

MHRN SCIENTIFIC INTEREST GROUP

Health Policy in Mental Health

Goals / Mission

To produce credible evidence for the development of health and pharmaceutical policies in private and public sectors in order to improve quality of care and health outcomes among the mentally ill.

Research Priorities

Our priorities are policies, interventions, or programs that potentially affect the mentally ill (e.g., policies targeting psychotropic drugs). We aim to evaluate effects of:

- Changes in health insurance coverage and cost-containment policies on use of medicines, affordability, quality of care, and clinical outcomes
- Health system interventions or programs to improve clinical care or reduce costs

Our research also aims to identify problems (e.g., lack of access, inequities among groups, non-compliance with clinical guidelines) that can be reduced by policies, interventions, or programs. Policy makers will be able to use our findings to redesign insurance benefits or refine interventions to optimize health and economic outcomes

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