

# Doctoral Student Honored at ISPOR

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Mr. Hui Shao, a doctoral student in the Department of Global Health Management and Policy at the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, was honored for the best student podium presentation at the [International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research](#) (ISPOR) Annual International Meeting.

Shao presented on the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality-funded project “Estimating Costs of Supporting Safety-Net PCMH Transformation in New Orleans.”

“A Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) model is likely to save money and yield better health outcomes and higher patient satisfaction in the long run,” said Shao. “However, to help a safety-net primary care clinic to transform into a PCMH is quite challenging without external funding. Our research quantifies the resources for the transformation process and has significant policy implications on financial incentives for future healthcare innovation.”

[Dr. Lizheng Shi](#), Regents Professor of Global Health Management and Policy, served as Shao’s mentor for the project. “This project is conducted through collaboration between SPHTM’s Health Systems Analytics Research Center (HSARC) and the Louisiana Public Health Institute (LPHI),” he said. “I am pleased to see Mr. Hui Shao has performed elegant econometrics work on this project. Of course he made an excellent presentation at the ISPOR conference.” Shi is also the co-director of the HSARC.

Two years ago, Qian Shi, another student from the same department, won the same award for a presentation on a health disparity project.