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Dr. Steven D. Culler is an associate professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at Emory School of Public Health. He received his doctorate in economics from the University of Illinois in 1981.

Dr. Culler has been an author on over 75 empirically-based research articles. A major emphasis of Dr. Culler's research has focused on explaining the observed variation in the utilization of health care services by individuals. In particular, he has focused on three populations: the elderly, individuals with limited access to the health care system, and individuals with chronic health care diseases. Another focus of Dr. Culler's research includes evaluating the cost effectiveness of selected interventions in multi-year clinical trials. Dr. Culler has also performed a variety of advanced statistical analyses on several large clinical and administrative databases to develop hospital benchmarking and clinical outcomes monitoring reports for specific clinical conditions.

In addition to his academic activities, Dr. Culler has worked in financial management, health service research and health policy. He has worked as a commercial lending officer specializing in health care clients at First National Bank of Chicago. His responsibilities included providing financial analysis of prospective health care clients and managing more than \$700 million of hospital credit exposure. Dr. Culler also has held health services research and policy making positions at both the American Medical Association and the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. In these positions Dr. Culler conducted health service research in the area of alternative hospital reimbursement, health care financing, physician labor supply issues, and international comparisons of the structure of health care systems.