



JAYNE KOSKINAS
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Foundation For
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2016 & 2017 Initiatives

The Jayne Koskinas Ted Giovanis Foundation for Health and Policy (JKTG Foundation) funds cancer research and works to foster public discussion around health care and health policy to benefit the public good. The Foundation serves as an honest, independent broker of ideas and actions designed to achieve improved health and the competing goals of cost reduction, expanding access and improving quality.

In 2016 and 2017, JKTG Foundation work included a focus on patient engagement; research on improving effectiveness of the provision of care; development of new scientific treatment protocols in particular uses and limitations of genetic testing; testing mathematical models for the control, prevention and treatment of diseases; research on diagnostic errors; research on the biological underpinnings of diseases; rethinking health care quality; emerging research; and, uses for real-world evidence. Below are initiatives JKTG Foundation supported.

Research & Policy Analysis |

- Hosting a workshop in conjunction with the National Cancer Institute of the NIH, to **identify research methods and concepts from applied mathematics and theoretical physics** with potential to substantially advance understanding of cancer biology or improve clinical outcomes.
- **Funding emerging cancer research** with the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and Robert Ivkov, PhD, to explore nanoparticles and their targeting in preclinical models for the treatment of cancer.
- **Improving patient engagement in health care**, specifically by researching the understanding and use of quality measures and reporting on providers and health plans as part of the Foundation's *Patient Centered Care Project*.
- Exploring the relationship between the amount of **charity care provided by hospitals and the value of the benefit they receive as a result of being tax-exempt** in a study conducted by the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health.
- **Creating and supporting *The Jayne Koskinas Ted Giovanis Breast Cancer Research Consortium at The Wistar Institute*** to fund highly synergistic, multidisciplinary research projects of three scientists dedicated to advancing breast cancer research.
- **Assessing and evaluating ways to make quality more of a factor for consumers** when making a choice among health plans of differing prices, and to determine if consumers place more importance on quality of provider or breadth of benefits through researchers at the George Washington University and University of Oregon. *Research published in the April 2016 issue of Health Affairs.*
- **Continuing the assessment of the impact of health reform**, its implementation, and related policy changes.

- **Ongoing quality analysis** to identify whether America's health system can more fairly and effectively accelerate improvements in patient care.
- **Fostering uses for real-world evidence** that improve patient care with continued work with the Bipartisan Policy Center and support of the Observational Health Data Sciences and Informatics program (OHDSI).

Events |

- **Hosting a seminar lecture series on pressing topics in the arena of health policy** with the Milken Institute School of Public Health at the George Washington University.
- **Fostering advances in patient safety** through sponsorship of ECRI's *Partnership for Health IT Patient Safety* in-person meetings focused on patient safety in Health IT and Electronic Health Records.
- **Building collaborations among cancer researchers** through the development and funding of symposia covering basic and applied research.
- **Educating reporters and Hill staff on breaking health issues** bringing policy and newsmakers to a series of intimate briefings in partnership with the Alliance for Health Reform.
- **Bringing collaboration to health research** through the annual Jayne Koskinas Memorial Lecture featuring a leading cancer researcher.
- **Sponsoring key conferences** that highlight research and other issues important to the Foundation such as the Society for Thermal Medicine Annual Meeting.
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