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Biography

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Research Interests



- Health Services Research (utilization and outcomes)
- Equity in Healthcare
- Health Economics
- Ambulatory care sensitive conditions – the influence of primary care
- Influence of demographic change on health care service utilization
- Changes in use of medical technologies (esp medical imaging)
- Pharmaco-epidemiology/pharmaco-vigilance
- Use of linked administrative data for health services research

Top Recent Publications



- Halkett G, O'Connor M, Aranda S, Jefford M, Spry N, Shaw T, Moorin R, Schofield P (2014) Protocol for the RT Prepare Trial: a multiple-baseline study of radiation therapists delivering education and support to women with breast cancer who are referred for radiotherapy. *BMJ Open* 4: 116.
- Ha NT, Duy HT, Le NH, Khanal V, Moorin R (2014) Quality of life among people living with hypertension in a rural Vietnam community. *BMC Public Health* 14: 833.
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Health Services

Definition

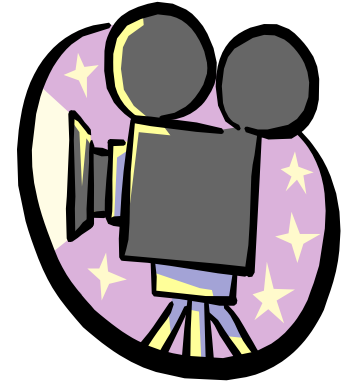
■ **The IOM suggests definitions and identifies HSR studies as such if:**

- It deals with some features, processes or effects of personal health services
- At least one of its features is related to a conceptual framework other than that of contemporary applied biomedical science

Essential Public Health Services

- Developed by the Core Public Health Functions Steering Committee (1994)
 - Included reps from national organizations and federal agencies
 - Charge: To provide a description and definition of public health
 - Developed the “Public Health in America” statement

Health Education



- Initiatives using health education and communication sciences to:
 - Build knowledge and shape attitudes
 - Inform decision-making choice
 - Develop skills and behaviors for healthy living
- Health education and health promotion partnerships within the community to support healthy living
- Media advocacy and social marketing

Health Services Research



- Measures the financing, organization, delivery, and outcomes of health services
- Community, management, and policy focus
- Multidisciplinary
- Typically cost, quality, and access focus
- May also be more traditional outcomes

Public and Personal Healthcare Workforce

- Assessment of the public health and personal health workforce
- Maintaining public health workforce standards
 - Efficient processes for licensing / credentialing requirements
 - Use of public health competencies
- Quality improvement and life-long learning
 - Leadership development
 - Cultural competence

Availability of Resources to Needy people

- Identifying populations with barriers to care
- Effective entry into a coordinated system of clinical care
- Ongoing care management
- Culturally appropriate and targeted health information for at risk population groups
- Transportation and other enabling services

Development of Policies and Plans

- Policy development to protect health and guide public health practice
- Community and state planning
- Alignment of resources to assure successful planning

Monitor Health to Identify and Solve Community Health Problems

- Accurate, periodic assessment of the community's health status, including:
 - Identification of health risks
 - Attention to vital statistics and disparities
 - Identifications of assets and resources
- Utilization of methods and technology (e.g., GIS) to interpret and communicate data
- Population health registries

Journal of General Practice

- [Journal of Primary Health Care: Open Access](#)
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- [Journal of General Medicine: Open Access](#)
- [Journal of Family Medicine & Medical Science Research](#)



Journal of General Practice Related Conferences

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- [3rd International Conference on Nursing & Emergency Medicine](#)
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