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Key questions defining research program:

1) How does the receipt of care across multiple healthcare systems influence health service utilization, outcomes, and health care value among Veterans?
2) How does the receipt of care within an integrated delivery and financing system, such as UPMC, affect health service utilization and outcomes?
3) Among primary care practices based within an integrated delivery and financing healthcare system, how does participation in a Shared Savings Incentive Plan affect health service utilization/expenditures and outcomes in comparison to practices that do not participate?
4) How does the Rx-Risk Medication-based Risk Adjustment Index Predict Mortality in comparison to traditional claims based risk adjustment indices?

Key words describing research program:

1) High Value Care
2) Health Services Research
3) Health Service Utilization and Outcomes
4) Integrated Delivery and Financing Healthcare Systems
5) Observational and Quasi-Experimental Methods

Titles for shovel-ready research projects:

1) **UPMC Health Plan Research Working Group** – join our group of faculty, fellows, and residents who are interested in studying how the receipt of care within an integrated delivery and financing system, such as UPMC, influences health service utilization and health outcomes. There will be opportunities to work with the UPMC Center for High Value Care and contribute to and take ownership of an array of research projects.

2) Physician Perspectives and Practices regarding the dual use of opioid medications within and outside the VA Healthcare System: A Qualitative Study

Data sources for shovel-ready research projects:

1) UPMC Health Plan Claims
2) VA and Medicare Administrative Claims (for Veterans)
3) VA Physician Interview Transcripts – Qualitative Data