surgery in Norway	4:25pm
	Finn Henry Hansen <i>Northern Norway Regional Health Authority</i>	
E4	Identifying variation in spend and health outcomes to improve future commissioning decisions	4:50pm
	Neil Parkinson <i>Analytical Service NHS England</i>	
	Discussion	5:15pm
	Philip Goodney <i>The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy & Clinical Practice</i>	
	Adjourn	5:40pm
	Drinks <i>Ballroom East</i>	6:30pm
	Dinner <i>Ballroom East</i>	7:30pm

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Friday, October 18

	Coffee & Breakfast	Lower Level, Ford-Sayre & Drake	6:30am
	The power of spatial analysis		7:30am
	Flora Vale	<i>Esri</i>	
	Lauren Rosenshein Bennett	<i>Esri</i>	
F1	Oversupply of treatments with limited effectiveness and under treatment of diseases with effective treatments: The case of PCI and AMI in Italy		8:15am
	Carlo Perucci	<i>Italian National Agency for Health Services</i>	
F2	Mapping cardiovascular disease in Auckland, New Zealand		8:40am
	Daniel Exeter	<i>University of Auckland</i>	
F3	Case volume or resource volume, which really matters? Looking into mechanisms of variation in quality in health care		9:05am
	Yuichi Imanaka	<i>Kyoto University</i>	
F4	Comparing hospital performance within and across countries using administrative data and multi-level logistic regression: Illustrative study of coronary artery bypass graft surgery in England and Spain		9:30am
	Karen Bloor	<i>University of York</i>	
	Discussion		9:55am
	Jon Skinner	<i>The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy & Clinical Practice</i>	
	Break		10:20am
G1	Medicare prescription drug use: Variation in intensity and quality		10:45am
	Nancy Morden	<i>The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy & Clinical Practice</i>	
G2	Regional variations in caesarean section in Germany		11:10am
	Jan Böecken	<i>The Bertelsmann Foundation</i>	
G3	Networking among health professionals and managers to reduce unwarranted variation: The Tuscan experience on the diabetic foot path and on hepatopathy		11:35am
	Sabina Nuti	<i>Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna</i>	
	Milina Vainieri	<i>Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna</i>	
G4	The changing epidemiology of hip fractures in U.S. Medicare beneficiaries		12:00pm
	David Goodman	<i>The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy & Clinical Practice</i>	

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Discussion		12:25pm
Jostein Grytten	<i>University of Oslo</i>	
Lunch & Discussion	Hayward	12:50pm