UCLA NATIONAL CLINICIAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM

HPM 200A Summer & Fall 2019

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HPM 200A
INTRODUCTION

In this course, you will gain basic knowledge and understanding of key issues in: public health and health services, comparative health systems, access to health care, racial and ethnic disparities in health care, multilevel social determinants of health, quality of care, health care information systems, long-term care and support for the elderly population, vulnerable populations, changes to the health care delivery system, the safety net, health information technologies and ethical issues in public health.

This course sequence will provide future health care policy analysts and researchers with basic knowledge of health systems’ organization and financing, current key problems and efforts to reform them.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS
This course will be a seminar-based course, as described later. The fellows will be expected to develop a short paper reviewing and analyzing a major issue facing the health care system in the United States or the health of the United States population. The course requirements are:
(1) Mastering of course content through reading, attendance and participation at the seminar sessions and labs. Participation will be evaluated based on attendance and active participation in the seminar and lab sessions.
(2) A short paper on a topic of the fellow’s choice. The paper will be due at the end of the fall quarter and should comprise a literature review and assessment of an issue related to the organization and financing of the U.S. health care system. See below for details.
(3) Class presentation of literature review.

STUDENT EVALUATION
Students will receive grades for HPM 200 based on the criteria shown below. The evaluation criteria reflect the seminar-based design of the course and the course requirements:
- Short paper (literature review and assessment) (60%)
- Literature review presentation (25%)
- Class participation and attendance (15%)

The course will be graded using letter grades, A, B, C, or F.

DETAILS ON ASSIGNMENTS
Since literature reviews are such an important tool to produce information in health policy and management, one of the main assignments in HPM200 will be to draft 8-10 page (double spaced, 11 point Arial font, 8-10 pages excluding title page and references) literature review related to health care financing and organization in the United States. You should first identify an area of research that you would like to investigate in-depth. Your paper should critically evaluate the state of the literature in that particular area and propose areas where new research is needed. You may choose either:
1. An in-deep exploration of a topic covered in HPM200. Your literature review, however, may not overlap excessively with the topics covered in the class. Instead, your literature review should add to the class content. For example, your topic could focus on a sub-population, a program or policy, or an area of research that is not discussed in class.

2. A topic not covered in HPM200. Explore new areas of research in health care financing and organization and related programs/interventions that were not covered in class.

Your literature review must include adequate citations.

You are encouraged to select a topic early in the quarter so you can get started early. Moreover, by choosing your topic early you can reserve it, since overlapping topics will not be allowed.

Students will meet with Drs. Escarce and/or Richards regarding their proposed topics to refine the topic and ensure that it is neither too narrow nor too broad for an 8-10 page paper.

All students will present their literature reviews at the end of the quarter (~10-12 minutes + 5 minutes for Q&A, at most 5 slides plus title slide) in the form of an oral presentation to the rest of the class. This presentation has the purpose of educating the whole class on the particular topic addressed in your literature review. Students will be expected to meet with Drs. Escarce and Richards to review and practice the presentations.

**READINGS**

- Other readings for HPM 200A will be made available on Google Drive
- Fellows are expected to be up to date on health policy issues. While this can be accomplished by the aid of a daily newspaper, it is recommended that fellows sign up for either of these daily/weekly e-mail services: California Healthline: Published by the California Healthcare Foundation, the California is a free daily e-mail service that provides news of current event within the health care field, focusing primarily on California. To register (registration is free) for this go to [www.californiahealthline.org](http://www.californiahealthline.org).
- Kaiser Health Policy Report: Published by the Kaiser Family Foundation, this is also a free e-mail service similar to the California Healthline, but with a more national focus. You can register for it at [www.kaisernetwork.org](http://www.kaisernetwork.org). (Click on the ‘email-signup’ button on the top right hand side of the screen).
- It is expected that the fellows will be conversant with the use of National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) website as a reference. This site is an invaluable source of data and statistics ([www.cdc.gov/nchs](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs)). They should make optimal use of data and statistics from this site in their papers whenever this is appropriate for the topic.
- Other useful sources of reports, statistics, and data include:
1. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), which runs the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey and the Hospital Costs and Utilization Project (www.ahrq.gov);
2. UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, which runs the California Health Interview Survey
3. California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD), which runs a variety of health care data systems and issues reports.

CLASS PROCEDURES

Class sessions and labs will be run as graduate seminars. Fellows will be expected to have completed the assigned readings before each session and to have digested and mastered their basic content.

Presenters will use the readings as a point of departure for presenting additional relevant information and stimulating in-depth discussion of institutional structures, conceptual frameworks, empirical findings, and policy implications pertinent to the session topic. Presenters will be expected to prepare a set of probing questions on the readings to ask the fellows and encourage class participation.
1. What is Quality of Care + Measuring Quality of Care (Suite 850, Room 852)
   Wednesday, July 3, 1:30-3pm
   Bob Brook

   Readings:
   - Kominski Chapter 11, 12

2. Overview of Secondary Datasets (Suite 900, Room 902)
   Monday, July 8, 10:30am-12pm
   Jose Escarce

   Readings:

3. Pharmaceuticals (Suite 900, Room 902)
   Monday, July 15, 1:30-3pm
   Bob Brook

   Readings:
   - Kominski CH 10
   - E.A. McGlynn. Health Care in California: Quality of Care (PowerPoint slides)
   - D.P. Goldman. Health Care in California: Costs and Insurance (PowerPoint slides)

4. Medicare (Suite 900, Room 902)
   Monday, August 5, 1:30-3pm
   Gerald Kominski

   Readings:
   - Kominski CH 21

5. Health Care Reform Law (Suite 850, Room 852)
Wednesday, August 7, 1:30-3pm
Gerald Kominski

Readings:
• Kominski CH 1
• Summary of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: http://kaiserfamilyfoundation.files.wordpress.com/2011/04/8061-021.pdf

6. Employer-Sponsored Insurance (Suite 900, Room 902)
Monday, August 12, 1:30-3pm
Naderah Pourat

Readings:
• Health Benefits In 2017: Stable Coverage, Workers Faced Considerable Variation In Costs (links below)
  o Gary Claxton
  o Matthew Rae
  o Michelle Long
  o Anthony Damico
  o Heidi Whitmore
  o Gregory Foster

7. Accountable Care Organizations (Suite 850, Room 852)
Wednesday, August 21, 1:30-3pm
Teryl Nuckols

Readings:
• Basics of ACOs: Iglehart 2011 ACO Regs Answers and More Questions Appendix comparing proposed and final rule
• Information on Physician Group Practice Demonstration Iglehart 2011
• Assessing ACO Prototype Willensky 2011
• Results of PGP Demo Haywood 2011
• Optional but interesting background information and relevant to potential downside of ACOs: Berenson 2010 Unchecked provider clout in California

8. Cost Containment I & Managed Care and Consumer-Directed Health Plans (Suite 900, Room 902)
Monday, September 9, 1:30-3pm
Jose Escarce
Readings:

- D. Blumenthal, D. Squires. Redefining and Reaffirming Managed Care for the 21st Century

9. **Cost Containment II (Suite 900, Room 902)**
Monday, September 16, 1:30-3pm
Jose Escarce
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10. Medicaid and SCHIP (Suite 900, Room 902)  
Monday, September 30, 10:30am-12:00pm  
Jose Escarce

Readings:


11. Access to Health Care (Suite 900, Room 902)  
Wednesday, October 9, 10:30am-12pm  
Naderah Pourat

- Kominski Ch 2

12. Does Health Insurance Improve Health? (Suite 900, Room 902)  
Monday, October 14th, 10:30am-12pm  
Emmett Keeler


McWilliams, Health of Previously Uninsured Adults after Acquiring Medicare Coverage JAMA 2007 298 2886-2894


13. The Safety Net (Suite 900, Room 902)
Monday, October 28th, 10:30am-12pm
Jose Escarce

REQUIRED:

OPTIONAL:

14. Socioeconomic Disparities in Health (Suite 900, Room 902)
Monday, November 4th, 10:30am-12pm
Jose Escarce

**OPTIONAL:**

**15. The Value Movement in Health Care (Suite 900, Room 902)**
Wednesday, November 6th, 10:30am-12pm
John Mafi


https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/1148376

**16. Black-White Disparities in Health (Suite 900, Room 902)**
Monday, November 18th, 10:30am-12pm
Jose Escarce


**OPTIONAL:**

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**17. Approaches to Cost Containment**
No lecture- material covered by Jose Escarce in Summer 2019

- Kominski Chapters 8 (pp225-244) & 9 (pp245-268)


**18. Integrated Health Systems (Suite 900, Room 902)**
Wednesday, November 20th, 10:30am-12pm
Cheryl Damberg

19. Priority Setting in Developing Country Health Systems (Suite 900, Room 902)
Monday, November 25th, 10:30am-12pm
Adam Richards

20. Presentations (for enrolled students) (Suite 900, Room 902)
Monday, December 2nd, 10:30am-12pm
Jose Escarce, Adam Richards

21. Presentations (for enrolled students)
Wednesday, December 4th, 10:30am-12pm
Jose Escarce, Adam Richards