

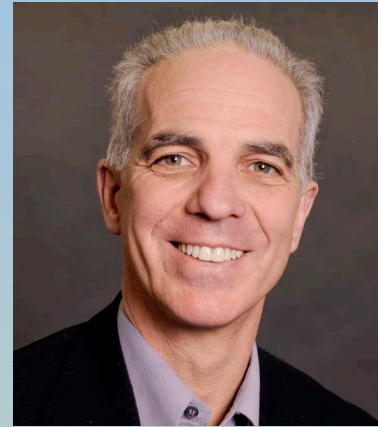
# Health Policy Seminars

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## Does Health Insurance and Seeing the Doctor Keep You Out of the Hospital?"



### SPEAKER

Robert Kaestner, PhD, Professor  
Institute of Government and Public Affairs  
University of Illinois  
(Urbana-Champaign campus)

We obtain estimates of associations between health insurance and hospitalization and between use of doctor visits and hospitalization. We used data from the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) and proprietary data from a private insurer. We provide estimates that under certain assumptions may be interpreted as causal. Results from the NHIS indicate that health insurance is positively associated with hospitalization; insurance is associated with a 33% to 72% increase in hospitalization. Our analysis of private insurer data indicated that a \$500 increase in outpatient spending was associated with a 32% increase in the probability of having any inpatient spending.

### TIME & PLACE

Thursday, February 2, 2012, 12:00-1:30pm  
Room 263, UCSF Laurel Heights Campus  
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