Research Associate Position Opening

A postdoctoral position in the research program of Dr. Amy Kind is available to investigate the impact of neighborhood socioeconomic contextual disadvantage on patient outcomes at the health system level. This research project will be conducted utilizing a 100% national sample of Medicare data as well as other unique data resources available through the Department of Medicine Health Services and Care Research program directed by Dr. Kind, including the Area Deprivation Index (ADI). The ADI is a measure of neighborhood disadvantage updated and validated by Dr. Kind and her team. This purpose of this study is (1) to determine the potential impact of adjusting for neighborhood-ADI on current Medicare rehospitalization policy metrics and (2) determine the prevalence and characteristics of hospitals primarily serving highly disadvantaged neighborhoods that have much lower than expected rehospitalization rates. The overarching goal of this study is to eliminate rehospitalization disparities by informing policy. Working under the direction of Dr. Kind, the Research Associate will contribute to the study design, analysis, interpretation, and reporting of results. Specific duties will include statistical analysis and interpretation of results as well as dissemination of research results through the preparation and submission of manuscripts for publication in major scientific journals and the presentation of findings at local and national scientific meetings.

Requirements: A PhD or equivalent in health policy, health services research, public health, epidemiology, economics, behavioral or social science, or other closely related fields is required. The successful candidate will have (1) expertise in advanced analytic methodologies and study design; (2) expertise in the area of social determinants of health and/or neurodegenerative disorders (3) the ability to work both independently and collaboratively within an interdisciplinary team; (4) strong written and oral English skills; and (5) at least one peer-reviewed publication.

Salary: follows NIH standard based upon experience

Percent Time: 100%

Deadline to Apply: 3/1/2018

Start Date: Negotiable

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