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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Health Care Management, University of Pennsylvania, 2016-present
The Wharton School, Department of Health Care Management
Senior Fellow, Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics; Wharton Public Policy Initiative

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research, 2018- present

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Economics and Public Policy, University of California at Irvine, 2013 - 2016
The Paul Merage School of Business
Department of Economics (by courtesy)
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Health Care Management and Policy

Associate Economist, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, CA 2011- 2013

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Maryland, 2011
Committee: Mark Duggan (Co-Chair), Judith K. Hellerstein (Co-Chair)
B.S. Mathematics and Economics, University of Chicago, 2003

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Health Economics, Public Economics, Applied Econometrics

WORKING PAPERS

“Prescription Drug Advertising and Drug Utilization: The Role of Medicare Part D,” 2016. (with Darius Lakdawalla and Neeraj Sood), *Submitted*

“The Welfare Effects of Oncology Drug Shortages.” 2017. (with Mireille Jacobson), *Submitted*

“Estimating Intensive and Extensive Tax Responsiveness: Do Older Workers Respond to Income Taxes?” 2017. (with David Powell), *Submitted*

“Technology, Monopoly, and the Decline of the Viatical Settlements Industry.” 2005. NBER Working Paper No. 11164. (with Neeraj Sood and Jay Bhattacharya)

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Abby Alpert, David Powell, Rosalie Pacula, 2017. "Supply-Side Drug Policy in the Presence of Substitutes: Evidence from the Introduction of Abuse-Deterrent Opioids," Accepted at *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*
- Abby Alpert, Helen Hsi, Mireille Jacobson, 2017. "Evaluating the Role of Payment Policy in Driving Vertical Integration in the Oncology Market," *Health Affairs*, 36(4): 680-688.
- Neeraj Sood, Abby Alpert, Kayleigh Barnes, Peter Huckfeldt, Jose Escarce. 2017. "Effects of Payment Reform in More versus Less Competitive Markets," *Journal of Health Economics*, 51: pp 66-83.
- Abby Alpert. 2016. "The Anticipatory Effects of Medicare Part D on Drug Utilization," *Journal of Health Economics*, 49: pp 28-45.
- Abby Alpert, Mark Duggan, and Judith Hellerstein. 2013. "Perverse Reverse Price Competition: Average Wholesale Prices and Medicaid Pharmaceutical Spending." *Journal of Public Economics*, 108: pp 44-62.
- Abby Alpert, Kristy Morganti, Gregg Margolis, Jeffrey Wasserman, and Arthur Kellermann. 2013. "Giving EMS Flexibility in Transporting Low-Acuity Patients Could Generate Substantial Medicare Savings," *Health Affairs*, 32(12): 2142-2148.
- David Auerbach, Ateev Mehrotra, Peter Hussey, Peter Huckfeldt, Abby Alpert, Christopher Lau, and Victoria Shier. 2015. "How Will Provider-Focused Payment Reform Impact Geographic Variation in Medicare Spending?" *American Journal of Managed Care*, 21(6).
- Kristy Morganti, Abby Alpert, Gregg Margolis, Jeffrey Wasserman, and Arthur Kellermann. 2013. "Should Payment Policy be Changed to Allow a Wider Range of EMS Transport Options?" *Annals of Emergency Medicine*, 63(5): 615-626.
- Kristy Morganti, Abby Alpert, Gregg Margolis, Jeffrey Wasserman, and Arthur Kellermann. 2013. "The State of Innovative Emergency Medical Service Programs in the United States," *Prehospital Emergency Care*, 18(1): 76-85.
- Christopher Lau, Abby Alpert, Peter Huckfeldt, Peter Hussey, David Auerbach, Hangsheng Liu, Neeraj Sood, and Ateev Mehrotra. 2014. "Post-acute Referral Patterns for Hospitals and Implications for Bundled Payment Initiatives." *Healthcare*, 2(3): 190-195.
- Geoffrey Joyce, Dana Goldman, Arleen Leibowitz, Abby Alpert, and Yuhua Bao. 2005. "A Socioeconomic Profile of Older Adults with HIV." 2005. *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*, 16: pp 19-28.

Reports and Book Chapter

David Auerbach, Peter Huckfeldt, Peter Hussey, Abby Alpert, Hangsheng Liu, Victoria Shier, Christopher Lau, Mark Totten, and Ateev Mehrotra. 2013. "IOM Committee on Geographic Variation in Health Care Spending and Promotion of High-Value Care: A Modeling of Policy Recommendations." RAND Working Paper WR-970-IOM.

Abby Alpert, Alan Garber, and Dana Goldman. 2006. "Societal perspective: comment." Chapter 28 in Futerman, A. and Zimran, A. eds, *Gaucher Disease*, pp 489-497. CRC Press.

Neeraj Sood, Abby Alpert, Dana Goldman, and Mary Vaiana. 2004. "Should California Regulate Health Insurance Premiums?" 2004. California Health Care Foundation.

Other Published Writing

Mireille Jacobson, Abby Alpert, and Fabian Duarte. 2012. "Prescription Drug Shortages: Reconsidering the Role of Medicare Payment Policies." Health Affairs Blog.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Co-Investigator. Agency for Health Care Research and Quality R01. "Direct and Indirect Effects of Direct-to-Consumer Advertising," (PI: Rosemary Avery), 2018-2021

Wharton Dean's Research Fund. "The Effects of Medicaid Managed Care on Utilization and Prices," 2017-2019.

Co-Investigator. Agency for Health Care Research and Quality R01. "Did the Medicare Modernization Act Cause Oncology Drug Shortages?" (PI: Mireille Jacobson), 2014-2017.

Principal Investigator. Agency for Health Care Research and Quality R03. "The Impact of Medicaid Reimbursement Policies on Pharmaceutical Spending," 2013-2015.

Co-Investigator. National Cancer Institute R21. "The Welfare Consequences of Oncology Drug Shortages" (PI: Mireille Jacobson), 2013-2015.

Co-Principal Investigator. National Institute on Aging P30. "How Do Large Wealth Shocks Affect Retirement Behavior?" (Co-PI: David Powell), 2012-2013.

Bing Center for Health Economics Investment Award, RAND Corporation, 2012

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Dissertation Fellowship, 2010 – 2011

Economic Club of Washington Doctoral Research Fellowship, 2010

Maryland Population Research Center, University of Maryland, Trainee, 2006 – 2007

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Pennsylvania, Wharton

Instructor, Economics of the Pharmaceutical & Biotech Industries (MBA, UG), Spring 2017, 2018

University of California at Irvine

Instructor, Microeconomics for Management (MBA), Fall 2016; Winter 2014, 2015; Spring 2014-2016

University of Maryland

Instructor, Labor Economics (UG), Summer 2008, 2009, 2010

Teaching Assistant, Empirical Microeconomics (PhD), Spring 2008, Fall 2008

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Mark Duggan, Univ. of Maryland, 2007, 2009 – 2010

Research Assistant, John Haltiwanger and Seth Sanders, Census Bureau, LEHD, 2007

Research Assistant, Seth Sanders, Univ. of Maryland, 2005 – 2007

Research Assistant, RAND Corporation, Health Economics Group, 2003 – 2005

Summer Internship, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), 2002

INVITED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

Conference of the American Society of Health Economists, Emory University, 2018

American Enterprise Institute, 2018

Caribbean Health Economics Symposium, 2017

UCLA, Seminar on Pharmaceutical Economics and Policy, 2017

Rutgers University, Department of Economics, 2017

U.S. Food & Drug Administration, 2017

Bates White Life Sciences Symposium, 2017

BU/Harvard/MIT Health Economics Seminar, 2017

ASSA Annual Meeting (HERO Session), 2017

APPAM Fall Research Conference, 2016

Penn-CMU Roybal Retreat, 2016

Rice University, Department of Economics (guest lecture), 2016

Conference of the American Society of Health Economists, University of Pennsylvania, 2016

Bates White Life Sciences Symposium, 2016

The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, 2016

University of Southern California, Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics, 2016

Annual Health Economics Conference, University of Georgia, 2015

NBER Summer Institute Health Care Workshop, 2015

Midwest Health Economics Conference, University of Iowa, 2015

Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics, Claremont McKenna College, 2015

Conference of the American Society of Health Economists, University of Southern California, 2014

University of California at Irvine, Department of Economics, 2014

University of California at Irvine, Paul Merage School of Business, 2013

University of Chicago, Health Economics Workshop, 2012

University of California- Riverside, Department of Economics, 2012

Conference of the American Society of Health Economists, University of Minnesota, 2012

Midwest Health Economics Conference, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, 2012

Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics, Claremont McKenna College, 2012

Vanderbilt University, Department of Economics, 2011

University of Georgia, Department of Economics, 2011

University of Colorado- Denver, Department of Economics, 2011
University of Colorado- Denver, School of Public Health, 2011
University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public Health, 2011
RAND Corporation, 2011
Mathematica Policy Research, 2011
IMPAQ, 2011
Precision Health Economics, 2011
U.S. Treasury Department, 2011
Congressional Budget Office, 2010
Conference of the American Society of Health Economists, Cornell University, 2010
University of Maryland, Department of Economics, 2010

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Memberships: American Economic Association, American Society of Health Economists

Referee: *Journal of Public Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Law and Economics*, *Journal of Risk and Insurance*, *Health Economics*, *International Journal of Health Economics and Management*, *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*, *Forum for Health Economics & Policy*, *Health Services Research*, *Health Affairs*