

ZACK COOPER
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Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

A.B. University of Chicago, 2005
MSc London School of Economics, 2006
Ph.D. London School of Economics, 2011

Career/Academic Appointments:

2018-Present Associate Professor, Department of Health Policy and Management, Yale School of Public Health (Primary Appointment); Department of Economics (Secondary Appointment), Yale University
2012-2018 Assistant Professor, Department of Health Policy and Management, Yale School of Public Health (Primary Appointment); Department of Economics (Secondary Appointment), Yale University
2011-12 Postdoctoral Fellow in Economics, Centre for Economic Performance, London School of Economics

Additional Positions, Government Service, and Past Employment:

2020-2021 Connecticut Healthcare Cost Growth Benchmark Technical Team
2019-Present Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research
2019-Present Associate Director, Tobin Center for Economic Policy, Yale University
2014-2020 Charter Faculty, Jackson Institute for Global Affairs, Yale University
2012-2021 Director of Health Policy, Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University
2012-Present Faculty Associate, Centre for Economic Performance, London School of Economics
2008 Special Assistant, UK Department of Health

Professional Honors & Fellowships

2021 NIHCM Foundation Research Award for Best Paper
2020 Yale School of Public Health Investigator Research Award
2019 Andrew Carnegie Fellow
2019 NIHCM Foundation Research Award for Best Paper
2016 Visiting Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University
2011 Richard Titmuss Prize for Best PhD Thesis (LSE)
2011 Economic and Social Science Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowship
2007 Morris Finer Memorial PhD Fellowship
2007 London School of Economics Post Graduate Studentship
2005 Graduate with Honors, the University of Chicago
2002-2005 Dean's List, the University of Chicago

Bibliography:

Working Papers

1. Politics and Health Care Spending in the United States. NBER Working Paper No. 23748 (with Amanda Kowalski, Eleanor Neff-Powell, and Jennifer Wu). *Reject and Resubmit, Journal of Public Economics*.
2. Do Higher-Priced Hospitals Deliver Higher-Quality Care? NBER Working Paper No. 29809 (with Joseph Doyle, John Graves, and Jon Gruber). *Reject and Resubmit, Journal of Political Economy*.

Peer Reviewed Articles

3. Geographical Variation in Health Spending Across the US Among Privately Insured Individuals and Enrollees in Medicaid and Medicare. *JAMA Open* (2022), 5(7): 1 – 11 (with Olivia Stieglman, Chima Ndumele, Becky Staiger, and Jonathan Skinner).
4. Hospital Lawsuits Over Unpaid Bills Increased by 37 Percent in Wisconsin from 2001 to 2018. *Health Affairs* (2021), 40(12): 1830-1835 (with James Han and Neale Mahoney).
5. Physician Agency, Consumerism, and the Consumption of Lower-Limb MRI Scans. *Journal of Health Economics* (2021), 76(C):40-58 (with Michael Chernew, Eugene Larsen-Hallock, and Fiona Scott Morton).
6. Surprise! Out-of-Network Billing for Emergency Care in the United States. *Journal of Political Economy* (2020), 128(9): 3626 -2677 (with Fiona Scott Morton and Nathan Shekita).
7. Out-of-Network Billing and Negotiated Payments for Hospital-Based Physicians. *Health Affairs* (2020), 39(1) (with Hao Nguyen, Nathan Shekita, and Fiona Scott Morton).
8. Hospital Prices Grew Substantially Faster than Physician Prices from 2007 to 2014. *Health Affairs* (2019), 38(2) (with Stuart Craig, Martin Gaynor, Nir Harish, Harlan Krumholz, and John Van Reenen).
9. Spending Growth on the Privately Insured and Medicare Beneficiaries from 2007 to 2014. *Health Affairs* (2019), 38(2) (with Stuart Craig, Charles Gray, Martin Gaynor, and John Van Reenen).
10. The Price Ain't Right? Hospital Prices and Health Spending on the Privately Insured. *Quarterly Journal of Economics* (2019), 134(1): 51-107 (with Stuart Craig, Martin Gaynor, and John Van Reenen).
11. Does Competition from Private Surgical Centers Improve Hospitals' Performance? Evidence from the English National Health Service. *Journal of Public Economics* (2018), 166: 63-80 (with Steven Gibbons and Matthew Skellern).
12. Out-of-Network Emergency-Physician Bills: An Unwelcome Surprise. *New England Journal of Medicine* (2016), 374(20): 1915 – 1918 (with Fiona Scott Morton).
13. Does Hospital Competition Save Lives? Evidence from the English Patient Choice Reforms. *Economic Journal* (2011), 121: 228-260 (with Stephen Gibbons, Simon Jones, and Alistair McGuire).
14. Equity, Waiting Times, and the NHS Reforms. *British Medical Journal* (2010), 339: 3264-3271 (with Simon Jones, Julian Le Grand, and Alistair McGuire).

Invited Editorials and Commentaries

15. 1% Steps for Health Care Reform: Implications for Health Care Policy and for Researchers. *Health Services Research* (2021), 00: 1–4 (with Fiona Scott Morton).
16. Authors Reply: Facts Matter. *New England Journal of Medicine* (2017), 376(9): 899–900 (with Fiona Scott Morton)
17. Framing Health Reform. *Health Economics, Policy, and Law* (2013), 8: 251–257 (with Julian Le Grand)
18. In Defense of Our Research on Competition in England's National Health Service. *The Lancet* (2011), 278: 2064–2065 (with Nick Bloom, Martin Gaynor, Steven Gibbons, Simon Jones, Alistair McGuire, Rodrigo Moreno-Serra, John Van Reenen, and Stephan Seiler)
19. Making Competition Work in the English NHS: The Case for Maintaining Regulated Prices. *Journal of Health Services Research and Policy* (2011), 16: 193–195 (with Anita Charlsworth)

Work in Progress

20. Analyzing What Drives Hospitals to Adopt New Technology (with Steven Berry and Fiona Scott Morton)

21. Is There Too Little Antitrust Enforcement in the US Hospital Sector (with Zarek Brot-Goldberg, Stuart Craig, and Lev Klarnet)
22. How Does Rising Health Care Spending in the US Impact Labor Markets and Mortality? Evidence from Hospital Mergers (with Zarek Brot-Goldberg, Stuart Craig, and Ithai Lurie)
23. Analyzing the Impact of Vertical Integration on Steerage and Providers' Prices (with Stuart Craig, Matthew Grennan, Fiona Scott Morton, and Ashley Swanson)
24. Politics and Health Spending Growth in the US

Invited Academic Presentations

- 2022: MIT/Harvard/BU Health Economics Seminar, University of Copenhagen, ITAM Business School – Mexico City, University of Ohio, Stanford, Wharton, Duke, Princeton, UCLA.
- 2021: American Economic Association Meetings, the US Department of Defense.
- 2020: Columbia School of Public Health, Memorial Sloan Kettering.
- 2019: BU Health Law Conference, Johns Hopkins Carey, Princeton Economics.
- 2018: Dartmouth College, Yale University, Harvard Kennedy School Health Policy Program,
- 2017: University of Utah Business Economics Conference, University of British Columbia, Northwestern University Health Markets Conference, National Bureau of Economics Research Summer Institute, Kennedy School Health Policy Program.
- 2016: BU/Harvard/MIT Health Seminar, American Economic Association, Congressional Budget Office, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, MedPAC, Department for Health and Human Services, Federal Trade Commission, Department of Justice, The White House, the Connecticut Governors Health Care Cabinet, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, University of Chicago Booth School of Business, The University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy, National Bureau of Economic Research, Northwestern Health Markets Conference, American Society of Health Economics, Society of Actuaries Annual Conference, The Brookings Institution.
- 2015: Dartmouth University, Stanford University, Bureau of Economic Analysis, National Bureau of Economic Research, Northwestern Health Markets Conference.
- 2014: London School of Economics, University of York, American Society of Health Economics Annual Meeting, AcademyHealth, American Economic Association Annual Meeting.
- 2012: University of Chicago, Yale University, University of Texas, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, King's College London.
- 2011: University of Pennsylvania, Rotterdam University, Annual Health Economic Conference.
- 2010: Columbia University.

Professional Service

Reviewer

2008-present: *American Economic Journal: Applied Microeconomics*; *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*; *American Economic Review*; *AER Insights*; *American Journal of Health Economics*; *British Medical Journal*; *Econometrica*; *Economic Letters*; *Health Affairs*; *Health Economics*; *Health Economics, Policy and Law*; *Health Policy*; *Journal of Health Economics*; *Journal of Health Management Review*; *Journal of Health Services Research and Policy*; *Journal of Industrial Economics*; *Journal of Political Economy*; *Journal of Public Economics*; *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society*; *Journal of Social Policy*; *Journal of Urban Economics*; *Lancet*; *New England Journal of Medicine*; *Social Science and Medicine*; *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

Classes Taught:

- 2014 – 2018: Microeconomics for Policy-Makers (with James Levinsohn)
- 2012/13 – Present: Health Economics and US Health Care Policy

Current Grants

Agency: The Laura and John Arnold Foundation

Title: High Impact Scholarship on Health Markets, Insurance Premiums, Bad Actors in the Health Sector, and State-Level Interventions

I.D.: AWD0007830

P.I.: Zack Cooper

Total Project Costs:\$2,750,000

Project Period: 7/1/2022 – 12/31/2024

Agency: The Laura and John Arnold Foundation

Title: Trends in PAD Spending and Reimbursements Among the Privately Insured

I.D.: AWD0007993

P.I.: Zack Cooper

Total Project Costs: \$99,743

Project Period: 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023

Agency: The Laura and John Arnold Foundation

Title: Key Competition Issues in Health Care Markets: Private Equity Ownership, Vertical Integration, and the Labor Market Effects of Hospital Consolidation

I.D.#: AWD0004840

P.I.: Zack Cooper

Total Costs for Project Period: \$805,254

Project Period: 07/09/2020 – 06/30/2022

Agency: National Institute for Health Care Management

I.D.#: AWD0002426

Why Does the US Over-Invest in Technology? The Curious Case of MRI Scanners

P.I.: Zack Cooper

Total Costs for Project Period: \$88,607

Project Period: 09/01/2018 – 12/31/2021

Agency: Dartmouth/National Institutes of Health

I.D.#: R1032

Title: Causes and Consequences of Healthcare Efficiency

P.I.: Jonathan Skinner

Total Costs for Project Period: \$617,598

Project Period: 05/01/2018 – 2/28/2023

Agency: The Commonwealth Fund

I.D. #: 20171051

Title: Understanding How Vertical Integration Influences Physician Behavior

P.I.: Zack Cooper

Total Costs for Project Period: \$225,824

Project Period: 7/1/2017 – 12/31/2021

Previous Grants

Agency: The Laura and John Arnold Foundation

Title: The 1 Percent Project

P.I.: Zack Cooper

Total Costs for Project Period: \$706,889

Project Period: 10/01/2018 – 01/31/2021

Agency: The Laura and John Arnold Foundation

Title: The Pricing of Insulin in the United States

P.I.: Zack Cooper

Total Costs for Project Period: \$243,494

Project Period: 09/01/2018 – 08/31/2020

Agency: The Laura and John Arnold Foundation
Title: Out-of-Network Billing in the United States
P.I.: Zack Cooper
Total Costs for Project Period: \$119,735
Project Period: 09/01/2018 – 08/31/2019

Agency: Jameel Poverty Action Laboratory
Title: Do Informed Patients Make Better Choices?
P.I.: Zack Cooper
Total Costs for Project Period: \$49,821
Project Period: 1/2/2017 – 6/30/2018

Agency: Jean-Jaques Laffont Foundation
Title: Understanding How Patients Get Matched with Locations for Secondary Care
P.I.: Zack Cooper
Total Costs for Project Period: \$20,000
Project Period: 3/12/0/17 – 1/20/2018

Agency: National Institute for Health Care Management
Title: Identifying the Scope of Shopping for Health Services and the Limits of Price Transparency
P.I.: Zack Cooper
Total Costs for Project Period: \$16,071
Project Period: 1/1/2017 – 12/31/2017

Agency: National Institute for Health Care Management
Title: Analyzing the Frequency, Causes, and State Responses to Surprise Out-of-Network Billing
P.I.: Zack Cooper
Total Costs for Project Period: \$44,259
Project Period: 9/1/2016 – 8/31/2017

Agency: Commonwealth Fund
Title: Understanding Pricing Dynamics in US Health Care
P. I.: Zack Cooper
Total costs for project period: \$384,845
Project period: 1/1/2015 – 12/31/2016

Agency: The Arnold Foundation
Title: Testing the Effect of Price Transparency on Patient Behavior
P.I.: Zack Cooper
Total costs for project period: \$120,447
Project Period 10/1/2014 – 9/30/2016

Agency: National Institute for Health Care Management
Title: Do Higher Priced Providers Deliver Higher Quality Care? An Analysis of the Price/Quality Relationship Using HCCI Data
P.I.: Zack Cooper
Total costs for project period: \$68,656
Project period: 1/12/2015 – 1/11/2016

Agency: Commonwealth Fund
Title: Tracking Private and Medicare Costs by Clinical Condition
P. I.: Zack Cooper
Total costs for project period: \$156,509
Project period: 9/1/2014 – 8/31/2015

Agency: Economic and Social Science Research Council
Title: Patient Choice, Hospital Competition and Health Care Quality: Evidence from the English National Health Service

P. I.: Zack Cooper
Total costs for project period: \$270,000
Project period: 1/28/2011 – 06/12/2012