



# Smokler Center for Health Policy Research

Israel's health care system is a world leader in delivering quality health care. Yet, ongoing concerns about workforce shortages, the growth of private medicine, and persistent health inequalities are driving national initiatives to ensure equitable access to quality care for the entire population. MJB's Smokler Center for Health Policy Research provides independent and objective research to inform policy-making on these crucial national issues.

## 2018 Research Focus

### National reforms and efficiency measures in the health system

- National mental health care reform
- Financing nursing home care

### The public-private mix in the health care system

- Trends in the development of private medicine (insurance, services, expenses)
- Maintaining an appropriate balance between the public and private health systems

### The consumer's perspective on service quality and performance of the health care system

- Patient-centered care
- Disparities among regions and populations

### Workforce and organizational developments

- The full-timer program
- The physician assistant initiative
- Attracting physicians to peripheral regions
- Changing roles of primary care physicians
- How primary care physicians are experiencing the national quality monitoring system
- Advancement of women in senior health care management roles

### Contracting and remuneration methods

- Capitation formula for allocating resources in national health insurance
- Hospital budgeting and reimbursement
- Contracting methods for nursing home services

The Smokler Center's mission is to contribute to evidence-based development of health policy and health services in Israel, through applied research, conceptual analyses and cross-national collaboration. MJB's research program on health policy began in 1986, and in 2004 the Smokler Center was established following an endowment gift by Irv and Carol Smokler. For more information on the Center, visit us at <http://brookdale.jdc.org.il/?CategoryID=177>.