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### EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, 2016-present  
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, Paul Merage School of Business, University of California at Irvine, 2013-2016  
Department of Economics and Public Policy  
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

“Origins of the Opioid Crisis and Its Enduring Impacts,” 2019. (with David Powell)

“Prescription Drug Advertising and Drug Utilization: The Role of Medicare Part D,” 2018. (with Darius Lakdawalla and Neeraj Sood), *Submitted*

“Estimating Intensive and Extensive Tax Responsiveness: Do Older Workers Respond to Income Taxes?” 2018. (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)

## WORK IN PROGRESS

“How Does Incremental Innovation Respond to Competition? Evidence from Biologic Drugs”

“How Do Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs Reduce Opioid Prescribing?” (with Sarah Dykstra and Mireille Jacobson)

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Journal Articles*

David Powell, Abby Alpert, Rosalie Pacula, 2019. “A Transitioning Epidemic: How the Opioid Crisis is Driving the Rise in Hepatitis C,” *Health Affairs*, 39(2): 287-294.

Abby Alpert and Mireille Jacobson, 2019. “Impact of Oncology Drug Shortages on Chemotherapy Treatment,” Forthcoming in *Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics*

Abby Alpert, David Powell, Rosalie Pacula, 2018. “Supply-Side Drug Policy in the Presence of Substitutes: Evidence from the Introduction of Abuse-Deterrent Opioids,” *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 10(4): 1-35.

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**

Wharton Dean’s Research Fund. “Understanding the Consequences of Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) Integration,” 2019-2021.

Leonard Davis Institute Pilot Grant. “How Do Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs Reduce Opioid Prescribing?”, 2019

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 2017-2019

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**

Bates White Life Sciences Symposium, 2019  
University of Maryland, Department of Economics, 2019  
Tulane University, Department of Economics, 2019  
Stanford University, Health Economics Seminar, 2018  
Conference of the American Society of Health Economists, Emory University, 2018  
American Enterprise Institute, Economics Seminar, 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: *American Economic Review*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*,  
*Journal of Health Economics*, *American Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *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*, *JAMA*