



AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH ON HEALTH (ACERH)

POLICY FORUM

Common Room, University House,
The Australian National University, Balmain Crescent, Acton.
23 February 2006

Time	Title/Speaker
0900 – 0910	Introduction <i>Jim Butler</i>
0910 – 1000	Public and private health insurance: substitutes or complements? <i>Mark Pauly</i>
1000 - 1045	Basic and supplementary health insurance: a European Union perspective <i>Francesco Paolucci</i>
1045 - 1115	MORNING TEA
1115 - 1145	Adverse selection in Australian private health insurance <i>Jim Butler</i>
1145 – 1215	The dynamics of health insurance coverage in Australia <i>Luke Connelly</i>
1215 – 1300	Public and private health insurance: a policy perspective <i>Gayle Ginnane</i> <i>Bruce Levy</i> <i>David Kalisch</i>
1300 - 1400	LUNCH
1400 - 1430	Adverse events in Australian hospitals: the magnitude of the problem <i>Terri Jackson</i>
1430 - 1500	Adverse events in Australian hospital and community settings: how can linked data improve our understanding? <i>D’Arcy Holman</i>
1500 – 1545	Quality in health care in Australia: a policy perspective <i>Stephen Duckett</i> <i>Diana Horvath</i> <i>Richard Eccles</i>
1545	CLOSE

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Mark Pauly is Bendheim Professor in the Health Care Systems Department, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. He has an outstanding international reputation for his work on health insurance and health economics, and is Co-Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Health Care Finance and Economics.



Francesco Paolucci is completing his PhD thesis in health economics in the Department of Health Policy and Management, Erasmus University, Rotterdam where he has been the Assistant Director of the new MSc in Health Economics, Policy and Law (HEPL). He will be joining the academic staff of ACERH (ANU) in mid-2007.



Jim Butler is Professor and Director of ACERH. He holds a PhD in economics from the University of Queensland and is based at The Australian National University. He has a long-standing interest in health economics research and was President of the Australian Health Economics Society from 2001 to 2005.



Luke Connelly is Director of the ACERH node at The University of Queensland (UQ) where he is also Associate Professor and Associate Director in the Centre of National Research on Disability and Rehabilitation (CONROD). He has a PhD in economics from UQ and over 10 years teaching and research experience in health economics.



Gayle Ginnane is Chief Executive Officer of the Private Health Insurance Administration Council (PHIAC), the financial regulator for the private health insurance industry in Australia. She was previously with the Australian Government Department of Health & Ageing working on the policy aspects of private health insurance. During her tenure at PHIAC, Gayle has led considerable industry change.



Bruce Levy is Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Managing Director of Medibank Private Limited. With a legal and economics background, Bruce has worked as a senior manager in the broader health sector for the past 20 years, including The Alfred Hospital in Melbourne where he was the General Manager for three years. Bruce's operational responsibility at Medibank Private oversees all aspects of this \$3b national corporation.

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David Kalisch is a Deputy Secretary with the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, responsible for private health insurance. He is an economist who has worked in a range of social policy areas of government including several stints at the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris.



Terri Jackson is an Associate Professor at ACERH (UQ) and has a PhD from The Heller School of Social Policy, Brandeis University, USA. Her research interests concern the incidence and costs of hospital-acquired injury and illness. She is currently a member of the Commonwealth Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC).



D'Arcy Holman is Director of the ACERH node at The University of Western Australia (UWA). He holds the Foundation Chair in Public Health at UWA, and in 2006 was awarded the Sidney Sax Public Health Medal for his outstanding contribution to promoting and protecting the health of the community.



Stephen Duckett, an economist, heads the Reform Team for Queensland Health. He was Secretary of the Australian Department of Health from 1994–1996 and was subsequently Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences at La Trobe University for a number of years. He is a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia.



Diana Horvath is Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Commission for Quality and Safety in Health Care, a new Commission that commenced on 1 January 2006. She has held a number of senior management posts in the Australian health care system including most recently Chief Executive Officer of the Sydney South West Area Health Service.



Richard Eccles is the First Assistant Secretary of the Primary & Ambulatory Care Division in the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing. He has worked in both the public and not-for-profit non-government sectors in rural health, health financing, research, education, international health, and Commonwealth-State relations.

