

Overlapping scopes of practice and competition between health professional groups. The case of sexual and reproductive primary care in France.

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Abstract

This paper evaluates how the medical activity of gynaecologists is affected when facing increased competition from midwives in the context of France. In a context of increasingly overlapping scopes of practices, we identify the change in the volume and composition of gynaecologists activity following the entry of a midwife in their catchment area. We exploit rich exhaustive administrative data from the French national health insurance (*Système National des Données de Santé*) over the period 2016-2019. We implement a staggered difference-in-difference approach and consider the heterogeneity of responses depending on the price convention of gynaecologists. In our current results, we find that the entry of a midwife leads gynaecologists to increase their activity, whatever their price convention. We find no clear effect on the composition of the medical activity.

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