

## Researcher Spotlight

# IMPACTING LIVES BY MERGING HEALTH ECONOMICS WITH POLICY

## Dr. David Meltzer

In 2020, early in the COVID-19 pandemic, Cures Within Reach funded **Dr. David Meltzer** at the **University of Chicago** to support a Phase III trial testing Vitamin D supplementation to help reduce the incidence and severity of COVID-19, specifically in a diverse, largely minority cross-section of Chicagoans.

Dr. Meltzer is the Fanny L. Pritzker Professor of Medicine, Associate Dean for Clinical Science Research, Translational, and the Chief of the Section of Hospital Medicine at the University of Chicago, as well as Faculty Director of the Health Lab, Director of the Center for Health and the Social Services, and Chair of the Committee on Clinical and Translational Science. He is the recipient of many awards (including the Lee Lusted Prize of the Society for Medical Decision Making, the Health Care Research Award of the National Institute for Health Care Management, and the Eugene Garfield Award from Research!America) and has served on local and national committees and panels, including at the US Department of Health & Human Services and for the US Congressional Budget Office on health economics.

Born and raised in Chicago, Dr. Meltzer's goal is to make a difference in the lives of his fellow Chicagoans (and elsewhere) by exploring problems in health economics and public policy to improve health outcomes in the most vulnerable patients by challenging convention and testing new models of care.

### Profile

Dr. David Meltzer received his MD and PhD in economics from the University of Chicago and completed his residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. He is currently an Associate Dean, Professor of Medicine and the Chief of the Section of Hospital Medicine at University of Chicago.

### CWR Funding

This randomized, **Phase III clinical trial** is testing Vitamin D to help reduce the incidence and severity of COVID-19 in diverse populations. Dr. Meltzer and this trial represent two Cures Within Reach communities:

- **Health Equity**
- **Chicago**



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