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Call for submission for a **Special Issue** of the academic journal *Health Policy*:

Geographic variation in health care – 40 years of “small-area variation”

On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of John Wennberg's article “Small area variation in health care delivery” in 1973, the academic journal *Health Policy* will publish a special issue dedicated to the study of geographic variation in health care and spending on health in high-income countries around the globe.

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