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Reading List

I. Introduction – Thinking Like an Economist

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V. Income Distribution and Poverty

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VI. The Economics of Health Care

Drummond, Don. 2011. "Therapy or Surgery? A Prescription for Canada's Health Care System," CD Howe Institute Benefactors Lecture (http://www.cdhowe.org/pdf/Benefactors_Lecture_2011.pdf)

Dodge, David A., and Richard Dion. 2011. "Chronic Healthcare Spending Disease: A Macro Diagnosis and Prognosis," CD Howe Institute Commentary No. 327.
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VIII. Public Finance

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IX. Student Term Paper Presentations

