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Improving Patient-centric healthcare

[David Zepeda](#), assistant professor in the Supply Chain & Information Management group and faculty associate with the Center for Health Policy & Healthcare Research, was selected to present two papers at the Production & Operations Management (POM) Special Issue Conference on Patient-Centric Health Care Management in the Age of Analytics hosted by the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University. [Read more](#)



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Prescriptions drug benefit did not save money for Medicare

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"For years, the Medicare prescription drug benefit Part D has been credited with positively impacting national trends in health outcomes and medical services. But a recent study led by Northeastern associate professor [Becky Briesacher](#) challenges that assumption and suggests that the U.S. Congressional Budget Office's adopted a new costing method based on assumed cost-savings may be 'premature.'" [Read more](#)

The state of nurse practitioners

Courtesy of Modern Healthcare

According to faculty member [Timothy Hoff](#), nurse practitioners have an increasing role in primary care in part due to the expansion of health insurance in the United States as well as the aging population. Dr. Hoff argues that understanding the role of nurse practitioners is key to understanding the future of healthcare delivery. [Read more](#)



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The ACA, The ADA, And Wellness Program Incentives, A commentary from a faculty member

Courtesy of the D'Amore-McKim LeadersatWork blog

According to [Kristin Madison](#) "Wellness programs have been enthusiastically embraced by employers seeking to promote health and hoping to control costs. On April 20, 2015, program proponents received long awaited news: the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) issued a proposed rule clarifying how the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) would apply to wellness programs. Many large employers likely breathed a sigh of relief upon reading the rule, but the rule is not final and may reignite a longstanding debate over the appropriate use of wellness incentives." [Read more](#)

Vaccination policy, the Constitution, and the education system

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"Public-health law expert [Wendy E. Parmet](#) is the George J. and Kathleen Waters Matthews Distinguished Professor of Law and Professor of Public Policy and Urban Affairs at Northeastern University. She co-authored an article in the July 22 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine exploring the evolving landscape of vaccination policy. We [news@northeastern] asked her to discuss some of the implications of the new law in California." [Read more](#)



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Faculty Member Receives Best Paper Award

Faculty member [Gilbert Nyaga](#) received this year's **Jack Meredith Best Paper Award Finalist** award for his co-authored paper published in the Journal of Operations Management in 2010.

The award is given to an article published in JOM over the last five years (2010-2014) that had the greatest impact. Impact was assessed based on various metrics including Google Scholar citations and ISI Web of Science statistics. The article has been cited more than 300 times.

Article details:

Gilbert N. Nyaga, Judith M. Whipple & Daniel F. Lynch (2010) "Examining supply chain relationships: Do buyer and supplier perspectives on collaborative relationships differ?" Journal of Operations Management 28(2): 101-114.