

## Health Policy Forums

### Center for Value in Healthcare: Translating Research Into Policy and Practice

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The winter Forum season opened with an opportunity for attendees to become acquainted with the programs of the Center for Value in Healthcare, a new research entity within the School of Population Health. The Center focuses on research designed to examine performance measurement and improvement strategies that will increase the capacity of the US healthcare system to deliver higher quality, and more cost-effective care.

Hosted and moderated by the Center's director, Mark Legnini, DrPH, this Forum featured innovative projects, presented by a panel of the Center's faculty and staff:

Evaluating the Impact of Pennsylvania's Medicaid Aging Waiver Reform  
*Albert Crawford, PhD, MBA, MSIS*

Tobacco Use in Philadelphia: Philadelphia's Clean Indoor Air Worker Protection Law and Trends in Inpatient Admission  
*Robert Simmons, DrPH, MPH, CHES, CPH*  
*Albert Crawford, PhD, MBA, MSIS*

National Quality Measure Development and Implementation  
*Valerie Pracilio, MPH*  
*Bettina Berman, RN, BS, CNOR, CPHQ*

Physician Profiling in Emilia-Romagna Italy: A Tool for Quality Improvement  
*Vittorio Maio, PharmD, MS, MPH*

Sponsor Involvement in Quality Improvement: How, Why, and When  
*Robert Lieberthal, PhD*

Using a Novel Statewide Health Data System to Improve Care  
*Joseph Couto, PharmD, MBA*

The projects discussed revealed a diverse range of content areas, with collaborations that spanned from local and state governments to physician practices abroad. The Center for Value in Healthcare has the capacity to expand its reach and foster the development of important quality initiatives affecting meaningful change.

***If you are interested in collaborating with the Center, or you would like more information about a specific project, contact Mark Legnini, DrPH, at 215-955-0427 or mark.legnini@jefferson.edu.***