EC781 Health Economics I
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SSW Room 546; 11-12:30pm Tuesday and Thursday

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This is the first of a two-course sequence in Health Economics at the Ph.D. level. Students should have studied the core courses of the Ph.D. program; in addition, background in Game Theory and Industrial Organization will be helpful.

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There will be class presentations, a mid-term examination, and a final examination.

Grading will be as follows.

Presentation: 20%
Midterm Examination: 40%
Final Examination: 40%

The final exam is at 12:30-2:30p, on Tuesday December 20.
Health Care, Insurance, Moral Hazard and Adverse Selection


US Health Care Reform

Obama, Barack, “United States Health Care Reform Progress to Date and Next Steps” Journal of the American Medical Association, July 2016

presentation-ACA.pdf: file to be distributed
The Patient-Physician Interaction

Dranove, David, 1988, “Demand Inducement and the Physician/Patient Relationship,” Economic Inquiry, 26, 251-298


Provider Payment and Incentives


**Experiments**


Godager, Geir, Ching-to Albert Ma, and Daniel Wiesen, 2015, “Competition and Physician Altruism: A Laboratory Experiment,” working paper.


**Selection and Risk Adjustment**


**Quality Competition in the Health Care Market**


Laine, Liisa, and Ching-to Albert Ma, 2016, “Quality and Competition between Private and Public Firms,” Boston University working paper.

**Managed Care and Health Maintenance Organization**


Grassi, Simona and Ching-to Albert Ma, 2016, “Information Acquisition, Referral, and Organization,’’ Rand Journal of Economics (forthcoming)