



AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH ON HEALTH (ACERH)

POLICY FORUM

Friday, 26 February 2010
The Mills Room, The Chancelry
The Australian National University, Canberra



Time	Title/Speaker
Session I: Health financing reform	
0900 – 0930	<i>Health financing reform: USA</i> Mark Pauly, University of Pennsylvania
0930 – 0955	<i>Health financing reform: UK</i> Marcos Vera-Hernandez, University College London
0955 – 1020	<i>Health financing reform: Denmark</i> Dorte Gyrd-Hansen, University of Southern Denmark
1020 – 1045	<i>Health financing reform: Australia — the Denticare proposal</i> Luke Connelly, University of Queensland
1045 – 1115	MORNING TEA
Session II: Injury and compensable patients	
1115 – 1140	<i>Crash or crash through? Australian policy targets and road traffic casualties</i> Sue Gargett, University of Queensland
1140 – 1205	<i>Is compensation bad for health?</i> Natalie Spearing, University of Queensland
1205 – 1230	<i>Can workers' compensation data paint a complete picture of occupational falls in Western Australia?</i> Jean Mangharam, University of Western Australia
1230 – 1245	Discussion
1245 – 1400	LUNCH
Session III: Prevention — incentivising health behaviour (Panel Session)	
1400 – 1500	<i>Panel speakers</i> John Freebairn, University of Melbourne Mark Pauly, University of Pennsylvania Jim Butler, Australian National University <i>Rapporteur</i> Ian McRae, Australian National University
1500 – 1530	Discussion
1530	CLOSE

ACERH POLICY FORUM SPEAKERS



Mark V. Pauly is Bendheim Professor in the Department of Health Care Management, Professor of Health Care Management, Insurance and Risk Management, and Business and Public Policy at the Wharton School and Professor of Economics in the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania. A former commissioner on the Physician Payment Review Commission, Dr. Pauly has served on the advisory committee to the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality, and on the Medicare Technical Advisory Panel. Dr. Pauly is a co-editor-in-chief of the *International Journal of Health Care Finance and Economics* and an associate editor of the *Journal of Risk and Uncertainty*.



Marcos Vera-Hernandez is Lecturer at the Economics Department of University College London. He is also a Research Fellow at the Institute for Fiscal Studies. He holds a PhD from Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. His research interests include medical insurance, health care use, health production and applied microeconometrics.



Dorte Gyrd-Hansen is a Professor at The Institute of Public Health at the University of Southern Denmark and Director of Research at the Danish Institute of Health Services Research. She is a member of the Danish Research Council as well as the Danish Council of Strategic Research, and vice chairman of The Danish Graduate School in Public Health Science. She is a member of the board of directors of the International Health Economics Association (iHEA) and is a member of the Arrow Awards Committee. She is currently a visiting scholar at ACERH.



Luke Connelly is Professor of Health Economics at The University of Queensland and holds appointments in the Faculty of Health Sciences (School of Medicine) and the Faculty of Business, Economics and Law (School of Economics). He is the Director of ACERH at The University of Queensland and is an Associate Director of the Centre of National Research on Disability and Rehabilitation Medicine (CONROD).



Sue Gargett is a Research Fellow with the Centre of National Research on Disability and Rehabilitation Medicine (CONROD) at The University of Queensland. Prior to taking up this appointment she completed PhD thesis at that university on an economic analysis of the Australian nursing home industry. Her research interests focus on injury outcomes and policy analysis. She was formerly a clinical physiotherapist working in various rehabilitation settings



Natalie Spearing is a PhD student at ACERH (UQ). She has a background in nursing has also been a consultant, researcher, and manager in the health field. Her work has included developing NH&MRC guidelines for acute musculoskeletal pain and various aspects of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Conditions National Health Priority Area. She has published in the fields of hospital epidemiology and infection control, acute musculoskeletal pain, chronic disease self-management, guideline development, and injury compensation.



Jean Mangharam is a PhD Candidate at ACERH (UWA) and Principal Scientific Officer of the Human Factors & Ergonomics Team at WorkSafe WA. Her PhD aims to provide knowledge about the value of Worker's Compensation data alone for the investigation of occupational slips trips and falls, and the applicability and added value of health data. Her study will be the first population-based study that links workers' compensation data to health data in Australia. She holds a BSc (Hons) in Physiotherapy from Curtin University, and an MSc in Environmental Health from the University of Cincinnati, Ohio.



John Freebairn holds the Ritchie Chair in Economics at the University of Melbourne. Following the completion of a Bachelor of Agricultural Economics degree at the University of New England, he undertook his PhD at the University of California, Davis. He is an applied microeconomist and economic policy analyst with current research interests in taxation reform, water and climate change.



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 was President of the Australian Health Economics Society from 2001 to 2005. He is currently a member of the Australian Government's Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) and is Chair of the Economics Sub-Committee of MSAC.



Ian McRae is a Research Fellow in the Australian Primary Health Care Research Institute (APHCRI) at The Australian National University. He holds a PhD from ANU. Previously he held a position with the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing where he was responsible for components of the Australian Medicare system, and in particular was responsible for GP financing arrangements during the period of the initial implementation of the GP incentive payments.