



# ACERH

AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH ON HEALTH

## RESEARCH FORUM: Health Care Financing and Private Health Insurance: International Experience and Recent Australian Trends

**Monday, 24 September 2007**

Bob Douglas Lecture Theatre  
Building 62a, Eggleston Road  
The Australian National University, Canberra

### Program

9.30am	<b>Welcome</b> <i>Jim Butler (Director, ACERH ANU)</i>
9.35am - 10.05am	<b>Mandatory cross-subsidies and mandatory coverage: why?</b> <i>Francesco Paolucci (Research Fellow, ACERH ANU)</i>
10.05am - 10.50am	<b>Affordability in competitive health insurance markets: how?</b> <i>Wynand van de Ven (Professor, Erasmus University Rotterdam)</i>
10.50am - 11.15am	<b>Morning Tea</b>
11.15am - 11.45am	<b>Adverse selection in Australian private health insurance: recent trends</b> <i>Jim Butler (Director, ACERH)</i>
11.45am - 12.15pm	<b>Private health insurance in Australia: price and membership dynamics</b> <i>Luke Connelly (Associate Professor, ACERH UQ)</i>
12.15pm - 12.30pm	<b>Discussion and Close</b>

There is no charge for attendance. However, please RSVP *Rowena Harvey* ([rowena.harvey@anu.edu.au](mailto:rowena.harvey@anu.edu.au) or Tel +61 2 6125 3688) for catering purposes

### Parking

For a campus map, see the University's web site (<http://campusmap.anu.edu.au/>). Visitors to the campus are advised to take a taxi to the venue if possible. The closest Pay Parking is at University House (pay at the meter in the quadrangle). Access to the Bob Douglas Lecture Theatre is by direct entry into Building 62a off Eggleston Road, or by entry through Building 62 off Mills Road.

## Speaker Profiles

### ***Francesco Paolucci***

Francesco Paolucci is Research Fellow at the Australian Centre for Economic Research on Health (ACERH) at the Australian National University (ANU). Prior to taking up his current post in 2007, he wrote his PhD thesis "The design of basic and supplementary health care financing schemes: implications for efficiency and affordability" at Erasmus University Rotterdam. His teaching and research interests include health insurance, regulated competition, risk equalisation, risk selection and international comparison of health care financing schemes. His previous and current appointments are: Assistant-Director of the European Master in Law and Economics at University of Bologna; Assistant-Director of the Master in Health Economics, Policy and Law at Erasmus University Rotterdam; Coordinator of the course in "Competition policy in the health care sector" at Erasmus University Rotterdam; and Member of the iHEA Scientific Committee.

### ***Wynand PMM van de Ven***

Dr Wynand van de Ven (1950) wrote his thesis "Studies in Health Insurance and Econometrics" at Leiden University. Since 1986 he has been professor of Health Insurance at the Erasmus University Rotterdam. His teaching and research focus on managed competition in health care, risk selection, moral hazard, risk equalisation, managed care and priority choices in health care. He has experience as a governor and adviser of insurance companies, political parties, government, research institutes, hospitals and other health care organizations. As a consultant, e.g. for the World Bank and the World Health Organization, he has studied the health care systems in Chile, Ireland, Israel, New Zealand, Poland, Russia, South Africa and Sweden. He is one of the founding fathers of the European Risk Adjustment Network. Previous positions are Programme Director of the Master in Health Economics, Policy and Law at Erasmus University and Chair of the iHEA Jury-Committee for the annual Arrow Award for best paper in health economics.

### ***James R G Butler***

Jim Butler is Professor of health economics at The Australian National University (ANU) and Director of the Australian Centre for Economic Research on Health (ACERH). Prior to taking up his current post in 2005, he was Deputy Director of the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health (NCEPH) at ANU. In 1997, he spent six months as Visiting Associate Professor in the Health Care Systems Department in The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. Professor Butler holds a PhD in economics from The University of Queensland, and has had a long-standing interest in health economics. Professor Butler's research interests include health care financing and economic evaluation. His recent research on private health insurance in Australia has encompassed issues such as the price elasticity of demand for private health insurance, and the existence of a regulation-induced adverse selection death spiral in private health insurance since the introduction of Medicare. He has also worked as a consultant on health financing and health insurance in a number of Asia-Pacific countries for the World Bank and other agencies.

### ***Luke B Connelly***

Luke Connelly is Associate Professor of health economics at the University of Queensland, where he is Director of the Australian Centre for Economic Research on Health (ACERH UQ) and Associate Director of the Centre of National Research on Disability and Rehabilitation Medicine (CONROD). He has a PhD in economics from The University of Queensland. A/Professor Connelly's research interests include the economics of insurance and compensation schemes and, more generally, health economics and policy. For a number of years he has also participated in national policy formulation including cervical screening and the management of screen-detected abnormalities. Recently, he was part of an international consortium that modelled the cost-effectiveness of preventing cervical cancer with national HPV vaccination strategies, the results of which have been published in *Sexual Health*. One of these strategies has since been adopted by the Australian Government.