

Health Care Delivery Partnership Development Conference

Le Meridien, 20 Sidney Street, Cambridge, MA 02139

The objective of the conference is to help participants build new partnerships (or build momentum for existing partnerships) to evaluate innovative health care delivery programs with randomized controlled trials (RCTs).

CONFERENCE AGENDA: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2014

- 1:30 – 2:15 pm **Check-in (Foyer, Floor 3)**
- 2:15 – 2:30 pm **Welcome and Conference Overview** **Mary Ann Bates**, Deputy Director of J-PAL North America
- 2:30 – 3:00 pm **Keynote Address** **Peter Orszag**, Former Director of the Office of Management and Budget
- 3:00 – 3:30 pm **Using Randomized Evaluations to Improve the Efficiency of U.S. Healthcare Delivery** **Amy Finkelstein**, Health Care Delivery Initiative Chair
- 3:30 – 4:00 pm **The Importance of RCTs in Population Health** **Jeffrey Brenner, MD**, Founder and Executive Director of the Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers
- 4:00 – 4:30 pm **Coffee Break**
- During the coffee break, conference participants can submit question cards for the upcoming panel discussion.*
- 4:30 – 5:30 pm **Panel Discussion: The Practicalities of Using RCTs to Test Health Care Delivery Innovations**
- Moderator: Lawrence Katz**, Elisabeth Allison Professor of Economics, Harvard University
- This panel gives participants the opportunity to ask questions of the speakers and share practical strategies for conducting RCTs in health care delivery. We will start with questions from the question cards and continue with audience questions as time permits.*
- 6:00 – 8:00 pm **Dinner**
- Dinner will be served cocktail style to allow for conversations with multiple organizations and researchers. Your conference packet will include an overview of the research opportunities the attending organizations would like to discuss with researchers, and the research interests of the attending health economists. If you have trouble finding the person you would like to speak with, please consult a J-PAL staff person with a blue name tag.*

CONFERENCE AGENDA: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2014

- 8:00 – 8:30 am **Light Breakfast**
- 8:30 – 8:45 am **Overview of the Day** **Mary Ann Bates**
- 8:45 – 9:15 am **Opening Address:** How Practitioners and Academics Can Partner for RCTs **Niteesh Choudhry**, Associate Professor, Harvard Medical School
- 9:15 – 10:15 am **Implementing Partner “Pitches”:** 3-minute pitches on innovations that attending organizations want to test with RCTs
- Based on these pitches, the health economists will fill out a form listing their preferences for Partnership Session I.*
- 10:15 – 10:45 am **Coffee Break**
- 10:45 – 11:45 am **Health Economist “Pitches”:** 2-minute pitches on research questions that attending researchers would like to test
- Based on these pitches, the implementing partners will fill out a form listing preferences for Partnership Session II.*
- 11:45 am – 1:00 pm **Partnership Session I (based on health economist requests):** One-on-one discussion between implementing partners and health economists
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm **Lunch**
- 2:00 – 3:15 pm **Partnership Session II (based on implementing partner requests):** One-on-one discussion between implementing partners and health economists
- 3:15 – 3:30 pm **Coffee Break**
- 3:30 – 4:30 pm **Partnership Group Work:** Potential RCT designs drafted by research teams
- During this time, you can continue previous conversations or reach out to J-PAL staff who can help match you with a person or organization with complementary interests.*
- 4:30 – 5:30 pm **Preliminary Ideas:** Joint Presentations of Emerging Research Ideas
- During this session, participants can spend a few minutes describing the research ideas that emerged in the previous conversations. This is an opportunity to seek feedback from other participants or potentially to coordinate among multiple partners interested in testing similar programs.*
- 5:30 pm **Concluding Remarks** **Amy Finkelstein**