

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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Introducing Brittany Humphries, McMaster University

My name is Brittany Humphries. I am a PhD candidate in the Health Research Methodology Program at McMaster University, President of the McMaster Chapter of the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR), and member of the Program for Health Economics and Outcome Measures (PHENOM). I completed my BA in Anthropology from Dalhousie University and MSc in Pharmacoepidemiology from Université Laval.

My research is interdisciplinary. My goal is to develop and apply mixed methods approaches to studying the use and effects of medications from a social and economic perspective. My research and education have been supported by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (Masters and Doctoral Awards).

I recently published a JAMA Viewpoint on Canada's Amendment to Patented Drug Price Regulation (Humphries B, Xie F. Canada's Amendment to Patented Drug Price Regulation: A Prescription for Global Drug Cost Control? JAMA 2019) and moderated a panel at the ISPOR Europe 2019 conference exploring the issue of high cost, innovator drugs – which have the potential to offer remarkable health benefits but are increasingly accompanied by high price tags that have implications for patient access and the sustainability of healthcare systems worldwide. The panel featured Nicola Magrini (Secretary, WHO Expert Committee on the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines), Feng Xie (Professor, McMaster University), Michael Drummond (Professor, York University).