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**EDUCATION:**

1986-1992 Ph.D. Economics, Stanford University  
1984-1985 Graduate Diploma, Economics, *pass with merit*, Australian National University  
1981-1984 A.B. Economics, *magna cum laude*, Harvard University

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**University**

2009- Professor, Department of Economics, Rice University  
2004- James A. Baker III Institute Chair in Health Economics, Rice University  
2010- Professor, Department of Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine  
2004-2010 Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine  
2004-2009 Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Rice University  
2000-2005 Associate Professor, Department of Health Care Organization and Policy, School of Public Health, University of Alabama Birmingham  
2000-2005 Scholar, Lister Hill Center for Health Policy, University of Alabama Birmingham  
2000-2005 Director, Center for Aging, Health Policy and Aging Program, University of Alabama Birmingham  
2000-2005 Steering Committee Member, Center for Outcomes and Effectiveness Research and Education, University of Alabama Birmingham  
2001-2005 Scientist, Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Alabama Birmingham  
1996-2000 Assistant Professor of Economics and Management, Olin School of Business, Washington University in St. Louis  
1991-1996 Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, McGill University  
1991-1996 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, McGill University  
1987-1991 Research Assistant, Department of Economics, Stanford University  
1984-1986 Research Assistant, Research School for Social Sciences, Australian National University

## APPOINTMENTS (cont.):

### Hospital

- 1991-1996 Medical Scientist, Centre for the Analysis of Cost-Effective Care, Montreal General Hospital
- 1991-1996 Medical Scientist, Division of Clinical Epidemiology, Montreal General Hospital

## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS:

*(Publications in 1993-1998 are listed under V. Hamilton)*

1. **Hamilton V.** The Medicare hospice benefit: The effectiveness of price incentives in health care policy. *The RAND Journal of Economics* 1993; 24(4): 605-624.
2. **Hamilton V.** The impact of ownership form and regulatory measures on firm behavior: A study of hospices. *Nonprofit Management and Leadership* 1994; 4(4): 415-430.
3. **Hamilton V,** Racicot F, Zowall H, Coupal L, Grover SA. The cost-effectiveness of HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors to prevent coronary heart disease: estimating the benefits of raising HDL. *Journal of the American Medical Association* 1995; 273(13):1032-1038.
4. Vistnes J, **Hamilton V.** The time and monetary costs of outpatient care for children. *The American Economic Review* 1995; 85(2):117-121.
5. Hamilton B, **Hamilton V,** Mayo N. What are the costs of queuing for hip fracture surgery in Canada? *Journal of Health Economics* 1996; 15(2):117-121.
6. **Hamilton V,** Hamilton B. Alcohol and earnings: Does drinking yield a wage premium? *Canadian Journal of Economics* 1997; 30(1):135-151.
7. Gironimi G, Clarke AE, **Hamilton VH,** Danoff DS, Fries JF, Esdaile JM. Comparing health care expenditures between SLE patients in the US and Canada. *Arthritis and Rheumatism* 1996; 39(6):979-987.
8. \*Perreault S, **Hamilton V,** Racicot F-E, Grover S. A head to head comparison of the cost-effectiveness of HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors and fibrates in different types of primary Hyperlipidemia. *Cardiovascular Drugs and Therapy* 1996; 15(2):161-185.
9. **Hamilton V,** Levinton C, St.-Pierre Y, Grimard F. The effect of tobacco tax cuts on cigarette smoking behavior in Canada. *Canadian Medical Association Journal,* 1997; 156(2):187-191.
10. Hamilton B, **Hamilton V.** Estimating surgical volume-outcome relationships applying survival models: Accounting for frailty and hospital fixed effects. *Health Economics* 1997; 6(4):383-395.

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## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS (cont.):

11. **Hamilton V**, Merrigan P, Dufresne E. Down and Out: Estimating the relationship between mental health and unemployment. *Health Economics* 1997; 6(4):397-406.
12. \*Perreault S, **Hamilton V**, Lavoie F, Grover SA. Treating hyperlipidemia for the primary prevention of coronary heart disease: Are higher doses of lovastatin cost-effective? *Archives of Internal Medicine* 1998; 158:375-381.
13. Hamilton B, **Ho V**. Does practice make perfect: Examining the relationship between hospital surgical volume and outcomes for hip fracture patients in Quebec. *Medical Care* 1998; 36(6): 892-903.
14. Benk V, **Ho V**, Fortin PR, Zhang G, Levinton C, Freeman CR. Predictors of delay in starting radiation treatment for patients with early stage breast cancer. *International Journal of Radiation Oncology/Biology/Physics*. 1998; 41(1):109-115.
15. **Hamilton VH**, Perreault S, Lavoie F, Grover SA. Cost-effectiveness of various lovastatin dosages for preventing coronary heart disease. *Cardiology Review*. 1998; 15(11): 41-44.
16. Clarke AE, Petri MA, Manzi S, Isenberg DA, Gordon C, Senécal J-L, Goulet JR, Choquette D, Sutcliffe N, Grodzicky T, Fortin PR, Joseph L, Penrod J, Danoff DS, **Ho V**, Esdaile JM. An international perspective on the well-being and health care costs for patients with systemic lupus erythematosus. *Journal of Rheumatology*. 1999; 26(7):1500-1511.
17. **Ho V**, Hamilton B, Roos LL. Multiple approaches to assessing the effects of delays for hip fracture patients in the U.S. and Canada. *Health Services Research* 2000; 34(7):1499-1518.
18. Hamilton B, **Ho V**, Goldman D. Queuing for Surgery: Is the U.S. or Canada Worse Off? *Review of Economics and Statistics* 2000; 82(2):297-308.
19. **Ho V**. Evolution of the volume-outcome relationship for hospitals performing coronary angioplasty. *Circulation* 2000; 101:1806-1811.
20. Pilote L, Lavoie F, **Ho V**, Eisenberg MJ. Changes in the Treatment of Acute Myocardial Infarction in Quebec between 1988 and 1995. *Canadian Medical Association Journal* 2000; 163(1):31-36.
21. **Ho V.**, Hamilton B. Hospital mergers and acquisitions: Does market consolidation harm patients? *Journal of Health Economics* 2000; 19(5):767-791.
22. **Ho V**. Learning and the evolution of medical technologies: The diffusion of coronary angioplasty, *The Journal of Health Economics* 2002; 21(5): 873-885.

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**PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS (cont.):**

23. Grover SA, **Ho V**, Lavoie F, Coupal L, Zowall H, Pilote L. The importance of indirect costs in primary cardiovascular disease prevention: Can we save lives and money with statins? *Archives of Internal Medicine*, 2003; 163:333-339.
24. **Ho V**, Heslin MJ. Effect of hospital volume and experience on in-hospital mortality for pancreaticoduodenectomy. *Annals of Surgery*, 2003; 237(4):509-514.
25. Benk V, Joseph L, Fortin PR, Zhang G, Belisle P, Levinton C, **Ho V**, Freeman CR. Effect of delay in initiating radiotherapy for patients with early-stage breast cancer. *Clinical Oncology*, 2004; 16(1):6-11.
26. **Ho V**. Certificate of need, volume, and percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty outcomes. *American Heart Journal*, 2004; 147(3):442-448.
27. Boylan R, **Ho V**. Tracking variations in cocaine deaths across U.S. cities. *Addiction Research and Theory*, 2004; 12(5):461-468.
28. **Ho V**, Wirthlin D, Yun H, Allison J. Physician supply, treatment, and amputation rates for peripheral arterial disease, *Journal of Vascular Surgery*, 2005; 42(1):81-87.
29. **Ho V**, Heslin MJ, Yun H, Howard L. Trends in hospital and surgeon volume and operative mortality for cancer surgery, *Annals of Surgical Oncology*, 2006; 13(6): 851-858.
30. **Ho V**. Does Certificate of Need affect cardiac outcomes and costs? *International Journal of Healthcare Finance and Economics*, 2006; 6(4): 300-324.
31. **Ho V**, Town RJ, Heslin MJ. Regionalization versus competition in complex cancer surgery, *Health Economics, Policy and Law*, 2007; 2(1): 51-71.
32. Ross JS, **Ho V**, Wang Y, Cha SS, Epstein AJ, Masoudi FA, Nallamothu BK, Krumholz HM. Certificate of Need regulation and catheterization appropriateness after acute myocardial infarction. *Circulation* 2007; 115: 1012-1019.
33. **Ho V**, Petersen LA. Estimating cost savings for regionalizing cardiac procedures using hospital discharge data. *Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation* 2007, **5**:7.
34. **Ho V**, Ross JS, Nallamothu BK, Krumholz HM. Cardiac Certificate of Need regulations and the availability and use of revascularization services. *American Heart Journal* 2007; 154(4): 767-775.
35. **Ho V**. Advanced diagnostic imaging: benefit or burden? *Medical Care* 2008; 46(5):455-457.

## **PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS (cont.):**

36. **Ho V**, Aloia TA. Hospital volume, surgeon volume, and patient costs for cancer surgery. *Medical Care* 2008; 46(7):718-725.

37. Short M, Aloia TA, **Ho V**. Certificate of Need regulations and the availability and use of cancer resections. *Annals of Surgical Oncology* 2008; 15(7): 1837-1845.

38. Matthews KRW, **Ho V**. The grand impact of the Gates Foundation. *EMBO reports* 2008; 9(5): 409-412.

39. Krumholz HM, Keenan PS, Brush JE, Bufalino VJ, Chernew ME, Epstein AJ, Heidenreich PA, **Ho V**, Masoudi FA, Matchar DB, Normand SLT, Rumsfeld JS, Schurr JD, Smith SC, Spertus JA, Walsh MN. Standards for measures used for public reporting of efficiency in health care: a scientific statement from the American Heart Association Interdisciplinary Council on Quality of Care and Outcomes Research and the American College of Cardiology Foundation. *Circulation* 2008; 118: 1885-1893.

40. **Ho V**, Ku-Goto MH, Jollis JG. Certificate of Need for cardiac care: controversy over the contributions of CON. *Health Services Research*, 2009; 44(2 Pt 1): 483-500.

41. Mortensen K, Wilson RK, **Ho V**. Physical and Mental Health Status of Hurricane Katrina Evacuees in Houston in 2005 and 2006. *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*, 2009; 20: 524-538.

42. **Ho V**, Using taxes to reform health insurance (book review). *National Tax Journal*, 2010; 63(2): 383-390.

43. \* Dugan J, Virani SS, **Ho V**. Medicare eligibility and physician utilization among adults with coronary heart disease and stroke, forthcoming *Medical Care*.

44. Matthews KRW, Calhoun KM, Lo N, **Ho V**. No more tomorrow: The aging of biomedical research in the United States, forthcoming *PLoS One*.

## **BOOK CHAPTERS:**

Gregory RG, **Ho V**, McDermott L, Hagan J. The Australian and US labour markets in the 1930's. In: B Eichengreen, TJ Hatten (eds.), "Interwar Unemployment in International Perspective". NATO ASI series, Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1988.

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## **BOOK CHAPTERS (cont.):**

Gregory RG, **Ho V**, McDermott L. Sharing the burden: The Australian labour market during the 1930's. In: RG Gregory, NJ Butlin (eds.), "Recovery from the Depression, Australia and the World Economy in the 1930's". Cambridge University Press, 1988.

Gregory RG, Anstie R, Daly A, **Ho V**. Women's pay in Australia, Great Britain, and the United States: The role of laws, regulations, and human capital. In: RT Michael, HI Hartmann, B O'Farrell (eds.), "Pay Equity, Empirical Enquiries". National Academy Press, 1989.

**Hamilton V**. Risk selection: a major issue in internal markets. In: M Jérôme-Forget, J White, J Wiener (eds.), "Health Care Reform through Internal Markets." Institute for Research on Public Policy, Montreal; Brookings Institute, Washington D.C. 1995.

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Hamilton B, **Ho V**. Estimating surgical volume-outcome relationships applying survival models: accounting for frailty and fixed effects, "Econometric Analysis of Health Data." John Wiley & Sons LTD, 2002.

## **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:**

Hamilton BH, **Ho V**, Estimating surgical volume-outcome relationships applying survival models: accounting for frailty and hospital fixed effects. In: A Jones, O O'Donnell (eds.), "Econometric Analysis of Health Data." John Wiley & Sons, 2002.

**Hamilton V**, Benk V, Fortin P. Health insurance coverage and clinical outcomes in women with breast cancer. Letter to the editor. *The New England Journal of Medicine* 1993; 329(27): 2039.

**Hamilton V**, Levinton C, St-Pierre Y, Grimard F. Cutting tobacco taxes, endangering youth. *Canadian Medical Association Journal* 1997; 156:1377.

**Ho V**. Health insurance and access to primary care for children. *The New England Journal of Medicine* 1998; 339(1): 50-51.

**Ho V**. Certificate of Need regulations and hospital mortality. *JAMA* 2003; 289(5):551.

**Ho V**. Controlling for patient risk in volume-outcome studies. *Archives of Internal Medicine* 2005; 165: 1664.

## **SUBMITTED ARTICLES:**

**Ho V**, Short M, Ku-Goto MH. Can Centralization of Cancer Surgery Improve Social Welfare? revise and resubmit, *Forum for Health Economics and Policy*.

Gandjour A, Ku-Goto MH, **Ho V**. The effect of report cards on health care providers depends on the method of measuring disease severity.

Boylan R, **Ho V**. Revenue swings and the provision of health, education, and government services.

**Ho V**, Ku-Goto MH. State deregulation and Medicare costs for cardiac care. revise and resubmit, *Medical Care Research and Review*

## **ABSTRACTS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:**

**Hamilton V**, Hamilton B. Alcohol and earnings: Is drinking good for you? Fourteenth Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Conference. Denver, CO, October 28 - October 31, 1992.

**Hamilton V**. The impact of ownership form and regulatory measures on firm behavior: A study of hospices. Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations & Voluntary Action. Annual Research Conference. New Haven, CT, October 30 - November 1, 1992.

Esrey S.A., **Hamilton V**. Environmental interventions: cost-effectiveness of interventions to improve hygiene/sanitation. Consultation on Cost-Effectiveness Interventions for Child Health: Technical Choices, Strategic Issues, and Priorities. Johns Hopkins University, USAID, World Bank. Baltimore, MD, November 30, 1992.

**Hamilton V.**, Hamilton B. Alcohol in the workplace: Examining the impact of moderate and heavy drinking on workers' earnings. International Symposium on the Economics of Drug Abuse, Commonwealth Department of Health, Housing and Community Services. Canberra, Australia, April 30, 1993.

**Hamilton V.**, Hamilton B. Does universal health insurance equalize access to care: A Canada-U.S. Comparison. Fourth Annual Health Economics Conference. Northwestern University, June 11-12, 1993.

**Hamilton V.**, Hamilton B. Does universal health insurance equalize access to care? National Bureau of Economic Research Summer Institute, Workshop on Health Care. Cambridge, MA. July 28-30, 1993.

**Hamilton V.**, Hamilton B. How does income affect access to care? A comparison of US and Canadian health care systems. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Conference. Washington, DC. October 28-31, 1993.

## **ABSTRACTS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (cont.):**

**Hamilton V.** Comparisons between cost models: Which to use and how to compare data. Peripheral Blood Progenitor Cell Transplantation Symposium, Clinical, Practical and Economic Considerations. London Regional Cancer Centre. November 19, 1993.

**Hamilton V.** Risk selection. Institute for Research and Public Policy/ Brookings, International Conference on Health Care Cost Control: Market Mechanisms. Montreal. May 15-16, 1994.

Hamilton B., **Hamilton V.**, Mayo N. What are the costs of queuing for hip fracture surgery in Quebec? National Bureau of Economic Research Summer Institute, Workshop on Health Care. Cambridge, MA. July 27-29, 1994.

Benk V., **Hamilton V.**, Fortin P., Zhang G. Delay of radiation therapy (rt) in women with early stage breast cancer. The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada Annual Meeting. Toronto, Ontario. September 14-19, 1994.

Clarke AE, Gironimi G, **Hamilton VH**, Bloch DA, Fries JF, Esdaile JM. Comparing health care expenditures and patterns of utilization in Canadian and American SLE patients. *Arthritis and Rheumatism* 1994; 37(9supple):S419.

Benk V., Zhang G., **Hamilton V.**, Choi S., Fortin P., Freeman C.R. Les patientes attendent-elles pour leur irradiation mammaire? Association de Radio-Oncologies du Québec. Montreal. Quebec. June 4-7, 1995.

Vistnes J., **Hamilton V.** Do appointment delays affect the demand for outpatient care for children? The American Economic Association Annual Meetings. Washington, DC. January 6-8, 1995.

Goldman D., Hamilton B., **Hamilton V.** Queuing for surgery: Is the US or Canada worse off? The American Economic Association Annual Meetings. Washington, DC. January 5-7, 1996.

**Hamilton V**, Hamilton B, Paarsch H. Access, utilization, and equity in Canada and the U.S.: An empirical model of physician visits. International Health Economics Association Inaugural Conference. Vancouver, BC. May 19-23, 1996.

Hamilton B, **Hamilton V**, Goldman D. Queuing for surgery: Is the U.S. or Canada worse off? International Health Economics Association Inaugural Conference. Vancouver, BC. May 19-23, 1996.

Hamilton B, **Hamilton V**. Does practice make perfect? Examining the relationship between hospital surgical volume and outcomes for hip fracture patients in Canada. International Health Economics Association Inaugural Conference. Vancouver, BC. May 19-23, 1996.

**Hamilton V**, Merrigan P, Dufresne E. Down and out: estimating the relationship between mental health and unemployment. Fifth European Workshop on Econometrics and Health

**ABSTRACTS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (cont.):**

Economics. Barcelona, Spain. September 11-13, 1996.

Hamilton B, **Hamilton V**. Estimating surgical volume-outcome relationships applying survival models: accounting for frailty and hospital fixed effects. Barcelona, Spain. Sept. 11-13, 1996.

Benk V.M., **Hamilton V**, Zhang G, Fortin P, Levinton C, Freeman C. Excessive delay of radiation therapy and 5-year outcome in early-stage breast cancer. The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, Annual Meeting. Halifax, NS. September 26-29, 1996.

Benk V.M., **Hamilton V**, Zhang G, Fortin P, Levinton C, Freeman C. Excessive delay of radiation therapy and 5-year outcome in early-stage breast cancer. Radiological Society of North America, 82nd Scientific Assembly and Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. December 1-6, 1996.

**Hamilton V**, Levinton C, St-Pierre Y., Grimard F. Effects of financial incentives: The impact of tobacco taxes on low income smokers in Canada. Canadian Health Economics Research Association, 7<sup>th</sup> Canadian Conferences on Health Economics, Ottawa, ON August 21-23, 1997.

**Hamilton V**, Grover SA, Lavoie F. Determining the indirect costs of coronary heart disease and their implications for the cost-effectiveness of primary prevention. Canadian Health Economics Research Association, 7<sup>th</sup> Canadian Conferences on Health Economics, Ottawa, ON August 21-23, 1997.

Clarke AE, Petri M, Manzi S, Isenberg D, Gordon C, Senecal JL, Sutcliffe N, Choquette D, Goulet JR, Grodzicky T, Fortin PR, Danoff DS, Levinton C, St-Pierre Y, **Ho V**, Esdaile JM. An international comparison of health resource utilization for patients with systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE). *Arthritis and Rheumatism* 1997; 40(9 suppl):S316.

Hamilton B, **Hamilton V**. The impact of hospital mergers and acquisitions on the quality and cost of patient care. Winter Meetings of the Econometrics Society, Chicago IL, Jan. 3-5, 1998.

Hamilton B, **Ho V**. Hospital mergers and acquisitions: Does market consolidation harm patients? 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Health Economics Conference, Cornell University, Ithaca NY, June 28-29, 1998.

Hamilton B, **Ho V**. Hospital mergers and acquisitions: Does market consolidation harm patients? National Bureau of Economic Research, Health Care Workshop. Cambridge, MA. July 29-31, 1998.

**Ho V**. Learning by doing in the evolution of medical technologies. International Health Economics Association 2<sup>nd</sup> World Conference. Rotterdam, the Netherlands. June 6-9, 1999.

**Ho V**. Learning and the evolution of medical technologies: The diffusion of coronary angioplasty. National Bureau of Economic Research, Health Care Workshop. Cambridge, MA August 3-4, 2000.

## **ABSTRACTS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (cont.):**

**Ho V.** Evolution of the volume-outcome relationship. Fondazione Arturo Pinno Pintor. Symposium on Interventional Cardiology and Heart Surgery, Needs Appropriateness and Planning. Turin, Italy. January 20, 2001.

**Ho V.** Learning and its implications for regulating of the diffusion of medical technologies. International Health Economics Association 2001 Conference. York, England July 19-23, 2001.

**Ho V.** Proprietary and non-proprietary learning in cancer surgery. Western Economics Association International 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Seattle, WA June 29-July 3, 2002.

**Ho V.** Proprietary versus non-proprietary learning in cancer surgery. Southern Economics Association 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA November 24-26, 2002.

**Ho V., Heslin MJ.** Regionalization versus competition in complex cancer surgery. Fourteenth Annual Health Economics Conference. RAND, Santa Monica, CA. April 27-28, 2003.

**Ho V., Yun H, Wirthlin DJ, Allison JJ.** Variations in management of peripheral arterial disease and amputation rates. 4<sup>th</sup> World Congress, International Health Economics Association. San Francisco, CA June 15-18, 2003.

**Ho V.** Does Certificate of Need affect cardiac outcomes and costs? 4<sup>th</sup> World Congress, International Health Economics Association. San Francisco, CA. June 15-18, 2003.

**Ho V.** Does Certificate of Need save lives or money? American Economics Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA January 7-9, 2005.

**Ho V., Town RJ. Heslin M.** Regionalization versus competition in complex cancer surgery. 5<sup>th</sup> World Congress, International Health Economics Association. Barcelona, Spain. July 10-13, 2005.

Gowrisankaran G., **Ho V., Town RJ.** Causality and the volume-outcome relationship in surgery. 5<sup>th</sup> World Congress, International Health Economics Association. Barcelona, Spain. July 10-13, 2005.

Gowrisankaran G., **Ho V., Town RJ.** Causality and the volume-outcome relationship in surgery. American Economics Association Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. January 6-8, 2006.

Short M., Aloia T., **Ho V.** The Effect of Certificate of Need on the Availability and Use of Cancer Resections. Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. Orlando, FL. June 3-5, 2007.

**Ho V., Short M.** Is Regionalization or Competition Better for Patient Welfare? Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. Washington, D.C. June 8-10, 2008.

## **ABSTRACTS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (cont.):**

**Ho V.**, Dugan J, Ku-Goto MH. Do Hospitals Shift the Costs of the Uninsured to Private Payers? American Economics Association, Atlanta, GA. January 4, 2010.

**Ho V.**, Dugan J, Ku-Goto MH. Do Hospitals Shift the Costs of the Uninsured to Private Payers? Third Biennial Conference of the American Society of Health Economists, Ithaca, NY. June 21, 2010.

**Ho V.**, Short M, Ku-Goto MH. Can Centralization of Cancer Surgery Increase Consumer Welfare? Third Biennial Conference of the American Society of Health Economists, Ithaca, NY. June 22, 2010.

**Ho V.**, Lau K. How do Hospital Mergers Influence Prices? Academy Health Annual Research Meeting, Seattle WA. June 2011.

**Ho V.**, Dugan J, Ku-Goto MH. Do Hospitals Shift Costs from One Payer Type to Another? Academy Health Annual Research Meeting, Seattle WA. June 2011.

**Ho V.**, Ku-Goto MH. State Deregulation and Medicare Costs for Acute Cardiac Care, Academy Health Annual Research Meeting, Seattle WA. June 2011.

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

2004-2007 Member, Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Health Statistics

**Referee for Social Science Journals:** The American Economic Review, Applied Economics, Canadian Public Policy, Empirical Economics, Government and Policy, Health Economics, Journal of Econometrics, The Journal of Health Economics, The Journal of Human Resources, Nonprofit Management and Leadership, The Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, The Journal of Public Economics, The Rand Journal of Economics, The Southern Economics Journal

**Referee for Clinical/Health Services Research Journals:** The American Journal of Medicine, The Journal of the American Medical Association, Archives of Internal Medicine, BMC Health Services Research, Canadian Medical Association Journal, The Journal of Clinical Epidemiology, Clinical and Investigative Medicine, Health Services and Outcomes Research Methodology, Health Services Research, The Joint Commission Journal on Quality Improvement, Medical Care, The Milbank Quarterly, The New England Journal of Medicine, Pharmacoeconomics, Social Science and Medicine

## RESEARCH GRANTS AS PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:

**Title:** The impact of the Medicare Hospice Benefit on hospices  
**Agency:** Agency for Health Care Policy and Research  
**Duration:** 1990-1991  
**Status:** Completed

**Title:** Equity in the utilization of health care in Canada and the US  
**Agency:** Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada  
**Duration:** 1994-1997  
**Status:** Completed

**Title:** An economic analysis of poor smokers  
**Agency:** National Health Research and Development Program  
**Duration:** 1995-1997  
**Status:** Completed

**Title:** Use of lipid modifying drugs for the primary and secondary prevention of coronary heart disease (Co-P.I. with Dr. Louise Pilote)  
**Agency:** Fonds de la recherche en santé due Québec  
**Duration:** 1996-1998  
**Status:** Completed

**Title:** Determining the indirect costs of coronary heart disease and their implications for the cost-effectiveness of primary prevention  
**Agency:** National Health Research and Development Program  
**Duration:** 1995-1996  
**Status:** Completed

**Title:** Management of Peripheral Arterial Disease  
**Agency:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality  
**Duration:** 2001-2003  
**Status:** Completed

**Title:** Cancer Surgery: Evolution of Volume, Outcomes & Costs  
**Agency:** American Cancer Society  
**Duration:** 2003-2007  
**Status:** Completed

**Title:** Certificate of Need and Cardiac Outcomes  
**Agency:** National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute  
**Duration:** 2004-2008  
**Status:** Completed

**Title:** Regionalizing cancer surgery  
**Agency:** National Cancer Institute

**RESEARCH GRANTS AS PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR (cont.):****Duration:** 2006-2009**Status:** Completed**Title:** Cost and Quality of Cancer Surgery**Agency:** National Cancer Institute**Duration:** 2010-2013**Status:** Ongoing**RESEARCH GRANTS AS CO-INVESTIGATOR:****Title:** Impact of waiting time on coronary artery bypass surgery**Agency:** Fonds de la recherche en santé du Québec**Duration:** 1993-1995**Status:** Completed**Title:** Evaluating the impact of computerized coronary risk profiles in general medical practice: The coronary health assessment study (CHAS)**Agency:** Merck Frosst Canada Inc.**Duration:** 1992-1994**Status:** Completed**Title:** Modifying specific risk factors to prevent the development of coronary heart disease: A cost-utility analysis incorporating quality of life measurements into the Coronary Heart Disease Prevention Model**Agency:** Dairy Bureau of Canada**Duration:** 1995-1997**Status:** Completed**Title:** There's no place like home: An evaluation of early discharge for stroke**Agency:** National Health Research and Development Program**Duration:** 1995-1998**Status:** Completed**Title:** Comparing health care costs, health status, and patient satisfaction between patients with systemic lupus erythematosus in Quebec, the United States, and the United Kingdom.**Agency:** Fonds de la Recherche en Santé du Québec**Duration:** 1995-1997**Status:** Completed**Title:** A Canadian multicenter, randomized, double-blind placebo-controlled study of methotrexate and leucovorin in systemic lupus erythematosus, a phase III trial.**Agency:** Arthritis Society

**RESEARCH GRANTS AS CO-INVESTIGATOR (cont.):****Duration:** 1995-1997**Status:** Completed**Title:** The John M Eisenberg Center for Clinical Decisions and Communications Sciences**Agency:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality**Duration:** 2008-2010**Status:** Ongoing**Title:** CERCIT: Comparative Effectiveness Research on Cancer in Texas**Agency:** Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT)**Duration:** 2010-2013**Status:** Ongoing**INTERNAL REVIEWER FOR GRANTING AGENCIES:**

1995 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, US Department of Health and Human Services

1996 National Health Research and Development Program, Health Canada

1998, 2003 National Institute of Aging, Special Emphasis Panel Committee for Program Project, NBER

1998 National Institute of Aging, Special Emphasis Panel Committee for Program Project, RAND

1999 National Institute of Aging, SSP Temporary Committee Member, February.

2000 Administration on Aging, Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health 2010 for the Elderly (REACH 2010).

2001 National Institute of Aging, Special Emphasis Panel Committee for Program Project, CECS, Dartmouth Medical School

2002 National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Risk, Prevention and Health Behavior IRG, Ad hoc Reviewer.

2002-2006 National Institutes of Health, Social Sciences, Nursing, Epidemiology and Methods 4/Health Services, Outcomes, and Delivery Study Section (Standing Committee member 2003-2006).

2003 American Cancer Society, Psychosocial, Behavioral, and Policy Research Committee, Ad hoc Reviewer.

2004 National Institute of Aging, Behavioral and Social Science of Aging Review Committee, Ad hoc Reviewer.

2004 National Institutes of Health, Center for Scientific Review, HSOD Members Special Emphasis Panel

2007-2008 National Institutes of Health, Center for Scientific Review, HSOD Members Special Emphasis Panel

2008 NIA Program Review Panel, Harvard Medical School

2009 National Institute on Aging, Special Emphasis Panel, Aging and Economics Program Review. Chair.

## **EXTERNAL REVIEWER FOR GRANTING AGENCIES:**

1993-1996	FRSQ, Fonds de la recherche en santé du Québec
1993	U.S. National Research Council
1994-1996	MRC, Medical Research Council
1995	SSHRC, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council
1995-1996	National Health Research and Development Program
1995	BC Health Research Foundation
1998	National Science Foundation
2003	National Institute on Aging Initial Review Group, Behavior and Social Science of Aging Review Committee, NIA-S
2008	The Donaghue Foundation

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS:**

1989-1990	John M. Olin Graduate Fellow, Stanford University
1991	Research Scholar Award, Montreal General Hospital Research Institute
1997-1998	John M. Olin Faculty Fellow, John M. Olin Foundation, New York
2001, 2004	Finalist, Teacher of the Year, School of Public Health, University of Alabama Birmingham

## **MAJOR COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

1992-1996	Member, Admissions and Duration of Stay Committee, The Montreal General Hospital
1992-1996	Member, Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, The Montreal General Hospital
1992-1996	Member, Case Management Advisory Committee, The Montreal General Hospital
1993-1994	Member, Research Institute Network Steering Committee - INTERNET
1996-2000	Member, Executive MBA in Health Services Management Curriculum Committee, Olin School of Business
1997-2000	Member, Executive MBA Curriculum Committee
2000	Member, Strategic Workgroup on Enrollment, School of Public Health, UAB
2001-2002	Chair, Search Committee, Economic Evaluation and Medical Decision Making, Department of HCOP, UAB.
2001-2002	Member, Search Committee, Mental Health Economist, Department of HCOP, UAB.
2001-2003	Member, Educational Policy Committee, School of Public Health, UAB
2002	Member, Research Advisory Committee, School of Public Health, UAB
2002	Member, Diversity and Affirmative Action Advisory Committee, School of Public Health, UAB
2002	Member, Search Committee, Department of Health Behavior Chair, School of Public Health, UAB
2005-2006	Member, Search Committee, Dean of Social Sciences, Rice University

## **MAJOR COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS (cont.):**

2007	Member, Search Committee, Health Economist UT MD Anderson Cancer Center
2008-2009	Faculty Advisory Committee for Potential Rice and Baylor College of Medicine Merger
2009	Joint Baylor College of Medicine-Rice Faculty Task Force for Potential Merger
2009	Faculty Merger Review Committee for Potential Rice and Baylor College of Medicine Merger
2009	Research Subcommittee for Academic Matters for Potential Rice and Baylor College of Medicine Merger
2010	Provost's Bioscience and Human Health Task Force
2010	School of Social Sciences Dean's Advisory Board

## **PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:**

1986-	Member, American Economics Association
1989-	Member, Committee on the Status of Women in The Economics Profession
1991-1994	Member, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
1992-1994	Member, Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action
1990-1992	Member, The National Hospice Organization
1994-	Member, International Health Economics Association
1995-1997	Board Member, Canadian Health Economics Research Association
2004-	Member, American Society of Health Economists (Board Member 2004-2006)
2010-	Medical Group Management Association

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

1992-1993	Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, McGill University: 513-678L "Health Economics" (Co-supervisor with Dr. J. Hoey)
1995	Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, McGill University: 513-665C "Economic Evaluation of Pharmaceuticals: Introduction" (Co-supervisor with Dr. S.A. Grover)
1995	Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, McGill University: 513-666L "Economic Evaluation of Pharmaceuticals: Advanced Applications" (Co-supervisor with Dr. S.A. Grover)
1996	Division of Experimental Medicine, McGill University: 516-630C "Economic Evaluation of Medical Technologies" (Co-supervisor with Dr. S.A. Grover)
1997-1999	Division of Experimental Medicine, McGill University: 516-631L "Advanced Topics in Economic Evaluation"
1997-2000	Olin School of Business, Washington University: B54-400A "Health Management and Policy" (BSBA level)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE (cont.):**

1997	Olin School of Business, Washington University: B64-533 “Health Care Management” (MBA/PMBA level)
1997	Olin School of Business, Washington University: MECO 536 “Management in the Health Care Industry” (EMBA level)
1998-1999	Olin School of Business, Washington University: MECO 990 “Managerial Economics in Health Care” (EMBA level)
2000	Olin School of Business, Washington University MEC 904 “Health Policy, Insurance, and Managed Care” (EMBA level)
2000-2002	Olin School of Business, Washington University MEC 593A “Case Studies in Health Care Management” (MBA/PMBPA level)
2000-2002	School of Public Health, University of Alabama Birmingham. HCO601/HA645/HCO701/HA700 “Health Economics” (MSPH/MHA/PhD level)
2002-2004	School of Public Health, University of Alabama Birmingham. HCO 680 “Aging Policy” (Graduate level)
2005-2010	Rice University Econ 481 “Health Economics” (Undergraduate level)
2006-2007	Rice University Econ 565 “Health Economics” (PhD level)
2009-2010	Rice University Econ 516, Empirical Economics (PhD level)

## **Lectures given in courses:**

1992	513-628C (Clinical Epidemiology - Economic Analysis)
1992-1995	513-656B (Health Care Technology Assessment - Economic Evaluation)
1993	513-632L (Clinical Decision Making - Economic Evaluation: Cost-Benefit, Cost-Effectiveness, and Cost-Utility Analyses)
1993	513-611B (Measurement in Health Care Research - Evaluating Cost Effectiveness)
1994-1996	524-402M (Community Health - Analysing the Costs of Medical Care)
1997-1999	B53-490 (Honors Seminar - Debate on the Canadian and U.S. Health Care Systems)
1997	B59-121 (Managerial Statistics II, Applying Econometric Tools in the Field of Health Care Management)
2001-2002	SPH 600 (The Integrated Public Health Care Curriculum, Supply and Demand)
2002-2003	HCO 603 (Public Health Policy, Medical Malpractice Insurance)
2008	Jones School of Management, Rice University, Certificate in Medical and Healthcare Management, Healthcare Reform and Provider Payment.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE / Students Supervised:**

### Postdoctoral:

- 2010-           Advisor for Heidi Russell, M.D., funded by CPRIT.  
Post-doc Fellow, University of Texas School of Public Health
- 1994-1996     Primary supervisor for Sylvie Perreault, Ph.D., funded by FRSQ.  
Post-doc Fellow, Division of Clinical Epidemiology

### Graduate:

- 2011           External member of thesis committee for Andrew Nishikawa, Dept. of Music
- 2008-           Chair of thesis committee for Jerome Dugan, Department of Economics
- 2006-2007     Member of thesis committee for Timothy S. Gunning
- 2005           Member of thesis committee for Ernest Aguayo-Tellez
- 2001-2003     Chair of thesis committee for Michael Matthews  
Dept. of Health Services Administration
- 2000-2002     Member of thesis committee for Matthew Rousculp  
Dept. of Health Services Administration
- 1995-2000     Primary Supervisor for Eva Tsakonas, M.Sc.  
Division of Experimental Medicine, PhD program in Health Care Economic  
Evaluation
- 1994-1996     Member of thesis committee for Xavier Kurd  
Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics

### Undergraduate:

- 2005           Supervisor, Senior independent research project for David Ho
- 2004           Supervisor, Senior independent research project for John Varghese
- 2004-2005     Supervisor, Senior independent research project for Sabina Bharwani
- 2009           Supervisor, Senior independent research project for Abhinav Khanna
- 2010           Supervisor, Senior independent research project for Shradha Kulkarni
- 2009-2010     Supervisor, Senior independent research project for Kelsey Lau

## **INVITED SPEAKER:**

- 2011           Triangle Health Economics Workshop, Raleigh Durham, NC. . “Explaining the  
volume-cost relationship for cancer surgery.”
- 2010           Grand Rounds, Division of Surgery and Department of Anesthesiology, The M.D.  
Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX. “Explaining the volume-cost relationship  
for cancer surgery.”
- 2010           University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI. “Does Certificate of Need  
affect cardiac outcomes and costs?”
- 2010           Department of Health Services, University of Washington, Seattle, WA. “Do  
hospitals shift unreimbursed costs to private payers?”
- 2010           Health Services Research Colloquium Lecture, Pennsylvania State University,  
State College, PA. “Do hospitals shift the costs of the uninsured to private  
payers?”

## INVITED SPEAKER (cont.):

- 2010 Leonard David Institute of Health Economics Research Series, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. "Do hospitals shift unreimbursed costs to private payers?"
- 2010 Department of Health Services Research, Management and Policy, University of Florida, Gainesville. "Do hospitals shift the costs of the uninsured to private payers?"
- 2010 Institute of Government and Public Affairs, University of Illinois, Chicago. Health Economics and Health Policy Seminar.
- 2010 Houston Regional Meeting of the Institute of Medicine. "Comparative Effectiveness Research."
- 2009 Dallas Federal Reserve Economic Summit, Traversing a Rough Terrain: The U.S. Economy. Dallas, TX "The U.S. Health Cost Crisis."
- 2009 Medical Grand Rounds, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX. "The U.S. Health Cost Crisis."
- 2009 Houston VA Health Services Research and Development Center of Excellence, Houston, TX. "Controlling Health Care Costs in the New Administration."
- 2009 Houston Business Group on Health, Houston, TX. "The U.S. Health Cost Crisis."
- 2008 Greater Houston Partnership, Thought Leader Series, Houston, TX. "Are Rising Health Care Costs Inevitable?"
- 2008 Houston Economics Club, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Houston, TX. "Are Rising Health Care Costs Inevitable?"
- 2007 Worksite Wellness: Impact Your Bottom Line Conference, Houston, TX. "Healthcare Costs: The State of the Union."
- 2007 Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Conference: The Costs and Value of New Medical Technologies. San Francisco, CA. "Learning effects and the diffusion of medical technology in a regulated environment."
- 2007 RAND Health Economics Seminar Series, Santa Monica, CA. "Certificate of Need for Cardiac Care: Controversy over the Contributions of CON."
- 2005 Kelsey Research Foundation, 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Health Services and Outcomes Research Conference, Houston, TX. "The Influence of Health Policy on Quality of Care."
- 2005 Department of Economics, Texas A&M University, "Quality and Cost Consequences of Cardiac Surgery Regulation."
- 2005 Section of Health Services Research, Baylor College of Medicine. "Does Certificate of Need Save Lives or Money?"
- 2004 Texas Lyceum. "Healthcare: A right or a privilege? Why have we reached an impasse?"
- 2004 Department of Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine. "Physician Supply, Treatment and Amputation Rates for Peripheral Arterial Disease."
- 2004 Department of Economics, Rice University. "Does Certificate of Need Affect Cardiac Outcomes and Costs?"
- 2003 Department of Health Administration and Policy, Medical University of South Carolina. "Does Certificate of Need Affect Cardiac Outcomes and Costs?"
- 2002 Center for Aging, University of Alabama Birmingham. "Peripheral Arterial Disease and Amputation Rates in the Medicare Population."

## INVITED SPEAKER (cont.):

- 2001 Department of Health Policy and Management, Emory University  
“Learning and the Evolution of Medical Technologies.”
- 2001 Department of Economics, Finance and Legal Studies, University of Alabama  
“Learning by Doing and the Diffusion of Medical Technologies.”
- 2000 Department of Economics, University of Mississippi  
“Learning and the Diffusion of Coronary Angioplasty.”
- 2000 Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota. “Learning by Doing  
and the Evolution of Medical Technologies.”
- 2000 Work, Families, and Public Policy Brown Bag Seminar, Washington University.  
“Learning by Doing and the Evolution of Medical Technologies.”
- 1999 Department of Health Care Organization and Policy, University of Alabama  
Birmingham. “Learning by Doing and the Evolution of Medical Technologies.”
- 1999 Division of General Medical Sciences, Washington University School of  
Medicine. “Evolution of the Volume-Outcome Relationship for Hospitals  
Performing Coronary Angioplasty.”
- 1998 RAND Health, “Hospital mergers and acquisition: Does hospital market  
consolidation harm patients?”
- 1998 Work, Families, and Public Policy Brown Bag Seminar, Washington University.  
“The impact of hospital mergers and acquisitions on patient outcomes.”
- 1998 Division of Health Services Research and Policy, University of Minnesota School  
of Public Health, “Hospital mergers and acquisition: Does hospital market  
consolidation harm patients?”
- 1998 American Enterprise Institute Health Policy Discussion Series. “Hospital mergers  
and acquisitions: Does hospital market consolidation harm patients?”
- 1996 Work, Families, and Public Policy Brown Bag Seminar, Washington University.  
“An economic analysis of poor smokers.”
- 1996 Division of General Medical Sciences, Washington University School of  
Medicine. “Does practice make perfect? Estimating volume-outcome  
relationships for hip fracture patients.”
- 1996 Olin School of Management, Washington University. “Queuing for Surgery: Is  
Canada or the U.S. Worse Off?”
- 1995 Division of Clinical Epidemiology, The Montreal General Hospital. “An  
Economic Model for Comparing the Distribution of Physician Visits in Canada  
and the U.S.”
- 1995 Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre.  
“A Competing Risks Model of the Effect of Delay for Hip Fracture Surgery on  
Post-Surgery Outcomes.”
- 1995 Division of Clinical Epidemiology, The Montreal General Hospital.  
“Pharmacoeconomics and Lipid Modifying Drugs.”
- 1995 Medical Grand Rounds, The Montreal General Hospital, "The Cost-Effectiveness  
of HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors to Prevent CHD."
- 1994 School of Nursing, McGill University: "Fundamentals of Economic Evaluation."
- 1994 Division of Clinical Epidemiology, The Montreal General Hospital. "Delay for  
Hip Fracture Surgery in Quebec. What can Administrative Data Tell Us?"

### **INVITED SPEAKER (cont.):**

- 1994 Annual Isobel MacLeod Conference, The Montreal General Hospital. "Is Patient-Focused Care Possible?"
- 1994 Secteur de la Santé Publique, Université de Montréal. "Income and Access to Care: A Comparison of physician and hospital service utilization in Canada and the United States.
- 1993 Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, McGill University: "The Effect of Income on Access to Care: Does Canada do Better than the U.S.?"
- 1993 Clinical Epidemiology Unit, Ottawa Civic Hospital: "Modelling the Simultaneous Relationship between Alcohol Consumption and Earnings."
- 1993 Division of Clinical Epidemiology, Jewish General Hospital: "Comparing the Effect of Income on Health Care Utilization in Canada and the U.S."
- 1993 Department of Pharmacology, University of Montreal, Workshop on Pharmacoeconomics: "Measuring Costs for an Economic Evaluation."
- 1992 Department of Economics, Tufts University: "Alcohol and Earnings: Is Drinking Good for You?"
- 1991 Department of Economics, McGill University: "The Medicare Hospice Benefit: The Effectiveness of Price Incentives in Health Care Policy."

### **EDITORIALS:**

- 2011 Virtual Mentor op-ed, "The Affordable Care Act—A New Way Forward," 2011; 13(11):817-821.
- 2010 Houston Chronicle op-ed, "A realistic, pragmatic approach to health care," January 31, 2010.
- 2009 Houston Chronicle op-ed, "More dollars won't fix health care," July 21, 2009.
- 2009 Houston Chronicle op-ed, "Insuring all children now will save money in future," June 19, 2009.

### **MEDIA INTERVIEWS:**

- 2010 Marketplace with Nancy Marshall Genzer on NPR, "Some insurers oppose health law repeal" November 9, 2010.
- 2010 KPRC-TV investigative reporter Amy Davis interview on how to save on health insurance, November 5, 2010.
- 2010 KPRC-TV investigative reporter Amy Davis interview on the cost disparities among Houston hospitals, July 14, 2010.
- 2010 KUHF-TV Ed Mayberry program on the varying costs of cancer surgeries at different hospitals, June 25, 2010.
- 2010 Marketplace with Tess Vigeland on National Public Radio (NPR), "Health reform for dependents and seniors," March 26, 2010.
- 2010 KRIV-TV Ned Hibberd interview, "Effects over time of health care reform," March 22, 2010.

**MEDIA INTERVIEWS (cont.):**

- 2010 KPRC-TV segment on the debate over health care reform, March 19, 2010.
- 2010 Marketplace with Nancy Marshall Genzer on NPR, “Do health reform numbers matter?” March 18, 2010.
- 2010 Marketplace with Nancy Marshall Genzer on NPR, “Health reform push is about the pool,” February 19, 2010.
- 2010 KHOU-TV News 11 interview, “Physician-owned hospitals take a different approach to patient care,” January 19, 2010.
- 2010 Marketplace with Nancy Marshall Genzer on National Public Radio interview, “Do Cadillac health plans drive up costs?” January 11, 2010.
- 2009 Community Forum on PBS station KUHT-TV, “Houston, have your say,” October 20, 2009.
- 2008 KHOU-TV interview, “Experts: pill-splitting can save you money,” November 14, 2008.