

**HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP IN PHARMACEUTICAL POLICY RESEARCH  
(2001-PRESENT)**

**CURRENT FELLOWS**

**Katy Backes Kozhimannil, MPA**

**2007-2009**

Ms. Backes Kozhimannil is a candidate in the Harvard University PhD Program in Health Policy. Her Fellowship research focuses on domestic and international policy issues and includes studies of the impact of mandatory screening on post-partum depression treatment in New Jersey and of the effects of the Michigan prior authorization policy on post-partum antidepressant use.

Fellowship publication:

Ross-Degnan D, **Kozhimannil KB**, Payson A, Aupont O, LeCates R, Briggs J, Chalker J, Acharya K, Zimicki S. Improving community use of medicines in the management of child illness: a guide to developing interventions. Cambridge, MA: Management Sciences for Health; 2008.

Kozhimannil KB, Valera MR, Adams AS, Ross-Degnan D. The impact of insurance coverage and franchise midwife clinics on prenatal and delivery care in the Philippines. Under review.

**Sheila K. Reiss, MSc, RPh**

**2007-2009**

Ms. Reiss is a candidate in the Harvard University PhD Program in Health Policy. Her Fellowship research focuses on assessing affordability of, access to, and use of medicines in selected countries which completed the 2002 World Health Organization World Health Survey.

Fellowship publication:

Wagner AK, Reiss S, Graves AJ, Ross-Degnan D. Results of feasibility study using World Health Survey data to measure medicines need, use, and out-of-pocket expenditures in eight low and lower-middle income countries. Report for the U.K. Department for International Development, March 23, 2007.

**Ashley J. Beard, MPH, PhD**

**2008-2009**

Dr. Beard recently received her PhD in Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her Fellowship research focuses on quantitative analyses of data on cost of medicines and patient-clinician satisfaction.

**PAST FELLOWS**

**Christine Yi-Ju Lu, BPharm, MSc, PhD**

**2007-2008**

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Dr. Lu was a Pharmaceutical Drug Policy Research Fellow from Australia. She is a pharmacist with a Masters degree in Science (Biopharmaceuticals) and a Ph.D. in Clinical Pharmacology. Her major research interests include access to and quality of pharmaceutical care for patients with chronic diseases, policy evaluation, and methodological issues of pharmaceutical policy research.

Dr. Lu completed a systematic review of interventions intended to change medication use in US managed care settings with the Drug Policy Research Group. Her Fellowship research examined the effects on medication use and associated outcomes of a prior authorization policy for atypical antipsychotic and anticonvulsant medications among patients with bipolar disorder in the Maine Medicaid program.

Dr. Lu is now a Research Fellow at the Quality Use of Medicines and Pharmacy Research Center, Sansom Institute, University of South Australia. Her current research examines the impact of comorbidities on medication use and associated outcomes among Australian veteran patients with multiple chronic illnesses.

### **Fellowship publications**

**Lu CY**, Ross-Degnan D, Soumerai SB, Pearson SA. Interventions designed to improve the quality and efficiency of medication use in managed care: a critical review of the literature – 2001-2007. BMC Health Services Research 2008; 8:75.

Adams AS, Zhang F, LeCates R, Graves AJ, Ross-Degnan D, Gilden D, McLaughlin T, **Lu CY**, Trinacty C, Soumerai SB. Prior authorization for antidepressants in Medicaid: effects among disabled dual enrollees (under review).

### **Catherine E. Vialle-Valentin, MD, MHCM**

**2006-2008**

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Dr. Catherine Vialle-Valentin is now a Research Associate in the Department of Ambulatory Care and Prevention (DACP) at Harvard Medical School and Epidemiologist at Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. She received her medical degree in France where she is board certified in endocrinology. She holds a masters degree in health policy and management from the Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Vialle-Valentin's research is in the area of international pharmaceutical policy evaluation. During her Fellowship, she completed a study to evaluate the role of community-based health insurance schemes on access to medicines in poor settings. At present, her work is centered on methods for measuring access to and rational use of medicines in developing countries. Her main focus continued to be the development and testing of a household survey to collect in-depth information on medicines used during acute and chronic conditions, and barriers to medicines access.

### **Fellowship publications**

**Vialle-Valentin CE**. Medicines coverage and community-based health insurance in low-income countries (under review).

**Michael R. Law, MSc, PhD****2006-2008**

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Dr. Law completed the Health Policy PhD Program at Harvard University. His Fellowship research focused on adherence to atypical antipsychotics, the impact of prior authorization policies for both antipsychotic and antihypertensive medications, and the impact of direct-to-consumer advertising on drug utilization. Dr. Law will begin his Assistant Professorship at the University of British Columbia in 2009.

Fellowship publications:

**Law MR, Majumdar SR, Soumerai SB.** Effect of illicit direct-to-consumer advertising on use of etanercept, mometasone and tegaserod in Canada. *BMJ* (in press).

**Law MR, Ross-Degnan D, Soumerai SB.** Effect of prior authorization of second-generation antipsychotic agents on pharmacy utilization and reimbursements. *Psychiatr Serv* 2008 May;59(5):540-6.

**Law MR, Soumerai SB, Ross-Degnan D, Adams AS.** A longitudinal study of medication nonadherence and hospitalization risk in schizophrenia. *J Clin Psychiatry* 2008 Jan;69(1):47-53.

Soumerai SB, Zhang F, Ross-Degnan D, Ball DE, Lecates RF, **Law MR**, Hughes TE, Chapman D, Adams AS. Use of atypical antipsychotic drugs for schizophrenia in Maine Medicaid following a policy change. *Health Aff (Millwood)* 2008 Apr 1.

Soumerai SB, **Law MR.** Cost-effectiveness of schizophrenia pharmacotherapy. *Am J Psychiatry* 2007 Apr;164(4):678.

**Marsha Pierre-Jacques, BS****2005-2007**

Ms. Pierre-Jacques' research interests included examining the relationship between health policies and access to both health care services and medicines for under-served populations including immigrants, elderly, Native Americans and low-income families. With funding from the NIH Minority Research Training Supplement Program, she pursued research in diabetes health disparities and medication non-adherence in the elderly and disabled. She also completed a project in collaboration with the World Health Organization Essential Drugs and Medicines/Drug Action Programs assessing core indicators of pharmaceutical systems in 168 countries. Ms. Pierre-Jacques is in the process of pursuing a medical degree.

Fellowship publications:

Tjia J, Briesacher B, Soumerai SB, **Pierre-Jacques M**, Zhang F, Ross-Degnan D, Gurwitz J. Medicare beneficiaries and free prescription drug samples: a national survey. *J Gen Intern Med* 2008 Jun;23(6):709-14.

**Pierre-Jacques M, Safran DG, Zhang F, Ross-Degnan D, Adams AS, Gurwitz J, Rusinak D, Soumerai SB.** Reliability of new measures of cost-related medication nonadherence.

*Med Care* 2008 Apr;46(4):444-8.

Ross-Degnan D, Safran DG, Zhang F, Adams AS, Gurwitz J, Adler G, **Pierre-Jacques M**, Soumerai SB. Depression and cost-related medication nonadherence in Medicare beneficiaries. *Archives of General Psychiatry* 2007; 64:1-7.

Soumerai SB, **Pierre-Jacques M**, Zhang F, Ross-Degnan D, Adams AS, Gurwitz J, Adler G, Safran DG. Cost-related underuse of medications among the elderly and the disabled: A national survey one year before the Medicare Drug Benefit. *Archive of Internal Medicine* 2006;166:1829-35.

World Health Organization. Carandang E, **Pierre-Jacques M**, Wagner A, Ross-Degnan D. Using Indicators to Measure Country Pharmaceutical Situations: Fact Book on WHO Level I and Level II Monitoring Indicators. WHO, Department of Technical Cooperation on Essential Drugs and Traditional Medicines, Geneva, Switzerland, December 2005.

Kimura J, Moore GT, **Pierre-Jacques M**, Peters AS. Teach Systems Based Practices and Practice Based Learning and Improvement? Just Do It! (under review).

**Yuting Zhang, MS, PhD**

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During her Fellowship, Dr. Zhang's research focused on examining whether using newer prescription drugs can save money by reducing use of other medical services (the drug-offset effect). She also co-lead a successful grant application to examine economic and clinical effects of prior authorization policies among Medicaid beneficiaries with bipolar disorder. After completing her Fellowship, she joined the Department of Health Policy and Management at the University of Pittsburgh as an Assistant Professor in August 2007.

Fellowship publications:

**Zhang Y**, Soumerai SB. Do newer prescription drugs pay for themselves? A Reassessment of the evidence. *Health Affairs* 2007 May-Jun;26(3):880-6.

**Zhang Y**. Is Cost-Saving Evidence Universal? An Economic Analysis of the International Comparison of Cost-saving Effects (Dissertation chapter).

Zhang Y. Cost-saving Effects of Atypical Antipsychotics for Long-term Treatment for Bipolar Disorder. *Journal of Mental Health Policy and Economics* (in press)

Zhang Y, Adams, AS, Ross-Degnan D, Zhang F, Soumerai, SB. Economic and clinical impacts of prior authorization for antipsychotic and anticonvulsant medications among Medicaid beneficiaries with bipolar disorder. *Psychiatric Services* (under review).

**SeongOk Kim, PhD****2005-2006**

Dr. Kim is a senior researcher in the National Health Insurance Corporation of Korea where she is responsible for pharmaceutical reimbursement policies and decisions about cost-effective drug use. Her Fellowship research was funded by the Fulbright Program focused on the effects of pharmacy cost containment policies on physicians' prescribing patterns in the Korean National Health Insurance. She also interacted with colleagues at Harvard Pilgrim Health Care and Neighborhood Health Plan around pharmacy benefits policy making issues.

**Kim S.** What Factors Determine Doctors' Preferences for Original Drugs and Their Willingness to Prescribe Generic Drugs in Korea? The 6<sup>TH</sup> World Congress On Health Economics held in Copenhagen, Denmark and Lund, Sweden July 7-11, 2007. Oral Presentation.

**Madeleine R. Valera, MD, MScIH (Heidelberg)****2005-2006**

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Dr. Valera is the Senior Vice President of Health Finance Policy Sector of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth). In this position, she is responsible for quality assurance, policy development, developing standards of accreditation, and developing health care benefits packages. During her Fellowship, she developed and implemented a study of the economic burden of hospitalizations for hypertension for PhilHealth and of access to and use of antihypertensive medicines among PhilHealth members. The results of her research will inform PhilHealth as it decides how to implement outpatient medicines coverage for members with hypertension. She also studied the design of performance measures of medicines benefit policies and interacted with colleagues at Harvard Pilgrim Health Care and Neighborhood Health Plan around pharmacy benefits policy making issues.

Fellowship publications:

Wagner AK, Valera M, Graves AJ, Laviña S, Ross-Degnan D. Costs of hospital care for hypertension in an insured population without an outpatient medicines benefit: an observational study in the Philippines. BMC Health Services Research 2008, **8**:161.

**Connie Mah Trinacty, MS, PhD****2004-2006**

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During her Fellowship, Dr. Connie Mah Trinacty was a candidate in the PhD Program in Health Policy at Harvard University. Her Fellowship research focused on issues of quality of care and self-management practices among chronically ill populations. During the first year of her

Fellowship, her research focused on the impact of a quality improvement change to a diabetes health care delivery system and its impact on race-related barriers to effective care. During her second year, her research evaluated racial differences in adherence to long-term diabetes self-management practices, specifically medication use and glucose self-monitoring. Dr. Trinacty is now an Assistant Professor in Ambulatory Care and Prevention at Harvard Medical School.

Fellowship publications:

**Trinacty CM**, Adams AS, Soumerai SB, Zhang F, Meigs JB, Piette JD, Ross-Degnan D. Racial differences in long-term self-monitoring practice among newly drug-treated diabetes patients in an HMO. *Journal of General Internal Medicine*. 2007; 22(11): 1506-1513.

Grant R, Adams AS, **Trinacty CM**, Zhang F, Kleinman K, Soumerai SB, Meigs JB, Ross-Degnan D. Relationship between patient medication adherence and subsequent clinical inertia in type 2 diabetes glycemic management. *Diabetes Care*. 2007;30(4):807-12.

Pearson SA, Soumerai SB, **Mah C**, Zhang F, Simoni-Wastila L, Ross-Degnan D. Racial disparities in access after regulatory surveillance of benzodiazepines. *Archives of Internal Medicine*. 2006;166:572-9.

**Mah C**, Soumerai SB, Adams A, Ross-Degnan D. Racial differences in impact of coverage on diabetes self-monitoring in an HMO. *Medical Care*. 2006;44:392-97.

Adams AS, Zhang F, **Mah C**, Grant RW, Kleinman K, Meigs JB, Ross-Degnan D. Race differences in long-term diabetes management in an HMO. *Diabetes Care*. 2005;28:2844-49.

**Trinacty CM**, Adams AS, Zhang F, Soumerai SB, Meigs J, Piette JD, Ross-Degnan D. Racial differences in adherence to oral hypoglycemic monotherapy among newly diagnosed diabetes patients in an HMO. (Under Review)

**Kara Zivin, PhD**

**2004-2006**

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Dr. Zivin is a mental health services researcher and graduate of the Harvard University PhD Program in Health Policy. Her Fellowship research focused on mental health care, in particular on the effects of a policy to improve adherence to antidepressant medications among members of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. Dr. Zivin was the recipient of a National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) training grant and of an individual National Research Service pre-doctoral Fellowship through NIMH. Following her Fellowship, she assumed a position as Assistant Professor in Psychiatry at the University of Michigan Medical School in Ann Arbor.

Fellowship publications:

**Bambauer KZ**, Soumerai SB, Adams AS, Zhang F, Ross-Degnan D. Provider and patient characteristics associated with antidepressant nonadherence: the impact of provider specialty. *Journal of Clinical Psychiatry*. 2007 Jun;68(6):867-73.

**Bambauer KZ**, Safran DG, Ross-Degnan D, Zhang F, Adams AS, Gurwitz J, Pierre-Jacques M, Soumerai SB. Depression and cost-related medication nonadherence in Medicare beneficiaries. *Archives of General Psychiatry*. 2007 May;64(5):602-8.

**Bambauer KZ**, Johnston SC, Bambauer DE, Zivin JA. Reasons why few patients with acute stroke receive tissue plasminogen activator. *Archives of Neurology*. 2006;63:661-4.

**Bambauer KZ**, Adams AS, Zhang F, Minkoff N, Grande A, Weisblatt R, Soumerai SB, Ross-Degnan D. Physician alerts to increase antidepressant adherence: fax or fiction? *Archives of Internal Medicine*. 2006;166(5):498-504.

**Bambauer KZ**, Prigerson HG. The Stigma Receptivity Scale (SRS) and its association with mental health service use among bereaved older adults. *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease*. 2006;194(2):139-41.

McLaughlin TJ, Aupont O, **Bambauer KZ**, Stone P, Mullan MG, Colagiovanni J, Polishuk E, Johnstone M, Locke SE. Improving psychologic adjustment to chronic illness in cardiac patients: the role of depression and anxiety. *Journal of General Internal Medicine*. 2005;20(12):1084-90.

**Bambauer KZ**, Connor DF. Characteristics of aggression in clinically referred children. *CNS Spectrums*. 2005;10(9):709-18.

**Bambauer KZ**, Sabin JE, Soumerai SB. The exclusion of benzodiazepine coverage in Medicare: simple steps for avoiding a public health crisis. *Psychiatric Services*. 2005;56(9):1143-1146.

**Bambauer KZ**, Aupont O, Stone PH, Locke SE, Colagiovanni J, Mullan MG, McLaughlin TJ. The effect of a telephone counseling intervention on self-rated health of cardiac patients. *Psychosomatic Medicine*. 2005;67(4):539-45.

**Bambauer KZ**, Locke SE, Aupont O, Mullan MG, McLaughlin TJ. Using the Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale to screen for depression in cardiac patients. *General Hospital Psychiatry*. 2005;27(4):275-84.

**Bambauer KZ**. Proposition 63: Should other states follow California's lead? *Psychiatric Services*. 2005;56(6):642-44.

**Bambauer KZ**, Soumerai SB, Adams AS, Mah C, Zhang F, McLaughlin TJ. Does antidepressant adherence have an effect on glycemic control among diabetic antidepressant users? *International Journal of Psychiatry and Medicine*. 2004;34(4):289-302.

**Rachel A. Elliott, Bpharm, MRPharmS, PhD**

**2004-2005**

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Dr. Elliott is a clinical pharmacist and health economist. Her Fellowship research, supported by the Commonwealth Fund Harkness Fellowship in Health Care Policy, addressed the economic impact of policies to improve adherence to medicine, as well as the barriers to taking medicines among the elderly with multiple illnesses. Following this Fellowship year, she resumed her position as Clinical Senior Lecturer in the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Manchester, UK. Currently, Dr. Elliott is Lord Trent Professor of Medicines and Health in the Division for Social Research in Medicines and Health, the School of Pharmacy at the University of Nottingham. She is a member of the NICE appraisal committee.

Fellowship publications:

**Elliott RA**, Ross-Degnan D, Adams AS, Safran DG, Soumerai SB. Strategies for coping in a complex world: adherence behavior among older adults with chronic illness. *J Gen Intern Med*. 2007 Jun;22(6):805-10.

**Elliott RA**, Majumdar Sr, Gillick MR, Soumerai SB. Benefits and consequences for the poor and the disabled. *New England Journal of Medicine*. 2005;353(26):2739-41.

**Elliott RA**, Barber N, Horne R. Cost-effectiveness of adherence-enhancing interventions: a quality assessment of the evidence. *The Annals of Pharmacotherapy*. 2005 Mar;39(3):508-15.

**Niteesh K. Choudhry, MD, PhD**

**2003-2004**

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Dr. Choudhry is an internist who received his clinical training in Ontario, and a graduate of the Harvard University PhD Program in Health Policy. His Fellowship research, supported by the Frank Knox Scholarship and a Canadian Institutes of Health Research Fellowship, addressed the impact of personal clinical experience on physician prescribing behavior. Following his Fellowship, he assumed a position as associate physician in internal medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, MA and Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. His research deals primarily with designing and evaluating strategies to improve medication prescribing and adherence.

Fellowship publications:

**Choudhry NK**, Anderson GM, Laupacis A, Ross-Degnan D, Normand SL, Soumerai SB. Impact of adverse events on prescribing warfarin in patients with atrial fibrillation: matched pair analysis. *British Medical Journal*. 2006;332(7534):141-5.

**Choudhry NK**, Soumerai SB, Normand SL, Ross-Degnan D, Laupacis A, Anderson GM. Warfarin prescribing in atrial fibrillation: the impact of physician, patient, and hospital characteristics. *The American Journal of Medicine*. 2006 Jul;119(7):607-15.

**Choudhry NK**, Fletcher RH, Soumerai SB. Systematic review: the relationship between clinical experience and quality of health care. *Annals of Internal Medicine*. 2005 Feb 15;142(4):260-73.

**Julie M. Donohue, PhD**

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Dr. Donohue is a graduate of the Harvard University PhD Program in Health Policy. Her Fellowship research focused on the effects of pharmaceutical promotion to consumers and physicians. Following her Fellowship, she assumed a position as Assistant Professor of Health Policy & Management at the University of Pittsburgh with a secondary appointment in the Department of Psychiatry.

Fellowship publications:

Rosenthal MB, and **Donohue JM**. 2005. Direct-to-consumer advertising of prescription drugs: a policy dilemma. In M.A. Santoro and T.M. Gorrie (eds) *Ethics and the Pharmaceutical Industry* New York, New York: Cambridge University Press, 169-183.

**Donohue JM**, Berndt ER. Being direct. *Marketing Health Services*. 2005 Spring;25(1):30-6.

**Donohue JM**, Berndt ER, Rosenthal M, Epstein AM, Frank RG. Effects of pharmaceutical promotion on adherence to the treatment guidelines for depression. *Medical Care*. 2004 Dec;42(12):1176-85.

**Donohue JM**, Berndt ER. "Direct-to-Consumer Advertising and Choice of Antidepressant." *Journal of Public Policy and Marketing*. 2004;23(2):115-27.

**Sylvia Park, MPH, PhD**

**2002-2004**

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Dr. Park is a pharmacist and policy analyst. During her first Fellowship year, she examined the impact of a policy in Korea to prohibit physicians from dispensing drugs on appropriate and

inappropriate prescribing of antibiotic medications. During her second year, she studied the impact of the introduction of atypical antipsychotic agents on prescribing, compliance, and the incidence of side effects among patients with schizophrenia in the UK. Following the Fellowship, she returned to her position at the Korea Health Industry Development Institute.

Fellowship publications:

**Park S**, Soumerai SB, Adams AS, Finkelstein JA, Jang S, Ross-Degnan D. Antibiotic use following a Korean national policy to prohibit medication dispensing by physicians. *Health Policy and Planning*. 2005;20(5):302-9.

**Park S**, Ross-Degnan D, Adams AS, Sabin J, Kanavos P, Soumerai SB. Effect of switching antipsychotics on antiparkinsonian medication use in schizophrenia: population-based study. *British Journal of Psychiatry*. 2005;187:137-42.

**Elizabeth E. Roughead, BPharm, GDip Health Prom, MAppSc, PhD**

**2003-2004**

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Dr. Roughead research interests include public policy on medicines, rational drug use, adverse events and pharmacoepidemiology. Her Fellowship research, supported by the Commonwealth Fund Harkness Fellowship in Health Care Policy, focused on the variability in cyclooxygenase II inhibitor prescribing in state Medicaid programs, in relationship to Medicaid prescribing restrictions. She also developed a model to integrate drug utilization, safety, and expenditure evaluation and pharmaceutical policy making for the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Following her Fellowship, she returned to the School of Pharmacy and Biomedical Sciences at the University of South Australia. She currently directs a program to improve use of medicines in the Australian veteran population and continues to serve as a member of the Australian Government advisory committee on drug utilization.

Fellowship publication:

**Roughead EE**, Zhang F, Ross-Degnan D, Soumerai SB. Differential effect of early or late implementation of prior authorization policies on the use of COX II inhibitors. *Medical Care*. 2006;44(4):378-82.

**Siritree Suttajit, PhD**

**2003-2004**

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Dr. Suttajit was a Ph.D. candidate at Chulalongkorn University and a Fulbright Visiting Scholar during her Fellowship. Her research focused on the factors that influence inappropriate use of medicines in treating adult respiratory infections in a slum community in Bangkok. Following her Fellowship, she returned to a position as a member of the Faculty of Pharmacy at Mahasarakham University, Thailand.

Fellowship publication:

**Suttajit S**, Wagner AK, Tantipidoke R, Ross-Degnan D, Sitthi-amorn C. Patterns, appropriateness, and predictors of antimicrobial prescribing for adults with upper respiratory infections in urban slum communities of Bangkok. *The Southeast Asian Journal of Tropical Medicine & Public Health*. 2005;36(2):489-97.

**Panos Kanavos, MSc, PhD**

**2002-2003**

Dr. Kanavos is a health economist from the London School of Economics. His Fellowship research, supported by the Commonwealth Fund Harkness Fellowship in Health Care Policy, addressed rates of appropriate use of cholesterol lowering drugs in the UK and the US between 1996 and 1998. Following the Fellowship, he returned to his position as Lecturer at the London School of Economics, UK.

Fellowship publications:

Park S, Ross-Degnan D, Adams AS, Sabin J, **Kanavos P**, Soumerai SB. Effect of switching antipsychotics on antiparkinsonian medication use in schizophrenia: population-based study. *British Journal of Psychiatry*. 2005;187:137-42.

**Sallie-Anne Pearson, PhD**

**2002-2003**

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Dr. Pearson's research focused on discriminatory effects, by race, of a state triplicate prescription program on benzodiazepine use. She also conducted a systematic review of interventions to improve medication use in health maintenance organizations. Following her Fellowship, she became a Senior Research Fellow in the Population Health & Use of Medicines Unit at the School of Public Health & Community Medicine of the University of New South Wales, Australia. Currently, she is a Senior Research Fellow & Cancer Institute NSW Fellow in the Prince of Wales Clinical School, Faculty of Medicine, University of New South Wales.

Fellowship publications:

**Pearson SA**, Soumerai SB, Mah C, Zhang F, Simoni-Wastila L, Salzman C, Cosler LE, Fanning T, Gallagher P, Ross-Degnan D. Racial disparities in access after regulatory surveillance of benzodiazepines. *Archives of Internal Medicine*. 2006;166(5):572-9.

**Pearson SA**, Ross-Degnan D, Payson A, Soumerai SB. Changing medication use in managed care: a critical review of the available evidence. *American Journal of Managed Care*. 2003; 9:715-31.

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Dr. Wagner is a clinical pharmacist and epidemiologist. Her Fellowship research focused on the effects of regulating psychoactive drugs in Medicaid. She is now a faculty member in the Department of Ambulatory Care and Prevention at Harvard Medical School and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care.

Fellowship publications:

**Wagner AK**, Ross-Degnan D, Gurwitz JH, Zhang F, Gilden DB, Cosler L, Soumerai SB. Effect of New York State regulatory action on benzodiazepine prescribing and hip fracture rates. *Annals of Internal Medicine*. 2007 Jan 16;146(2):96-103.

**Wagner AK**, Chan KA, Dashevsky I, Raebel MA, Andrade SE, Lafata JE, Davis RL, Gurwitz JH, Soumerai SB, Platt R. FDA drug prescribing warnings: is the black box half empty or half full? *Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Safety*. 2006 Jun;15(6):369-86.

Simon SR, Chan KA, Soumerai SB, **Wagner AK**, Andrade SE, Feldstein AC, Lafata JE, Davis RL, Gurwitz JH. Potentially inappropriate medication use by elderly persons in U.S. Health Maintenance Organizations, 2000-2001. *Journal of the American Geriatric Society*. 2005 Feb;53(2):227-32.

**Wagner AK**, Zhang F, Soumerai SB, Walker AM, Gurwitz JH, Glynn RJ, Ross-Degnan D. Benzodiazepine use and hip fractures in the elderly: who is at greatest risk? *Archives of Internal Medicine*. 2004 Jul 26;164(14):1567-72.

**Wagner AK**, Soumerai SB, Zhang F, Mah C, Simoni-Wastila L, Cosler L, Fanning T, Gallagher P, Ross-Degnan D. Effects of state surveillance on new post-hospitalization benzodiazepine use. *International Journal for Quality in Health Care*. 2003;15(5):423-31.