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Education

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, NC

- PhD candidate, Health Policy and Management, 2016-present
Advisors: Paula Song, PhD, Mark Holmes, PhD
Dissertation title: "Skilled Nursing Facility Market Dynamics in the Era of Health Reform"
- Bachelor of Arts, Public Policy, 2011
Minors in Medical Anthropology and Spanish for the Professions
Graduated with honors

Experience

2018 – 2020

Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Population Health Sciences, Duke University

Projects: Cascading Impacts of Bundled Payment of Peritoneal Dialysis Provision and Outcomes; Continuity of Medication Management, evaluation of Population Health Management Organization care management efforts

Responsibilities: Support mentor research activities; conduct independent dissertation research; structure and carry out evaluation of health system care management efforts.

2016-2018

Graduate Research Assistant, Cecil G. Sheps Center, UNC Chapel Hill

Projects: Rural-Urban Variation in CMS Hierarchical Condition Category (HCC) Risk Scores; Post-Acute Care for Rural Medicare Beneficiaries; Exploring Regional Differences in Rural and Urban Mortality Trends.

Responsibilities: Analyze data from Medicare Cost Reports, Medicare Claims Data, Center for Disease Control's Wonder Database, and the Area Health Resource File using Stata; Interpret output for policy-makers and other researchers; collaborate on developing study design and conceptual models; conduct literature reviews and environmental scans; draft reports and manuscripts.

2014-2016

Research Associate, L&M Policy Research, Washington, D.C

Projects: Evaluation of CMMI Accountable Care Coordination Initiatives; Special Analyses on the Effects of Paid Leave Policies; Evaluation of the Health Care Innovation Awards, Round 2; Evaluation of the Medicaid Innovation Acceleration Program; External Quality Review Organization.

Responsibilities: Draft qualitative protocols; conduct and support stakeholder interviews with key health system leaders, through semi-structured interviews, site visits, and focus groups; participate in and contribute to the analysis and synthesis of qualitative findings with quantitative findings using mixed methods software; organize and analyze data from the Census and Health and Retirement Study using SAS; conduct environmental scans; draft reports for clients; review Medicaid Managed Care Organization documents to determine compliance with District of Columbia and Federal Rules.

2012-2014

Research Assistant, L&M Policy Research, Washington D.C

Projects: Evaluation of CMMI Accountable Care Coordination Initiatives; External Quality Review Organization; CalPACE Starter Quality and Performance Measures; Evaluation of the Nursing Home Value-Based Purchasing Demonstration; State of the States: Autism Spectrum Disorder; Nursing Home Compare.

Responsibilities: Project management, including organization of qualitative data collection across multiple firms; conduct environmental scans; support and lead qualitative data collection with key stakeholders including state-level service providers through semi-structured interviews; create quality metric compendium; analyze qualitative data; support and lead cognitive interviews with consumers on Medicare Compare Websites.

2008-2011

Research Assistant, North Carolina Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, UNC Chapel Hill

Projects: Family PALS; Kids Eating Smart and Moving More.

Responsibilities: Support senior staff through creating educational materials and facilitating classes for African American adults with type II diabetes; conduct structured interviews in both English and Spanish with families of children at risk for obesity; teach basic nutrition classes.

Bibliography

Peer Reviewed

Hoffman AF, Pink GH, Kirk DA, Randolph RK, Holmes GM. "What Characteristics Influence Whether Rural Beneficiaries Receiving Care From Urban Hospitals Return Home for Skilled Nursing Care?" *The Journal of Rural Health*. April 2019. doi:10.1111/jrh.12365

Maciejewski, M., Hammill, B., Ding, L., Curtis, L., Bayliss, E., **Hoffman, A.F.**, Wang, V. "Care Continuity Impacts Medicare Expenditures of Older Adults: Fact or Fiction?" *Healthcare*. May 2019. doi: 10.1016/hjdsi.2019.05.004

Hoffman, A.F., Ferrari, R., Hilligoss, B., Tanenbaum, S., Song, P. "Why do some caregivers of children with special needs participate in care management while others do not? Lessons from a population in a Pediatric Accountable Care Organization." *Journal of Health Care for Poor and Underserved*. May 2020. doi:10.1353/hpu.2020.0065.

Hoffman, A.F., Sloan, C.E., Maciejewski, M.L., Wang, V. "Medicare Enrollment Among Patients with End-Stage Kidney Disease Receiving Dialysis in Outpatient Facilities between 2006 and 2016" *Journal of the American Medical Association*. April 2020. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.0704

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Reports and Policy Briefs:

- Hoffman, A.**, Reiter, K.L., Randolph, R.K. (2018). "Average Beneficiary CMS Hierarchical Condition Category (HCC) Risk Scores for Rural and Urban Providers" Chapel Hill, NC: North Carolina Rural Health Research Policy and Analysis Center.
- Hoffman, A.**, Randolph, R., Pink, G. (2018). "Market Characteristics Associated with Rural Hospital's Provision of Post-Acute Care" Chapel Hill, NC: North Carolina Rural Health Research Policy and Analysis Center.
- Hoffman, A.**, Holmes, G.M. (2017). "Regional Differences in Urban and Rural Mortality Trends." Chapel Hill, NC: North Carolina Rural Health Research Policy and Analysis Center.
- Morefield, B., **Hoffman, A.**, Brey, J., Byrd, N. (2016). "Leaving it to the Family: The Effects of Paid Leave on Adult Child Caregivers." Washington, DC: Department of Labor.
- Tisinger, R., Johnson, M., **Hoffman, A.**, Davis, C., Jean-Baptiste, M. (2016). "Understanding Attitudes on Paid Family Leave: Discussions with Parents and Caregivers in California, New Jersey and Rhode Island." Washington, DC: Department of Labor.
- L&M Policy Research (2015). "Pioneer ACO Evaluation Findings from Performance Years One and Two" (Contract No. HHSM-500-2011-00019i/HHSM-500-T0002). Baltimore, Maryland: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
- L&M Policy Research (2014) "Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD): State of the States of Services and Supports for People with ASD" (Report No. HHSM-500-2006-00009I/HHSM-500-T0002). Baltimore, Maryland: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
- L&M Policy Research (2013) "Evaluation of the Nursing Home Value-Based Purchasing Demonstration: Year 3 and Final Evaluation Report" (Report No. HHSM-500-2006-0009i/TO 7). Baltimore, Maryland: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Presentations: (*Presenter)

- Hoffman, A., Holmes, M., Wang, V., Lewis, V., Toles, M., Song, P. "Nursing Home Market Dynamics in the Time of Health Reform." Academy Health Annual Research Meeting; Poster Presentation. June 2020 in-person meeting cancelled due to COVID-19.
- Wang, V.*, Eick, R.*, **Hoffman A.F.***, Saunders, R, et al., "Transforming Healthcare in NC: Research Opportunities for Collaboration." Presented to Department of Population Health faculty October 10, 2019
- Maciejewski, M.*, **Hoffman, A.*** "Backing out a Treatment Effect in the Absence of Randomization: Difference-in-Differences" U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Center of Innovation to Accelerate Discovery and Practice Transformation Seminar Series. Durham, North Carolina. July 23, 2019
- Hoffman, A.F.***, Sloan, C.E., Maciejewski, M.L., Coffman, C.J., Sanders, L.L. Hirth, R.A., Lee, S.V., Wang, V.. "Dialysis Facility Service Mix in the Wake of Bundled Payment". Academy Health Annual Research Meeting; poster presentation. Washington, DC, June 2-4, 2019.
- Sloan, C.E.*, **Hoffman, A.F.**, Maciejewski, M.L., Coffman, C.J., Sanders, L.L. Hirth, R.A., Lee, S.V., Wang, V. "Consolidation in the dialysis industry after bundled payment reform." Academy Health Annual Research Meeting; poster presentation. Washington, DC, June 2-4, 2019.

General Internal Medicine Annual Meeting, May 8-11, 2019.

Hoffman, A.F.* “Virtuous cycle or death spiral? Market-based reforms and disparities in skilled nursing facilities.” Research Seminar in Health Policy and Management. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Chapel Hill, NC. April 9, 2019.

Holmes, G.M., **Hoffman, A.F.*** “Regional differences in Urban and Rural Mortality Trends.” International Conference on Health Policy Statistics; *Podium Presentation*. Charleston, SC; January, 2018.

Clary, A.S.*, **Hoffman, A.F.**, Kupsh, A., DeVries, A., Cunningham, J., Holder, M.G., Kundapati, S.R., Samuel C.A. “The Effect of Mobile Mammography on Completed Breast Cancer Screenings among Uninsured Women in a System of Federally Qualified Health Centers.”

Academy Health Annual Research Meeting; *Poster Presentation*. New Orleans, LA; June 2017.

Geographic Management on Cancer Health Disparities Program (GMAP). Charleston, SC; March 2017.

Song PH, **Hoffman A.*** “10 Things You Need to Know About Accountable Care Organizations For the Election.” Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research NRSA Seminar Series. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Chapel Hill, NC. November 7, 2016.

Hoffman, A.*, Linehan, K., Johnson, M. “Follow Those Yellow Brick Roads: Mid-Point Lessons About ACO Sustainability.” Academy Health Annual Research Meeting; *Poster Presentation*. San Diego, California, June, 2014.

In progress:

Sloan, C.E.*, Hoffman, A.F., Maciejewski, M.L., Coffman, C.J., Sanders, L.L. Hirth, R.A., Lee, S.V., Wang, V. “Consolidation in the dialysis industry after bundled payment reform.”

Ad Hoc Journal Reviewer

American Journal of Managed Care

JAMA

HSR

Awards & Honors

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, graduation with honors, 2011

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program, Honorable Mention 2016

Duke University Department of Population Health Sciences, Pre-doctoral fellowship, 2018-present

University of North Carolina Health Policy and Management, supplemental dissertation funding,

2020

Agency for Healthcare Quality, Dissertation Completion Award (R36), September 2020 – August 2021

Other Activities and Experience

HPM Summer Qualitative Seminar, <i>facilitator</i>	2020
Academy Health, <i>Member</i>	2018-Present
PhD Advisory Committee, <i>Cohort Representative</i>	2016-2020
Legal Aid of NC, <i>Health Insurance Navigator</i>	2017-2017
Health Care Law, <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	2016-2016
Society for Health Policy Young Professionals, <i>Steering Committee</i>	2014-2016
L&M Policy Research, <i>Hiring and Intern Search Committee</i>	2013-2016