

**“An Introduction to Health Economics for Health Services Researchers”**  
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Abstract:

This presentation is the first in the “Economic Paradoxes in U.S. Health Policy” series, to be offered as part of the regular Health Services Research Seminar series. The presentation will provide a brief overview of the key principles underlying economic analysis of human behavior and markets. These principles will then be applied to three issues of particular interest to health services researchers: the “moral hazard” problem created by health insurance, the role of physicians as both advisors and providers (the agency problem), and the impact of hospital competition on treatment costs and quality.