

November 17-18, 2005
Queen's University



Health Services Restructuring: New Evidence and New Directions

Program outline and
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The principal objective of the conference is to shift debate away from polarizing issues and focus instead on use of evidence and empirical analysis to examine specific structural innovations to better understand impacts on service delivery and to help identify what works and what doesn't.



Organized by:

- Centre for Health Services and Policy Research, Queen's University
- Institute for Research on Public Policy, Montreal
- John Deutsch Institute for the Study of Economic Policy, Queen's University
- School of Policy Studies, Queen's University



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PROGRAM

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Conference Room 202, Policy Studies Building

12:00 Noon: Registration and Buffet Lunch

1:00-3:00 p.m. **Session I – Health Care Reform**
Chair: Michael Decter (Health Council of Canada)

Policy Instruments and Health Reform: Is There a Role for Evidence?
Pierre-Gerlier Forest (Health Canada)

Empirical Analysis of the Impact of Regionalization Reforms in Saskatchewan
Greg Marchildon (University of Regina)

The Effects of De-listing Publicly Funded Health Care Services
Mark Stabile (University of Toronto)

The Demand for Private Health Insurance in Alberta in the Presence of a Public Alternative
Herb Emery and Kevin Gerrits (University of Calgary)

Discussant: Tom McIntosh (Canadian Policy Research Networks, University of Regina)

3:00-3:15 p.m. Coffee Break

3:15-4:45 p.m. **Session II – Pharmacare**
Chair: Robyn Tamblyn (McGill University)

The Equity Impact of Income-Based Pharmacare
Steve Morgan (University of British Columbia)

How to Pay for Orphan Drugs in Canada
Aidan Hollis (University of Calgary)

Effectiveness of Reference Drug Programs and Policy Implications
Sebastian Schneeweiss (Harvard University)

Discussant: Wayne Critchley (Former Executive Director, Patented Medicine Prices Review Board)

4:45-5:15 p.m. Break

5:30-7:00 p.m. **Duncan Sinclair Lecture (Etherington Auditorium)**
Introduction by Sam Shortt (Centre for Health Services and Policy Research, Queen's University)

Deliberative Processes and Evidence-Based Decision-Making in Health Care
Tony Culyer (Institute for Work and Health, Toronto; University of York, England)

7:00-7:45 p.m. Sinclair Lecture Reception (Queen's University Club)

7:45 p.m. Conference Dinner (Queen's University Club)

Friday, November 18, 2005

Conference Room 202, Policy Studies Building

8:00-8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30-10:30 a.m. **Session III – Issues in the Delivery of Health Care: Health Human Resources and Regionalization**
Chair: Tom Ward (The Ward Group)

Barriers and Solutions to Implementation Strategies to Improve Health Human Resource Models in Canada
Martin Durier-Copp (Dalhousie University) and Dominika Wranik (Dalhousie University)

Implementing Managed Competition in Home Care: The Impact of Turnover
Margaret Denton (McMaster University), Isik Urla Zeytinoglu (McMaster University), Sharon Davies (McMaster University), and Danielle Hunter (McMaster University)

An Empirical Analysis of Health Care Access in Canada
Lori Curtis (University of Waterloo)

Causes and Consequences of Regional Variation in Health Care Resource Allocations in Ontario
Therese Stukel (Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences)

Discussant: Peter Glynn (Queen's University)

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10:30-11:00 a.m. Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 p.m. **Session IV – Panel: The Chaoulli Decision and Health Care Reform**
Moderator: Graham Scott (McMillan Binch Mendelsohn LLP)

Frank Fedyk (Health Canada)
Claude Forget (McGill University Health Centre)
Antonia Maioni (McGill University)
Bill Tholl (Canadian Medical Association)

12:30-1:30 p.m. Buffet Lunch

1:30-3:30 p.m. **Session V – Public Health**
Chair: David Mowat (Public Health Agency of Canada)

The Economics of Obesity: Research and Policy Implications from a Canada-US Comparison
Lisa Powell (University of Illinois at Chicago) and M. Christopher Auld (University of Calgary)

Sextant? Chronometer? Are We Equipped to Chart the Course of Health Services Restructuring?
Robert James (Aechidna Health Informatics) and Manya Sadouski

A New Decision-Making Framework for the Prioritization of Health Technologies
Ana P. Johnson-Masotti (Queen's University), David N. Fisman (Drexel University),
Larry Lynd (University of British Columbia), and Debbie Sheehan (Hamilton Department of
Public Health and Community Services)

Planning for the Next Pandemic Threat: Defining the Federal Role in Public Health Emergencies
Harvey Lazar (Queen's University and University of Victoria) and Kumanan Wilson (University of
Toronto)

Discussant: Duncan Hunter (Queen's University)

Conference Information

Conference to be held at the Policy Studies Building, Conference Room 202, Queen's University (which is on Union Street). The Duncan Sinclair Lecture will be in the Etherington Auditorium which is in Etherington Hall (which is on Stuart Street).

Conference registration fee is \$250.00*, plus GST, payable to the John Deutsch Institute (GST Registration #R107868705). Registration is limited so please register early.

*A special rate will apply for academics.

Please make cheque payable to the John Deutsch Institute and mail to: Sharon Sullivan, John Deutsch Institute, Queen's University, Dunning Hall, Room 216C, Kingston, Ontario, K7L 3N6.

Accommodation

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn Kingston, 1 Princess Street (in downtown Kingston), for the nights of Thursday, November 17 and Friday, November 18 at a special conference rate of \$102.00 per night, plus taxes. Reservations can be made directly by calling the Holiday Inn at 1-613-549-8400, ext. 2660 or 1-800-HOLIDAY and say that you are booking under the Block of Rooms "Health Services Restructuring". The block of rooms will be available until October 16th, so please book your room as soon as possible.

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