

Economics 464001: Health Economics  
Spring 2013 Course Syllabus

Homework

There will be two homework each worth

### Students with Disabilities

If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit to me a letter from Disability Services by Jan. 31st so that your needs may be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented ~~dis~~ ~~es~~. Contact: 303-492-8671 or by email at [disinfo@colorado.edu](mailto:disinfo@colorado.edu)

If you have a temporary medical condition or injury, see Temporary Injuries under Quick Links at

## Reading List by Topic

### 1. Introduction and Overview (FSG 1- Introduction )

Mehrotra, Ateev, Adams Dudley, and Harold Luft, 2003. "What's Behind the Health Expenditure Trend," Annual Review of Public Health

### Supplemental Reading

Davis, Karen et al. 2007. "Slowing the Growth of U.S. Health Care Expenditures: What Are The Options?" The Common Wealth Fund

### 2. Micro Review (FSG 2 Microeconomic Tools for Health Economics)

### 3. Impact Evaluation

### Chapters 3, 4, 6f

Gertler, Paul, Sebastian Martinez, Patrick Premand, Laura Rawlings, Christel Vermeersch. 2011 Impact Evaluation in Practice The World Bank Washington DC.

### Supplementary Readings

Martin Ravallion, 2001 "The Mystery of the Vanishing Benefits: An Introduction to Impact Evaluation," The World Bank Economic Review 15(1), 115-140.

Laura Rawlings, 2005. "A New Approach to Social Assistance: Latin American's Experience with Conditional Cash Transfer Programmes," International Social Security Review 56(2), 133-161.

### 4. Measures of Health, Modeling Health Production, and Demand for Health Care

FSG 5 The Production of health

FSG 7 Demand for Health Capital

FSG 9 Consumer Choice and Demand

Wagstaff, Adam 1986. "The Demand for Health: Theory and Applications," Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health 40(1), 1-11.

### Supplementary Readings

Almond, Doug. 2006 "Is the 1918 Influenza Pandemic Over? Long Term Effects of In Utero Influenza Exposure in the Post-1940 US Population," Journal of Political Economy 114(4):672-712.

Deaton, Angus. 2003. "Health, Inequality, and Economic Development," Journal of Economic Literature 41(1), 113-158.

Note: The journal Health Affairs has devoted the March/April 2002 issue to determinants of health.

### 5. Health Care Insurance, Moral Hazard, Adverse Selection, and Managed Care

FSG 8: Demand and Supply of Health Insurance

FSG 10 Asymmetric Information and Agency

FSG 11 The Organization of Health Insurance Markets – Don't go through much of this.

FSG 12 Managed Care

Manning, Willard G, et al. 1987. "Health Insurance and the Demand for Medical Care: Evidence from

Readings to be assigned closer to date of class so they relate

## 11. Health and Development

FSG 24 Epidemiology and Economics: HIV/AIDs in Africa

Miguel, Edward. 2005. "Health, Education and Economic Development," in Guillem Lopez-Casasnovas, Berta Rivera and Luis Currais eds. *Health and Economic Growth: Findings and Policy Implications*. MIT Press.

Salai-Martin, Xavier. 2005. "On The Health Poverty Trap," in Guillem Lopez-Casasnovas, Berta Rivera and Luis Currais eds. *Health and Economic Growth: Findings and Policy Implications*. MIT Press. READ section 2.

Strauss, John and Duncan Thomas. 1998. "Health, Nutrition, and Economic Development," *Journal of Economic Literature* 36(2), 766-817. (READ TO PAGE 775) (read rest for general interest)

## Supplementary Readings

Asian Development Bank. 2004. "Chapter 3: HIV/AIDS and Economic Development," *Economics and Challenge of AIDS*

Baird, Sarah, Joan Hick, Michael Kremer, and Edward Miguel. May 2011. "Worms at Work: Long Impact of Child Health Gains." [http://www.cgdev.org/doc/events/KLPS\\_Labor\\_2011/05-16-Circulate.pdf](http://www.cgdev.org/doc/events/KLPS_Labor_2011/05-16-Circulate.pdf)

Bloom, David, David Canning and Jaypee Sevilla. November 2001. "The Effect of Health on Economic Growth: Theory and Evidence", NBER Working Paper 8587.

Caming, David. 2006. "The Economics of HIV/AIDS in Low Income Countries: The Case for Prevention," *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 20(1), 107-127 (see also Econom