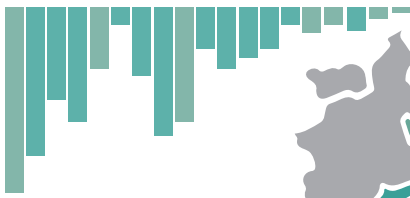
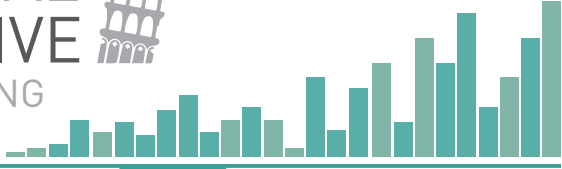


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Reducing avoidable variation in Healthcare

A GOAL FOR REGIONAL STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS

Unwarranted variation in health care utilization reflects important differences in population access, quality and outcomes that cannot be explained by population differences. Therefore, the question is: what can be done to reduce it?

Geographic variation in health care among both large (countries and regions) and small areas (hospital service areas) has been found to occur across all dimensions of performance, including quality, access and utilization. Increasingly research is shifting from assessing variation to using the findings to improve care. It is crucial to develop policies, management tools and governance models that can be effective and efficient in reducing unwarranted variation within a healthcare system.

This WIC international conference calls for moving from the detection to the management of unwarranted variation within regional healthcare systems. In particular, this conference is expected to address the following questions: Which tools are proven to support managers and policy-makers in reducing variation? Which are the outcomes of efforts to reduce unwarranted variation at the regional level? What can we learn from these initiatives? How can performance evaluation be leveraged to increase awareness among policy-makers about geographic variations?

This conference will discuss the approaches to answering the above questions. The conference will be organized around four themes:

- Avoidable variation: the clinical perspective
- Avoidable variation: the patient perspective
- Avoidable variation: the organizational and institutional perspective
- Avoidable variation in primary care setting

If you like to join in addressing these issue, then submit a paper or register as a participant!

How to join or present a paper?

To participate in the Conference a small registration fee is required.

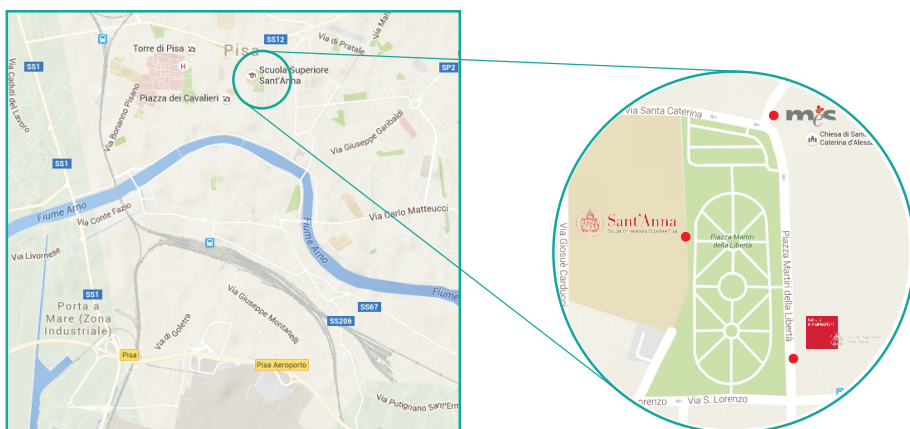
Please fill in the form available under the section Registration of the web site <http://wic-policy-conference.santannapisa.it/> by the 31 of March 2016.

If you would like to present a paper (there are limited spaces), please provide an abstract no later than Friday 29 January.

Abstract forms can be downloaded from the conference website

Location

The Conference will be held at the Aula Magna of the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna of Pisa, which is located in the Piazza Martiri della Libertà 33, 56127 – Pisa. For more information please go to <http://wic-policy-conference.santannapisa.it/>



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