

Canadian Health Economics Study Group 2022 Annual Conference June 1 and 2, 2022

Carleton University
Nicol Building, Room NI 3020
1125, Colonel By Drive, Ottawa, ON K1S 5B6

Agenda

Wednesday June 1st

8:15-8:45	Registration & Welcome Coffee
8:45-9:00	Welcome and Opening Remarks from the local organizers Mehdi Ammi and Myra Yazbeck
9:00-10:00	Keynote Speaker Meredith Rosenthal, Harvard University “Price, Utilization and Spending Effects of Vertical Integration and Joint Contracting between Physicians and Hospitals” <i>Financial Support from Carleton University Department of Economics</i>
10:00-10:45	Natalie Malak, University of Alabama “How do physicians respond to new information? Evidence from an influential, but subsequently overturned clinical trial” Discussant: Rose Anne Devlin, University of Ottawa
10:45-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-11:45	Jonathan Zhang, McMaster University “Impacts of Basic Income on Health and Economic Well-Being: Evidence from the VA’s Disability Compensation Program” Discussant: Paul Makdissi, University of Ottawa
11:45-12:30	Maripier Isabelle, Université Laval “Is It All Relative? The Health Impacts of Changes to Absolute and Relative Income” Discussant: Myra Mohnen, University of Ottawa
12:30-13:45	Lunch (Room NI 1020)

13:45-14:30	F. Antoine Dedewanou, Carleton University “The Dynamics of Loneliness and Labour Market Participation: Evidence from Australia” Discussant: Arthur Sweetman, McMaster University
14:30-15:15	Hai V. Nguyen, Memorial University “Effects of Youth E-Cigarette Use on Mental Health: A Quasi-Experimental Analysis” Discussant: Harminder Guliani, University of Regina
15:15-15:30	Coffee Break
15:30-15:50	Student Paper Short Presentation Elaine Guo, University of Toronto “Social Media and Teenagers’ Mental Health” Discussant: Gaëlle Simard-Duplain, Carleton University
16:00-17:00	Special Roundtable with Federal Health Minister the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos: “Federal Government Priorities and Research in Health Economics” Roundtable Participants: Mehdi Ammi, Carleton University Pierre-Carl Michaud, HEC Montréal Myra Yazbeck, University of Ottawa
17:00-17:30	Canadian Health Economics Association Meeting
18:30	Beckta Dining & Wine 150 Elgin St Ottawa ON K2P 1L4

Thursday June 2nd

8:30-9:00	Welcome Coffee
9:00-10:00	Keynote Speaker (online) Kjell G. Salvanes, Norwegian School of Economics “The Timing of Parental Job Displacement and Child Development”
10:00-10:45	Daniel Goetz, University of Toronto at Mississauga “Does Providing Free Internet Access to Low-Income Households Affect COVID-19?” Discussant: Erin Strumpf, McGill University
10:45-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-11:45	Shweta Mital, Memorial University “Are E-Cigarettes Substitutes or Complements to Combustible Cigarettes Among Youths? New Evidence from Canada” Discussant: Paul Grootendorst, University of Toronto
11:45-12:30	Jonathan Holmes, University of Ottawa “Cross-Market Selection in U.S. Health Insurance Markets” Discussant: Pierre-Thomas Léger, University of Illinois at Chicago
12:30-13:30	Lunch (Room NI 1020)

Keynote speakers' bio and presentation abstracts

- [Meredith Rosenthal](#), C. Boyden Gray Professor of Health Economics and Policy at the T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Harvard University



Meredith B. Rosenthal, Ph.D. is the C. Boyden Gray Professor of Health Economics and Policy at the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health and the Faculty Chair of Harvard's Advanced Leadership Initiative. Her research examines the design and impact of market-oriented health policy mechanisms, with a particular focus on the use of financial incentives to alter consumer and provider behavior. Past projects focused on the design and impacts of pay for performance, high-deductible and tiered network health plans, and payer-sponsored patient centered medical homes. Dr. Rosenthal's recent research examines the structure and performance of health systems across the U.S., vertical integration of physician practices, and market factors driving cancer drug pricing trends. Dr. Rosenthal is a member of the Massachusetts Center for Health Information and Analysis oversight commission. Dr. Rosenthal received her B.A in International Relations from Brown University in 1990 and her Ph.D. in Health Policy from Harvard University in 1998. Dr. Rosenthal was elected to the Institute of Medicine in 2014.

Price, Utilization and Spending Effects of Vertical Integration and Joint Contracting between Physicians and Hospitals

Vertical integration in health care has recently garnered scrutiny by antitrust authorities and state regulators. We examined trends, geographic variation, and price effects of vertical integration and joint contracting between physicians and hospitals using physician affiliations and all-payer claims data from Massachusetts in 2013-2017. Vertical integration and joint contracting with small and medium systems rose from 19.5% to 32.8% for primary care physicians and from 26.1% to 37.8% for specialists; vertical integration and joint contracting with large systems slightly declined. Geographic variation in vertical integration and joint contracting with large systems increased. We found that vertical integration and joint contracting led to price increases of 2.1%-12.0% for primary care physicians and 0.7%-6.0% for specialists, with the greatest increases in large systems. Vertical integration also led to substantial steering (i.e., shifting where patients got their care rather than the number of services) of patients to newly affiliated specialists and hospitals for consultations, emergency department visits, and inpatient admissions. We also found increases in admissions to high-cost hospitals and total spending for patients of vertically integrated physicians with no impact on the probability of readmission (a proxy for care coordination between inpatient and ambulatory care).

- [The Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos](#), Federal Minister of Health



The Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos has been the Member of Parliament for Québec since 2015.

He has previously served as President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Families, Children and Social Development.

Minister Duclos is a well-published author, conference speaker, and economics expert. Prior to 2015, he was the Director of the Department of Economics and a tenured professor at the Université Laval.

In addition to his professorial duties, Minister Duclos held the former Industrial Alliance Research Chair on the Economics of Demographic Change (now the Research Chair in Intergenerational Economics), served as President-Elect of the Canadian Economics Association, and was a member of the Institut sur le vieillissement et la participation sociale des aînés.

He was also Vice-President and Fellow of the Centre interuniversitaire de recherche en analyse des organisations, Senior Fellow of the Fondation pour les études et recherches sur le développement international, and Fellow-in-Residence at the C.D. Howe Institute. He is also the co-founder of the Poverty and Economic Policy Research Network (Partnership for Economic Policy).

Minister Duclos' hard work has been recognized with prestigious grants, including the prix Marcel-Dagenais from the Société canadienne de science économique and the Harry Johnson Prize for best paper published in the Canadian Journal of Economics. In 2014, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, the highest accolade bestowed on Canadian researchers.

Minister Duclos earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economics (First-Class Honours) from the University of Alberta, and master's and doctoral degrees in Economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

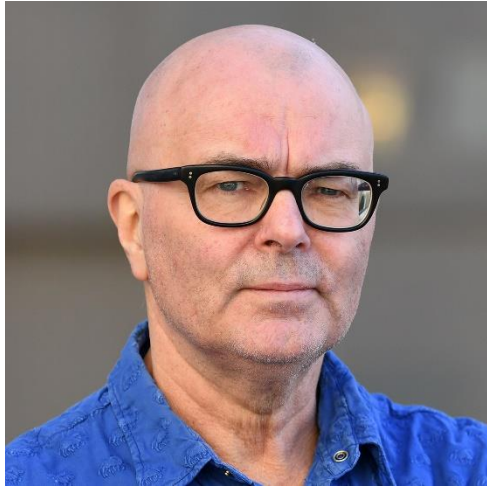
Special Roundtable: Federal Government Priorities and Research in Health Economics

In this special roundtable, the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos will discuss the Federal government's priorities relevant to his remarks on the Future of Federal Provincial Relations on Health Care, available [here](#).

In conversation with [Mehdi Ammi](#), [Pierre-Carl Michaud](#) and [Myra Yazbeck](#), Minister Duclos will seek to learn from recent health economics research and discuss priorities related to backlogs and access to primary care, long term care and home care, as well as mental health and inequality.

This special roundtable is meant to be a two-way learning experience, where both the health economists' community and the policy-making community will benefit.

- [Kjell G. Salvanes](#), Research Professor at the Department of Economics, Norwegian School of Economics



Kjell G. Salvanes, PhD is a Professor in labor economics at the Norwegian School of Economics NHH. He is the founding Research Director at Center of Empirical Labor Economics at NHH, and Deputy Director of the Centre of Excellence FAIR (Centre for Experimental Research on Fairness, Inequality and Rationality). Her research interests are in labor economics. He has worked extensively on early investment in children and long-term outcomes, inequality in income, health and education and intergenerational mobility. He is a former editor of the Economic Journal, and associate editor of the European Economic Review. His work has been published in leading journals, including the American Economic Review, the Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, and the Review of Economic Studies. He is the President of the European Society of Population Economics, and elected fellow of SOLE and EALE. He received his PhD from the Norwegian School of Economics.

The Timing of Parental Job Displacement and Child Development

We examine whether the impact of parental job displacement on child development depends on the timing of its occurrence during the child's life, by comparing outcomes of children whose parents were displaced at different ages. We use the Norwegian population register matched with firm data, allowing us to identify mass layoffs and establishment closures as sources of exogenous variation in parental job displacement. With the population register we can also match parents and children, and measure child outcomes in late adolescence. We find that, even though displacement episodes early in children's lives have the largest impacts on household income (because they persist for many years), they have lower impacts on the education of children in late adolescence than displacement episodes occurring in the teenage years. We also find that job displacement episodes lead to increases in maternal stress in the short run, but not in the long run. We conjecture that income losses are not a major driver of the impacts of job displacement on children, which are more likely to be driven by increases in stress in the home.

Directions

You will find an interactive campus map of Carleton University here: <https://carleton.ca/campus/map/>

The conference is in the brand-new Nicol Building: <https://sprott.carleton.ca/the-nicol-building/>

Smartphones are now ubiquitous, but to err on the safe side, below is the building position on google maps

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The restaurant for our conference dinner is located about 30 minutes from campus using public transit, and about 15 minutes by car/taxi/Uber.

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