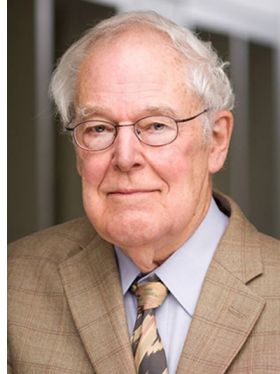


Dr. John E. Wennberg ANDREW F. HOLMES DEAN OF
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Title

*Unwarranted Variation in Health Care Delivery:
The Quest to Learn Which Rate is Right*

When

Monday, May 28, 2018
4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Where

McGill Faculty Club
3450 McTavish Street
Montreal, QC

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Dr. John E. “Jack” Wennberg is a pioneer in the field of health care delivery and health services research. He currently holds the title of the Peggy Y. Thomson Professor Emeritus in the Evaluative Clinical Sciences at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College, and is also the Founder and Director Emeritus of the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice.

After receiving his medical degree from McGill University Dr. Wennberg continued his studies at Johns Hopkins University. Following research begun while serving as Director of the Northern New England Regional Medical Program in Vermont, he published a landmark paper in the academic journal *Science* entitled: “Small Area Variations in Health Care Delivery”. In it he compared medical treatments in very similar small towns in Vermont, USA and was surprised that the results revealed dramatically different surgery rates, despite the towns’ demographic homogeneity. He was able to demonstrate that the care a patient receives is largely determined by where they live – and not necessarily by what care is most appropriate.

Dr. Wennberg is the Founding Investigator of *The Dartmouth Atlas of Health Care*, a series of reports that examine the patterns of medical resource intensity and use in the United States. The Atlas project has also reported on patterns of end-of-life care, inequities in the Medicare reimbursement system, and the underuse of preventive care. This project has recently been replicated in the United Kingdom as the NHS Atlas of Variation in Healthcare.

In 2013 Dartmouth College awarded him their highest faculty honour by establishing the John E. Wennberg Distinguished Professorship for his countless accomplishments in the field of medicine.