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30th September and 1st October 2004

Conference Program

Day 1 – Thursday 30th September

8.30-9.20 **Registration and tea and coffee**

9.20-9.30 **Welcome (Jim Butler)**

9.30-10.30 **Keynote Speaker:** Tom Rice (UCLA)

Title: Can Markets Give Us the Health Care System We Want?

Chair: Mark Wooden (University of Melbourne)

Location: Fairmont Room

10.30-11.00 **Morning Tea**

11.00 – 1.00

Session A: Pharmaceuticals

Location: Fairmont I

Chair: Lisa Gold

1. Square pegs and round holes? A review of economic evaluation in complementary and alternative medicine
Presenting Author: Claire Hulme (University of Salford, UK)
Discussant: Lisa Gold (LaTrobe University)
2. R&D price inflation, real BERD and innovation: Pharmaceuticals, OECD 1980-2000
Presenting Author: George Messinis (Victoria University of Technology)
Discussant: Luke Connelly (University of Queensland)
3. Advertising when experts decide: Direct-to-consumer advertising of pharmaceuticals
Presenting Author: Rhema Vaithianathan (University of Auckland, NZ)
Discussant: Catherine de Fontenay (University of Melbourne)

Session B/D: General 2**Location: Fairmont II**

Chair: Philip Clarke

1. Financial incentives and gaming in alcohol treatment
Presenting Author: Mingshan Lu (University of Calgary, Canada)
Discussant: Marian Shanahan (University of New South Wales)
2. Estimating utility values for health states of overweight and obese individuals using item responses from the SF-36
Presenting Author: Michael Kortt (University of New England)
Discussant: Cathy Mihalopoulos (University of Melbourne)
3. Implementing evidence based cost effectiveness in health: targeting utilisation and limiting use
Presenting Author: Anthony Harris (Monash University)
Discussant: Richard Milne (University of Auckland)

Session C: General 1**Location: The Study**

Chair: Denise Doiron

1. Health status and labour force participation: Evidence from Australia
Presenting Author: Lixin Cai (University of Melbourne)
Discussant: Bob Gregory (ANU)
2. Is the child health / family income gradient universal? Evidence from England
Presenting Author: Alison Currie (University of Melbourne)
Discussant: Denise Doiron (University of New South Wales)

1.00-2.00 Lunch**2.00-4.00****Session E: Mental Health****Location: Fairmont I**

Chair: Cathy Mihalopoulos

1. Some economic dimensions of the mental health jigsaw in Australia
Presenting Author: Roman Scheurer (University of Queensland)
Discussant: David Gadiel (Health Care Intelligence Pty Ltd)
2. Changes in mental health inequality: Some time-series evidence from Australia
Presenting Author: Ruth Williams (Victoria University)
Discussant: Sue Gargett (University of Queensland)
3. The gross prices of private fee-for-service psychiatric services under Medicare in six Australian regions, 1984-2001
Presenting Author: Darrell Doessel (University of Queensland)
Discussant: Cathy Mihalopoulos (University of Melbourne)

Session F: General 3**Location: Fairmont II**

Chair: Jongsay Yong

1. What influence participation in genetic carries screening for Tay Sachs and cystic fibrosis
Presenting Author: Ishrat Hossain (University of Technology Sydney)
Discussant: Glenn Jones (Macquarie University)
2. Modelling health outcomes and the PBS
Presenting Author: Laurie Brown (University of Canberra)
Discussant: Jongsay Yong (University of Melbourne)
3. How long is long enough? Optimising the length of recall in health care utilisation surveys
Presenting Author: Philip Clarke (Oxford University)
Discussant: Denzil Fiebig (University of New South Wales)

Session G: Options for Health funding**Location: The Study**

Chair: Leonie Segal

1. Options for purchasing hospital services: Australian experience
Presenting Author: Alexandra Sidorenko (ANU)
Discussant: Mendel Grobler (Pfizer Australia)
2. Lifetime cover in private insurance markets
Presenting Author: Luke Connelly (University of Queensland)
Discussant: Elizabeth Savage (CHERE)
3. The use of health care vouchers to support optimal use of primary care services in chronic diseases management
Presenting Author: Jenny Watts (Monash University)
Discussant: Jane Hall (CHERE)

Session H: Screening and Vaccination**Location: The Library**

Chair: Anthony Harris

1. Prenatal population screening for Fragile X Syndrome
Presenting Author: Bruce Hollingsworth (Monash University)
Discussant: Marion Haas (CHERE)
2. Comparative cost-utility of meningococcal C conjugate and pneumococcal conjugate vaccination in Australia.
Presenting Author: Philippe Beutels (CHERE)
Discussant: Lili Bulfone (Monash University)
3. Cost effectiveness for screening and statin therapy in clinical guidelines for cardiovascular prophylaxis.
Presenting Author: Richard Milne (University of Auckland)
Discussant: Sandy Fowler (CHERE)

4.00-4.30 **Afternoon Tea**

4.30-5.30 **Keynote Speaker:** Martin Knapp (LSE)

Title: Mental Health - Is there a Case for Special Treatment?

Chair: Denzil Fiebig (University of New South Wales)

Location: Fairmont Room

5.30-7.00 **AGM & Drinks**

7.30- **Conference Dinner (Bok Choy Tang, Federation Square)**

Day 2 – Friday 1 October

9.00-9.30 **Registration and tea and coffee**

9.30-10.30 **Keynote Speaker:** Richard Scheffler (Berkeley)

Title: Social Capital and Mental Health: New Empirical Evidence

Chair: Jane Hall (CHERE)

Location: Fairmont Room

10.30-11.00 **Morning Tea**

11.00-1.00

Session I: Social Welfare & the Health System

Location: Fairmont I

Chair: Jenny Watts

1. Reassurance, regret and uncertainty: Testing ex ante sources of (dis)utility and the welfarist hypothesis of wellbeing
Presenting Author: John McKie (Monash University)
Discussant: Rosalie Viney (CHERE)
2. Measuring altruistic concerns in health system
Presenting Author: Miriam Steurer (CHERE)
Discussant: Phillip Clarke (Oxford University)
3. Estimation of costs and benefits of PBS: A social choice approach
Presenting Author: Christina Mak (Victoria University)
Discussant: Philippe Beutels (CHERE)

Session J: Private Health Insurance

Location: Fairmont II

Chair: Rhema Vaithianathan

1. Healthy, wealthy and insured?
Presenting Author: Denise Doiron (University of New South Wales)
Discussant: Alison Currie (University of Melbourne)
2. How effective is “Lifetime Health Cover” in raising private health Insurance coverage in Australia? A regression discontinuity approach
Presenting Author: Jongsay Yong (University of Melbourne)
Discussant: Rhema Vaithianathan (University of Auckland)
3. Where do you run after you run for cover? A model of the demand for private health insurance in Australia
Presenting Author: Elizabeth Savage (CHERE)
Discussant: Alexandra Sidorenko (ANU)

Session K: Cigarettes and Illegal Drugs

Location: The Study

Chair: Glenn Jones

1. Estimating the economic implication of a reduced heroin supply in Australia: is it possible?
Presenting Author: Marian Shanahan (University of New South Wales)
Discussant: Alastair Wilson (NHMRC)
2. College students’ use of cocaine
Presenting Author: Jenny Williams (University of Melbourne)
Discussant: Pushkar Maitra (Monash University)
3. A pack a day for twenty years: Smoking and cigarette pack sizes
Presenting Author: Lisa Farrell (University of Melbourne)
Discussant: Bruce Hollingsworth (Monash University)

1.00-2.00 Lunch

2.00-4.00

Session L: QALYs and Health Resource Allocation Location: Fairmont I

Chair: Richard Milne

1. A model for priority setting across the care continuum and across modalities.
Presenting Author: Leonie Segal (Monash University)
Discussant: Tim Moore (Turning Point)
2. The assessment of Quality of Life (AqoL) Instrument: The Stage 2 Utility Scoring
Algorithm and Initial Validation
Presenting Author: Jeff Richardson (Monash University)
Discussant: Michael Kortt (University of New England)
3. Health care policy evaluation: empirical analysis of the restrictions implied by Quality
Adjusted Life Years
Presenting Author: Rosalie Viney (CHERE)
Discussant: Jeff Richardson (Monash University)

Session M: International Health

Location: Fairmont II

Chair: Pushkar Maitra

1. Healthy decisions: Integrating technology in OECD countries
Presenting Author: Kees Van Gool (CHERE)
Discussant: Brett Rogers (Department of Health and Ageing)
2. Age at first birth, health inputs and child mortality: Recent evidence from Bangladesh.
Presenting Author: Pushkar Maitra (Monash University)
Discussant: Lisa Farrell (University of Melbourne)
3. Trojan horse: The OECD guidelines on health and poverty
Presenting Author: Tim Anderson (University of Sydney)
Discussant: Kees van Gool (CHERE)

Session N: Health Utilisation

Location: The Study

Chair: Michael Shields

1. An exploration of differences in Australian hospital separation rates
Presenting Author: Glenn Jones (Macquarie University)
Discussant: Michael Shields (University of Melbourne)
2. The impact of the supply of GPs on the utilisation of GP services in Australia
Presenting Author: Marion Haas (CHERE)
Discussant: Ian McRae (NCEPH)
3. A time-series analysis of factors influencing the utilisation of residential aged care places: some preliminary results for Australian states/ territories
Presenting Author: Sue Gargett (University of Queensland)
Discussant: Joanne Epp (CHERE)

4.00-4.30 Afternoon tea

4.30-5.30 Keynote Speaker: Eddy Van Doorslaer (Erasmus University)

Title: Income-Related Inequality in the Use of Medical Care in 21 OECD Countries

Chair: Bob Gregory

Location: Fairmont Room

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