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Understanding persistency in the high-cost state among mental health patients

Presenter: A/Prof. Claire de Oliveira



Tuesday 17th September 12.30pm–1.30pm
Seminar Room 515, Level 5
207 Bouverie Street, Carlton

High-cost patients place a substantial burden on the health care system. Most work has examined high-cost patients as a homogenous group; however, previous work has shown that mental health high-cost patients are distinct from other high-cost patients. For example, these patients are younger, live in lower income neighbourhoods and typically have lifelong chronic conditions, such as psychosis and bipolar disorder. Moreover, there is little knowledge regarding whether/why they remain high-cost patients for long periods of time. Using administrative health care data from Ontario, Canada's most populous province, the main objectives of this analysis were to describe high-cost patients with mental illness who persist in the high-cost state and to determine the predictors of persistency. These findings will be important to inform the development of appropriate case management and care coordination interventions, and to improve the design of care pathways for this patient population.

Claire de Oliveira is a health economist at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, an associate professor at the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation, University of Toronto, and an adjunct scientist at ICES. Her main areas of research are in health economics and health services research applied to mental health, cancer and child health. Part of her program of research focuses on the role of mental health and addictions among high-cost patients, quality of care among patients with severe mental illness, and health and wellbeing among children.

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