



March 28, 2023

Dear Wennberg International Collaborative Members,

We would like to invite you to attend the 10th annual Fall Meeting of the Wennberg International Collaborative, to be held at **Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy from noon on Wednesday, September 13 through noon on Friday, September 15, 2023.**

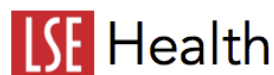
The Wennberg International Collaborative (WIC) (<http://www.wennbergcollaborative.org>) was established in 2010 by Profs. David Goodman (The Dartmouth Institute) and Gwyn Bevan (The London School of Economics & Political Science), with the mission to provide a forum for those serious about understanding and reducing unwarranted variations within different countries, to compare methods, share results, and learn techniques of communicating their work to affect change.

The annual WIC fall meetings do not replace existing research and policy assemblies, but instead provide an international forum that convenes invited academic researchers, policy makers, and health care change agents interested in the causes and consequences of unwarranted variations in health care utilization and outcomes, and how these variations may be reduced. The majority of these meetings consists of short presentations with scheduled time for discussion and networking. Longer talks are also included that are designed to address common challenges in methods, inference, communication to policy makers and providers, and in using the data for improvement. To maintain a high level of participation and networking, we keep our annual Fall Meetings small and focused with attendance generally by invitation.

The 2023 Fall Meeting at Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, is expected to host about 60 attendees from 25 countries. There will be a tour and a "standing dinner" on the evening of Wednesday, September 13th. A gala conference dinner will take place on Thursday, September 14th. We hope that you will be able to attend the meeting and the social events!

Attendees will be charged a modest registration fee of €150 which includes the cost of registration and most conference meals. Please visit <https://www.wic.santannapisa.it/> to register. You will be able to pay the registration fee on the website using a major credit card.

Information on accommodations is available at: <https://www.wic.santannapisa.it/accomodation> Presenting your work is encouraged, but not required. A review committee will evaluate the suitability of all abstracts and will group oral presentations by theme. This year's themes are as follows:



1. Warranted and unwarranted variation in the COVID-19 pandemic
2. Health care atlases – Future prospects
3. Novel data and data linkage methods for health care evaluation
4. Economic analysis of unwarranted variation examining prices, spending and costs (including travel times)
5. Systemic causes and remedies to unwarranted variation
6. General category for innovative research in population-based health care measurement and variation.

Detailed information about the themes and the abstract submission process is found on the conference web site.

The deadline to submit an abstract will be June 30, 2023. You will have the opportunity to indicate if you would like to present orally or by poster. The posters will be featured in a prominent location throughout the duration of the conference to ensure maximum visibility.

Attendees are welcome to bring a colleague or student to broaden the professional group committed to the field. If there is someone you would like to nominate for a seat at this conference, please forward his or her contact information to Wennberg.Collaborative@dartmouth.edu. Although we can't promise that there will be room for every nominee this year, we will do our best to accommodate requests. We would also like to extend a particular welcome to PhD students and post-doctoral fellows.

Please contact Wennberg.Collaborative@Dartmouth.edu with any questions.

We look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours Sincerely,

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