

Comments on

"Demand for Hospital Care and Private Health Insurance in a Mixed Public-Private System: Empirical Evidence Using a Simultaneous Equation Modeling Approach"

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General

- Very well written and very interesting
- Complex econometrics to estimate a three equation selectivity model
- View from a Dutch econometrician
- Four remarks, comments or question

Comment 1

- What are the advantageous of private hospitals?
- Do private hospitals not offer a limited range of medical procedures?

Comment 2

- Are choices not made on the household level?

Comment 3

- Why don't you use all 19500 Observations?

Comment 4

- Is a count distribution the best choice?
- Some correlations more or less zero.