M9205: ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION OF HEALTH POLICY

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Description:

- Introduces contributions of research to health policy.
- Reviews methods and results of policy research.
- Examines relationship among science, policy, and politics.
- Identifies critical questions for policy research.
Objectives

- Understand relationships among health services research, other health policy research and policy, and identify the pitfalls of research
- Understand contributions of health services research to the development, evaluation and revision of health policy;
More objectives

- Identify policy roles of those engaged in health services and health policy research.
- Begin to develop policy analysis skills to identify health services and other policy research questions, and evaluate the implications of their own research endeavors.
Paper 1

- 3-5 page paper identifying major policy question(s) currently being asked/studied in an area of interest to you and on which you will concentrate this term
- 15% of grade
- Due September 14
- Be prepared to discuss Sept. 21
peer-reviewed article in your area of interest, in the area of health policy under discussion on the date due.

focus on the quality of the work and the extent to which the authors provided results applicable and useful in shaping relevant policy decisions.
Reviews

- Over the course of the term, the articles chosen must use a range of research methods, and be published in at least 3 different journals.
- 2-3 pages, 5% of grade each
- Due on Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24; Nov. 21, 28.
Final Paper

- Review of current health services and health policy research literature
- What is being done to address unanswered policy questions
- bibliography annotated with a brief statement of the key finding(s) and your critical evaluation of the work.

due **December 5; 40% of grade**
Class participation

- Participation in scholarly critique and discussion is a critical skill
- 5% of grade
More Texts

Resources and Examples

- Charity Care in Washington Hospitals: Http://www.doh.wa.gov/Data/hospData.htm
- National Center for Health Statistics: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/
- Kaiser Family Foundation: http://www.kff.org/
- Healthy People 2010: http://www.health.gov/healthypeople/
Suggested Reading

- Givel MS, Glantz SA. 2000 Failure to defend a successful state tobacco control program: policy lessons from Florida AJPH 90:5 (762-7)