

DISCUSSION

Productivity and Quality in Health Care: Evidence from the Dialysis Industry

(Grieco and McDevitt 2012)

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- 1 endogenous choices based on unobserved productivity
(proxy for productivity using hiring)
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Mechanisms Driving Quality

How should we understand these (structural?) relationships?

ρ	-	-	-1	-1
	(0.7824)	(0.7761)	(0.7885)	(0.7823)
ρ	-1	-1	-1	-1
	(0.2509)	(0.2469)	(0.2463)	(0.2425)
ρ	-1	-1	-1	-1
	(0.4592)	(0.4551)	(0.4660)	(0.4627)
ρ		1		1
		(0.2068)		(0.2069)
ρ			-1	-1
			(0.2053)	(0.2041)
ρ			-1	-1
			(0.1960)	(0.1928)

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How should we understand these (structural?) relationships?

- more theory on quality and output choices?
- more data?
- more research design?
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Connecting Results Back to the Big Picture

- Once we adjust for quality, do answers to key questions change?
- Is the measured quantity / quality tradeoff “structural”?

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