



Does quality influence patient choice of hospital? Evidence from a two-stage approach using English NHS data.

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Abstract:

Policymakers advocating consumer sovereignty and hospital quality-competition may be interested in whether patients and GPs 'choose' hospitals for elective care based on hospital quality measures. In this seminar we measure hospital quality using mortality rates, and model hospital choice for NHS Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG) patients. In a standard choice model we find that quality has the expected positive effect on hospital choice. Accounting for unobserved hospital-specific characteristics in a second-stage model, this effect disappears. We find travel time is a strong determinant of choice of hospital and waiting time does not affect choice.

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