

RESEARCH CONSORTIUM FOR HEALTH CARE VALUE ASSESSMENT (RC-HCVA)

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Our Mission



RC-HCVA is a joint initiative of Altarum and VBID Health whose mission is to promote the pursuit of value in health care delivery in the U.S. by identifying high-and low-value clinical services, tracking the use of such services, and helping to ensure that consumer preferences are incorporated in health care decisions.



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How We Accomplish Our Mission

- Conduct research
 - Methods
 - Measurement
- Develop research briefs and concept papers
 - Document research results
 - Address related issues of value
- Collaborate
 - Altarum/VBID Health partnership
 - Advisory group
 - 350 “Colleagues in Value”
- Disseminate
 - Consortium web site
 - Quarterly newsletter
 - Presentations, blogs, publications

How We Contribute to Value Assessment: Measuring Low-Value Care

- Current methods analyze claims data
- Approach incorporates time series measurements to track progress
- Results are extrapolated to national level
- Working toward comprehensive measurement (See Miller et al., “A Framework for Measuring Low-Value Care”, *Value in Health*, 2018)

How We Contribute to Value Assessment: Extensions Beyond Low-Value Care Measurement

- Helping focus targeted interventions to reduce low-value care
- Incorporating measurement of high-value care
- Developing a standardized waste reporting tool
- Investigating potential for a screening tool to identify low-value care risks in a population

Our Team

- Altarum
 - George Miller, Co-Director
 - Beth Beaudin-Seiler, Manager
 - Other Altarum staff as needed
- VBID Health
 - Mark Fendrick, Co-Director
 - Michael Budros
- Advisory Group
 - David Meltzer, University of Chicago (Chair)
 - Beth Bortz, Virginia Center for Health Innovation
 - Peter J. Neumann, Tufts Medical Center
 - Neel Shah, Harvard Medical School
 - Steven M. Teutsch, UCLA and USC
- Other Collaborators as Needed

Previous and Forthcoming Research Output

- [Concept Paper No. 1](#): *Improving Health by Reducing Low-Value Care*
- [Concept Paper No. 2](#): *A Framework for Addressing Low-Value Care*
- [Concept Paper No. 3](#): *Efforts to Measure Value in Health Care: Greater Balance is Needed*
- [Concept Paper No. 4](#): *An Employer-Based Health Care Waste Indicator Tool: Prospects, Potential and Problems*
- [Research Brief No. 1](#): *The "Top 5" Low- and High-Value Services: Trends in Health Care Spending Among the Privately Insured, 2014-2016* (May 2019)
- Forthcoming: [Research Brief No. 2](#) will develop national and state-level estimates of low-value spending on 20 services

Research Results From QS 1: Spending Growth for Selected Services (U.S. Privately-Insured Population, 2014Q1 - 2016Q4)

