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Personal information

Geir Christian Godager is a male born 1978 in Oslo, Norway. Godager is married with four children born 2001, 2003, 2006 and 2022. Godager was on parental leave from June to December 2023.

Professional experience

2024- Professor, Dpt of Health Management and Health Economics, UiO
2023- Head of Bachelor Programme in Health Management and Health Economics, UiO
2019- WP Leader NORCHER: *Evaluating models for organizing and paying health care providers*
2014- Project Manager, International Research Collaborative for Health Economic Experiments
2010- Researcher (2), Akershus University Hospital
2015-2023 Associate professor, Dpt of Health Management and Health Economics, UiO
2011-2014 Postdoc, Dpt of Health Management and Health Economics, UiO
2009-2011 Researcher, Dpt of Health Management and Health Economics, UiO
2004-2009 Research fellow, Inst. of Health Management and Health Economics, UiO
2002-2004 Student, research assistant. Inst. of Health Management and Health Economics, UiO
1997-2000 Team Leader and Sales Manager Lottcon AS (Telemarketing)

Education

2015 Leadership programme at UiO
2012 Basic pedagogical competence, UiO
2009 ph.d. in economics, Dpt of Economics, UiO
2003 Cand.oecon, Dpt of Economics, UiO. Master thesis in health economics

Visiting scholar

November 2024 Guest lecturer at *Kyiv School of Economics*. Online lectures on Healthcare provider payment (Host: Maksym Obrizan)
Aug 2021- *Danish Centre for Health Economics*, University of Southern Denmark (Host: Kim Rose
Oct 2021 Olsen)
Nov 2021- *CINCH*, University of Duisburg-Essen (Host: Martin Karlsson)
Apr 2022

Editorial service

2022- Associate Editor *Health Economics*
2021- Editorial Board member *HERO Working Paper Series*

Publications

- Delalic, L., M. Grøslund, G. Godager and H. Øien (2024): Continuity of care in general practice in Norway. *PLOS ONE* 19(7)
- Sten-Gahmberg, S., K. Pedersen, I.G. Harsheim, H.I. Løyland, Ø. Snilsberg, T. Iversen, G. Godager, E.M. Sæther and B. Abelsen (2024): Pragmatic randomized controlled trial comparing a complex telemedicine-based intervention with usual care in patients with chronic conditions. *The European Journal of Health Economics*
- Aars, O.K., G. Godager, O. Kaarboe, and T.A. Moger (2024): Sending emails to reduce medical costs? The effect of feedback on general practitioners' claiming of fees. *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*
- Aas, E., G. Godager, T.P. Hagen, U. Häkkinen, M. Karlsson, S. Kittelsen, H. Øien and K.R. Olsen (2023): Advancing and Inspiring Health Economics: A Special Issue in Honor of Tor Iversen. *Nordic Journal of Health Economics*, 6.(1)
- Aas, E., C.B.H Thorjussen and G. Godager (2023): The Role of Health Status and Social Capital in Cancer Mortality: Insights from Matched Register and Survey Data, *Nordic Journal of Health Economics* 6(1)
- Godager, G., H. Hennig-Schmidt, J.J. Li, F. Yang and J. Wang (2023): Does gender affect medical decisions? Results from a behavioral experiment with physicians and medical students, *Nordic Journal of Health Economics* 6(1)
- Godager, G. (2023): Uønsket fravær av variasjon i helsesektoren. *Magma forskning og viten*, 26(5)
- Galizzi, MM., G. Godager, J. Li, I. Linnosmaa, T. Tammi, D. Wiesen (2023): Economics of Healthcare Provider Altruism, *Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population Economics*
- Godager, G. and A. Scott (2023): Physician behavior and health outcomes, *Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population Economics*
- Ge, G., G. Godager and J. Wang (2022): Exploring physician agency under demand-side cost sharing — An experimental approach, *Health Economics*
- Ge, G. and G. Godager (2021): Predicting strategic medical choices: An application of a quantal response equilibrium choice model, *Journal of Choice Modelling*
- Ge, G. and G. Godager (2021): Data from an incentivized laboratory experiment on strategic medical choices, *Data in brief*
- Cheo, R., G. Ge, G. Godager, R. Liu, Q. Wang and J. Wang, (2020): The effect of a mystery shopper scheme on prescribing behavior in primary care: Results from a field experiment, *Health Economics Review*
- Wang, J., H. Hennig-Schmidt, T. Iversen and G. Godager, (2020): Are patient-regarding preferences stable? Evidence from a laboratory experiment with physicians and medical students from different countries, *European Economic Review*
- Godager, G. and T. Iversen, (2017): Fastlegen som portvakt, [Article in Norwegian] *Michael* 14, pp. 43-59
- Godager, G., H. Hennig-Schmidt, and T. Iversen, (2016): Does performance disclosure influence physicians' medical decisions? An experimental study, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization* 131, pp. 36-46
- Godager, G., C.A. Ma and T. Iversen, (2015): Competition, Gatekeeping, and Health Care Access, *Journal of Health Economics* 39, pp. 159-170
- Godager, G., T. Iversen (2014): Sosial ulikhet i bruk av helsetjenester i Norge, in Botten G.S., J. Frich, T.P. Hagen, T. Iversen and H. Nordby (Eds.), *Helsetjenestens nye logikk*, Fagbokforlaget [Book chapter in Norwegian], ISBN: 978-82-321-0348-5
- Godager G. and FA Gregersen, (2014): The association between age and mortality related hospital expenditures: Evidence from a national registry, *Nordic Journal of Health Economics* 2 (1)
- Godager, G. and D. Wiesen, (2013): Profit or Patients' Health Benefit? Exploring the Heterogeneity in Physician Altruism, *Journal of Health Economics* 32(6), pp. 1105-1116
- Melberg, Hans Olav, G. Godager and FA Gregersen, (2013): Sykehusutgifter mot livets slutt, [Article in Norwegian] *Tidsskrift for Den norske legeforening* Nr8, 2013 (*Journal of the Norwegian Medical Association*)
- Goth, Ursula-Georgine Småland and Geir Godager, (2012): Use of Primary Care Emergency Services in Norway: Impact of Birth Country and Duration of Residence, *Nordic Journal of Health Economics*
- Godager, G., (2012): Differences in referral rates do not threaten the goal of equity in health care, [Article in Norwegian] *Tidsskrift for Den norske legeforening* Nr 3, 2012 (*Journal of the Norwegian Medical Association*)
- Godager, G., (2012): Birds of a Feather Flock Together: A Study of Doctor-Patient Matching, *Journal of Health Economics* 31(1), pp. 296-305

Godager, G., T. Iversen and H. Lurås, (2012): Framtidens betalingssystemer i allmennlegetjenesten, in Melberg, H. O., and L.E. Kjekshus (Eds.), *Fremtidens Helse-Norge*, Fagbokforlaget [Book chapter in Norwegian], ISBN: 978-82-450-1208-8

Biørn, E., and G. Godager, (2010): Does Quality Influence Choice of General Practitioner? An Analysis of Matched Doctor-Patient Panel Data, *Economic Modelling* 27 842–853

Godager, G. and T. Iversen, (2009): Internasjonal handel med helsetjenester: Vil liberalisering påvirke pasienter og tilbydere i helsesektoren?, [Article in Norwegian] *Samfunnsøkonomen* nr 6 2009 (*Journal of the Norwegian Economic Association*)

Godager, G. and H. Lurås, (2009): Dual job holding General Practitioners: The effect of patient shortage, *Health Economics* ,18(10), s. 1133 – 1145

Godager, G., C.A. Ma and T. Iversen, (2009): Service motives and profit incentives among physicians, *International Journal of Health Care Finance and Economics*, 9:1, 39-57

Godager, G. and T. Iversen, (2004): Hvem bruker retten til fritt sykehusvalg? Resultater fra Samordnet levekårsundersøkelse 2002, [Article in Norwegian] *Økonomisk forum* nr 4/5 2004 (*Journal of the Norwegian Economic Association*)

Organizing of conferences, workshops, scientific meetings and conference sessions

2023-	Representing Norway in The European Health Economics Association (EuHEA)
2020&2022	Scientific committee, local organizer, EuHEA conference 2020&2022 in OSLO
2022	<i>Evaluating pilots in Norwegian primary care</i> - organized session at EUHEA 2022
2021-2023	Scientific committee, EuHEA Seminar Series
2018-2019	Program Chair for <i>Supply of health services</i> , IHEA world Congress 2019 in Basel
2018	Organizer, <i>6th Workshop in Behavioral and Experimental Health Economics</i> , UiO
2016	Organizer, <i>Competition and preferences in health care markets: Behavioral effects of incentives and framing</i> . Scientific session at the 6th Biennial Conference of the American society of Health Economists, Philadelphia, USA
2014	Organizer, <i>Behavioral Experiments in Health economics</i> . Scientific session at the 5th Biennial Conference of the American society of Health Economists, Los Angeles, USA
2014	Organizer, <i>1st Workshop in Behavioral and Experimental Health Economics</i> , UiO
2013	Organizer, <i>Behavioral Experiments in Health economics</i> . Scientific session at the 9th World Congress of the International Health Economics Association, Sydney Australia

Participation in research projects (from 2010)

2021-2025	Evaluation of action plan for general medical practice 2020-2024. Work Package leader. Principal Investigator: Erik Magnus Sæther
2019-2025	Norwegian Centre for Health Services Research (NORCHER). Work Package leader. Principal Investigator: Eline Aas
2018-2023	Evaluering av forsøk med primærhelseteam og alternative finansieringsordninger. Principal Investigator: Tor Iversen
2014-2020	International Research Collaborative for Health Economic Experiments (IRECOHEX) Principal Investigator: Geir Godager
2018-2022	Evaluering av utprøving av digital hjemmeoppfølging. Principal Investigator: Tor Iversen
2019-2022	Modernizing the GP scheme: towards sustainable health policy. Principal Investigator: Oddvar Kaarbøe
2011-2017	Remuneration and organization in general practice: Effects on recruitment, practice profile, and task division between care levels. Principal Investigator: Tor Iversen

Conference and seminar presentations (from 2010)

- Oct 2024 *Markets, Morals, and Metrics: the Impact of Analyst Discretion in Health Experiments.* Seminar at Dong Fureng Institute of Economic and Social Development Wuhan University, China
- Sep 2024 *Is Patient Health a Public Good? Experimental Evidence on the Scope of Patient Regarding Preferences.* Seminar at Department of Economics, University of Oslo
- Jul 2024 *Quality and choice in regulated nursing home markets: Does reported quality matter?* (Godager & Øien) EUHEA 2024.
- Jul 2022 *Imperfect quality competition in regulated health care markets,* (Ge & Godager) EUHEA 2022
- Jun 2022 *Bounded rationality models and their application to experimental data.* Seminar at Universitat Jaume, Spain
- Jun 2022 *Bounded rationality models and their application to experimental data.* Seminar PUCE, Facultad de Economía, Ecuador
- Jan 2022 *Imperfect quality competition in regulated health care markets.* (Ge & Godager) Regional Disparities and Economic Policy - Research Seminar, Uni. Duisburg-Essen, Germany
- Jan 2022 *Bounded rationality models and their application to experimental data.* Brown bag seminar at Wuppertal University, Germany
- Oct 2021 *Preregistration of protocols for economic experiments. Danish Centre for Health Economics - DACHE Seminar*
- Nov 2021 *Bounded rationality models and their application to experimental data.* VWL-Kolloquium University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany
- Oct 2019 *Bounded rationality models,* Seminar, School of Economics, Finance and Property, Curtin University
- Sep 2019 *Bounded rationality models,* Health Economics Workshop, Stralsund, Germany
- Jan 2019 *A Quantal Response Equilibrium Choice Model,* Seminar at School of Mathematical Sciences, University of Science and Technology of China, Hefei, China
- Jan 2019 *A Quantal Response Equilibrium Choice Model,* Seminar at Economics and Management School Wuhan University, Wuhan, China
- Jul 2017 *Physicians' preferences under demand-side cost sharing.* Ihea World Congress, Boston, USA
- Jul 2017 *Competition and altruism.* (Byambadalai, Godager, Ma & Wiesen) Ihea World Congress, Boston, USA
- Jun 2016 *Competition and altruism: Experimental evidence.* (Godager, Ma & Wiesen) 6th Biennial Conference of the American society of Health Economists, Philadelphia, USA
- Mar 2016 *Competition and Altruism,* (Godager, Ma & Wiesen), BU/Harvard/MIT Health Economics Seminar. Harvard School of Public Health, USA
- Jun 2014 *Does Prospective Physicians' Behavior Depend on the Payment System? Results from a Laboratory Experiment Applying a Within-Subject-Design,* 5th Biennial Conference of the American society of Health Economists, Los Angeles, USA
- Jul 2013 *Does performance disclosure influence physicians' medical decisions? An experimental analysis,* (Godager, Hennig-schmidt & Iversen) 9th World Congress on Health Economics, Sydney, Australia
- Jul 2012 *Hospital Expenditures and the Red Herring Hypothesis: Evidence from a complete National Registry,* (Godager & Gregersen) 9th European Conference on Health Economics, Zürich, Switzerland. Presentation by Fredrik Gregersen
- Jun 2012 *Hospital Expenditures and the Red Herring Hypothesis: Evidence from a complete National Registry,* (Godager & Gregersen) 4th Biennial Conference of the American society of Health Economists, Minneapolis, USA. Presentation by Fredrik Gregersen
- Jun 2012 *Gatekeeping and Access to Health Care,* (Godager, Iversen & Ma) 4th Biennial Conference of the American society of Health Economists, Minneapolis, USA. Presentation by Tor Iversen
- Jul 2011 *Consumption of hospital services in Norway,* (Godager & Gregersen) 8th World Congress on Health Economics, Toronto, Canada. Presentation by Fredrik Gregersen
- Jul 2011 *Gatekeeping and Access to Health Care,*(Godager, Iversen & Ma) 8th World Congress on Health Economics, Toronto, Canada. Presentation by Tor Iversen
- Jul 2011 *Profit or Patients' Health Benefit? Exploring the Heterogeneity in Physician Altruism,* (Godager & Wiesen) 8th World Congress on Health Economics, Toronto, Canada

Reviewing

Journal of Choice Modelling, Experimental Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Health Policy, Health Economics, Social Science & Medicine, International Journal of Health Economics and Management, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy, Scandinavian Journal of Public Health, Nordic Journal of Health Economics, European Journal of Health Economics.

Teaching

HECON4220 Paying Providers of Health Care spring 2023-
MF9175 (Health services research, Phd-level) fall 2017-
HØKON3001 (Health Economics II) spring 2017-2021, 2023-
HØKON2001 (Health Economics I) spring, 2016-2020
HØKON2201/HME4308 - Health economics and market failures, spring 2010-2013, fall 2014, fall 2015
HME4302 Health Economics (part on Health Insurance), spring 2011, spring 2013
HMM4202 Structure, organization and financing of health care systems, fall 2010
HME4305 Methods for the economic analysis of costs and demand in health care, fall 2010

Supervision of Phd students

Ge Ge. Thesis defended May 2021.
Fredrik Gregersen. Thesis defended May 2014.
Adrian Kellner (co-supervisor)
Øyvind Snilsberg (co-supervisor)
Astrid de Linde (co-supervisor)
Christina Edwards. (Co-supervisor.) Thesis defended March 2021.

Supervision of Master students

2 masterstudents in progress as of November 2024. Completed projects include:
Ragne Håskjold (2024): Færre barn, større tjenestebehov? En registerstudie av eldres pleie- og omsorgstjenestebruk i Bærum kommune.
Åslaug Helland (2024): The Molecular Tumour Board as a Learning Arena.
Øyvind Holme (2023): Hendelsesanalyser ved Sørlandet sykehus HF. Bedrer de pasientsikkerheten?
Sylvi Vullum; Trine Myklebust (2022): Kontrollspenn i spesialisthelsetjenesten - Har størrelsen noe å si?
Else-Marie Molund (2022): Forskrift om ledelse og kvalitetsforbedring i helse- og omsorgstjenesten - et ledelses-, styrings- og forbedringsverktøy?
Carol Lorena Perez Romay (2022): Effect of years of schooling on healthcare costs: A Mendelian randomisation study.
Kjerstin Sulejewski Bjerck (2021): Rett kompetanse på rett sted til rett tid? Bruk av sykepleierkompetansen i Kirurgisk avdeling for barn ved Oslo universitetssykehus.
Nicole Bathe (2021): Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Sales of Products with Excise Taxes in Norway.
Lise Bull Svarva (2020): Predicting the future demand for nurses: the case of municipality health services in Norway.
Pål Reine (2020). A comparative study of safety climate differences in healthcare and maritime oil transport.
Tom Erling Nordby, (2020): Overvektskirurgi som dagbehandling. Perspektiver på overvekt og kirurgiske behandlingsstrategier under endringsledelse.
Henrik Schmidt, (2019): Skattefinansiert egenandelsordning for tannhelse – betalingsvillighet blant fylkeskommunalt ansatt tannhelsepersonell og ansatte I Nordland fylkeskommune.
Erik Hauge Engebretsen, (2017): Kontakt mellom fastlege og sykehusspesialist, en åpen linje?
Karina Udem, (2017): Obesity and labour market outcomes in Norway - An association study of obesity and employment status.
Åstein Vistnes, (2017): Lønnsinntekt, BMI og fysisk aktivitet.
Tigist Woldetsadik Sommeno, (2016): Oppgavetittel: Exit Versus Voice: Competition and Dissatisfied Patients' Responses to General Practitioners.
Kashif Faiz, (2016): Hjerneslag og hjerneslagimitatorer. Forekomst, ressursbruk og fremtidig utvikling.
Athirai Balachandran, (2016): *Den Moderne Epidemien. Framskrivinger av Type 2-diabetes i Norge for perioden 2014–2040.*
Christina Sivertsen, (2014): Patient Satisfaction in General Medical Practice And The Association With Patient Shortage.

Camilla Beck Olsen, (2013): An Analysis of Hospital Resource Use Among Elderly Norwegian Decedents.
Yaxiu Zhang, (2012): What Characterizes Patients Who Switch General Practitioners?
Erik Sagdahl, (2010): Forskjeller i forskrivning av legemidler under foretrukket legemiddelordning. En helseøkonomisk analyse av forskrivninger av annengenerasjons antishistaminer.

Advice, Consultation and Committees

- Advice to Norwegian Directorate of health (2014, 2018-)
- Advisor to Government appointed committee on Hospital payment (Sykehusutvalget), (2022)
- Advice to Ministry of Health and Care Services (2010, 2011, 2014, 2015, 2022)
- Advice to KS (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)
- 2020: Member of assessment committee, PhD dissertation by Nicolai Fink Simonsen.
- 2017: Member of assessment committee, PhD dissertation by Anne Sophie Oxholm.
- 2014: Member of the Scientific Committee for 35th Nordic Health Economists' Study Group meeting in Reykjavík.
- 2013: Informant to OECDs quality review of the Norwegian Health sector
- 2013-2018: Member of the Research Committee for Health Services Research, Coordination and Telemedicine in Northern Norway Regional Health Authority.
(2011, 2015): Head of a committee for assessment of applications to PhD position at University of Oslo (2011, 2015).
- Advice to Oslo Municipality (2017)
- Advice to The Norwegian Medical Association (2016, 2018)
- Advisor to Government appointed committee on prioritizing in health (Prioriteringsutvalget) (2014)
- Advice to Ministry of Finance (2009, 2012)
- Advice to Lillehammer Municipality (2012, 2013)

Research Grants

- Grant from the University of Oslo supporting the *6th Workshop in Behavioral and Experimental Health Economics* Oslo, December 2018.
- The Research Council of Norway's grant for *Young Research Talents* supporting the *International Research Collaborative for Health Economic Experiments (IRECOHEX)*, 2014-2020.
- Grant from the Research Council of Norway supporting the *1st Workshop in Behavioral and Experimental Health Economics* Oslo, January 6-7, 2014.

Award

The article "Does quality influence choice of general practitioner? An analysis of matched doctor-patient panel data" (Biørn and Godager) was awarded "...for the best paper written in the special issue of *Economic Modelling*".