

## Centre for Big Data Research in Health Seminar Series

The Centre for Big Data Research in Health (CBDRH) is pleased to invite you to a seminar as part of the CBDRH Seminar Series.

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We are delighted to host guest speaker **Professor Stephen Soumerai** from the Harvard Medical School and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Institute, USA, who will be presenting on:

**“False dichotomies and health intervention research designs: Randomized trials are not always the answer”**



Steve will give this presentation as the plenary address at the Asian Conference on Pharmacoepidemiology (ACPE), held in Brisbane on October 30, 2017. Steve will be visiting the CBDRH after the conference and has kindly offered to present the address again for those who did not have the opportunity to attend ACPE.

Please see Steve's Bio below and for further detail:

<http://www.populationmedicine.org/node/227>

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Date: Friday 3rd November 2017

Time: 10.30-11.30am

Location: AGSM Building (G27) Pioneer International Theatre (K-G27-G04)

## Biography

Stephen B. Soumerai is Professor of Population Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Institute, where he focuses on pharmaceutical outcomes, quality of health care studies and health policy. He also co-chaired the Statistics and Evaluative Sciences concentration within Harvard University's health policy Ph.D. program for over 20 years, and continues as an active faculty member in the concentration. Dr. Soumerai has led or been a member of numerous NIH and international peer review committees. Dr. Soumerai is the recipient of many honors including numerous article of the year awards from national and international scientific societies, named lectureships, and the Everett Mendelsohn Excellence in Mentoring Award from Harvard University.

Dr. Soumerai has published more than 250 original scientific articles in leading scientific journals, such as the New England Journal of Medicine and the Journal of the American Medical Association. He is well known for his work on the impacts of health policies and methods to improve the quality of medical practice. His recent research has focused on cost-related underuse of medications; as well as the impacts of drug coverage, FDA warnings and cost-containment policies on access to effective medications, quality and costs of care and clinical outcomes among vulnerable populations. He frequently advises Congress, state legislatures, and federal and international agencies on drug cost containment, coverage and quality-of-care policies, and evidence-based health policy. His research has been used extensively to support expanded economic access to medications in Medicaid and Medicare.

Dr. Soumerai's work also focuses on common biases in research designs, the unreliability of health research, and improving the evidence base for health policies. Dr. Soumerai has published numerous op-eds in leading news outlets, including Vox News, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, Newsweek, The Huffington Post, and Stat News on subjects including elimination of coverage gaps in the Medicare drug benefit, adverse consequences of rushed nationwide implementation of health IT, undertreatment of pain, required drug coverage in Massachusetts health reform plans, state censorship of health research, poor efficacy of pay-for-performance policies, and arbitrary economic penalties for hospital readmissions.