

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2021

Stemming the High and Rising Costs of Prescription Drugs



The Roger C. Lipitz Center for Integrated Health Care is pleased to share the newly released [Stemming the High and Rising Costs of Prescription Drugs](#) issue brief in this Summer 2021 Lipitz Quarterly Newsletter.

POLICY INITIATIVES AND IMPACT

For over 5 years, faculty at the [Roger C. Lipitz Center for Integrated Health Care](#) based in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health have engaged in a multi-disciplinary initiative to understand the landscape and propose solutions to reduce prescription drug spending in America. Collaborating with decision makers and developing policies to reduce prescription drug spending without stifling innovation in the pharmaceutical industry is key. Learn more about how the Center is [working with Congress, partnering with states, and liaising with the Federal Administration](#) on policy initiatives.

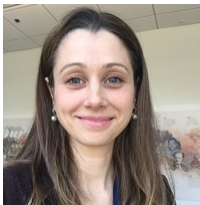


SELECT PUBLICATIONS

Legislative initiatives are supported and elevated by peer-reviewed publications and detailed modeling led by the Center. Explore select papers authored by Center faculty, which are published in *JAMA Network Open*, *American Journal of Public Health*, *JAMA Pediatrics*, and *Health Affairs*.



Jeromie Ballreich published [Allocation of NIH Funding by Disease Category in 2008 and 2019](#) in *JAMA Network Open* and [Affording Genetic Therapies in the Medicaid Program](#) in *JAMA Pediatrics*.



Mariana P. Socal published [Critical Drugs for Critical Care: Protecting the U.S. Pharmaceutical Supply Chain in Public Health Crises](#) in the *American Journal of Public Health* and [Factors Associated With Prescriptions for Branded Medications in the Medicare Part D Program](#) in *JAMA Network Open*.



So-Yeon Kang published [Using External Reference Pricing In Medicare Part D To Reduce Drug Price Differentials With Other Countries](#) and [Ultra-Expensive Drugs and Medicare Part D: Spending And Beneficiary Use Up Sharply](#) in *Health Affairs*.

IN THE MEDIA



Gerard Anderson (pictured left) was [interviewed on NPR](#) sharing why the skyrocketing cost of many prescription drugs in the U.S. can be blamed primarily on price increases, not expensive new therapies or improvements in existing medications as drug companies frequently claim. He was also [mentioned in The Philadelphia Inquirer](#) about the Pennsylvania proposal of a board to investigate increasing drug prices that residents can't afford.

Mariana Socal is [quoted in a MedPage Today](#) article about a bill to let Medicare negotiate drug prices.

Jeromie Ballreich is [quoted in a Healio](#) article discussing the stability of NIH funding allocation over time.

So-Yeon Kang [contributed to an article in Axios](#) highlighting how higher prices drive up Medicare drug spending.

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