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***Can we adequately measure financial protection target  
and progress towards Universal Health Coverage?  
A discussion of the limitations of current indicators***

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**Abstract:**

Providing protection against potentially impoverishing healthcare expenditures is a key function of every health system. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) aim to achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC) for all, including both access to health services and financial risk protection. As efforts to achieve UHC accelerate globally, there is a need to develop an indicator of financial protection that can be used to effectively measure and monitor progress at achieving this target across countries. At present, the proportion of the population with large household expenditures on health exceeding 10% of total household expenditure or income is used as the official indicator to monitor progress towards target 3.8.2. Using the RACER framework to evaluate the usefulness of an indicator as well as panel data from a nationally representative survey in Burkina Faso, this presentation will discuss the limitations of the currently available financial protection indicators and make recommendations of how such indicators could be improved to better monitor progress towards UHC.

**Bio-sketch:**

Karen A. Grépin is the Canada Research Chair in Global Health Policy and Evaluation and an Associate Professor in the Department of Health Sciences as well as the School of International Policy and Governance at Wilfrid Laurier University. Dr Grépin's research focuses institutional factors affecting the demand and supply of health services, the politics and effectiveness of development assistance for health, and the role of routine health information systems in strengthening health systems. She has a PhD in Health Policy (economics) from Harvard University and an SM in Health Policy and Management from the Harvard School of Public Health. You can follow her on twitter at @KarenGrepin.