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REGISTRATION

Given space limitations, early registration is recommended. The registration fee is \$150 (plus GST) if registered by September 13, 2002 and \$175 (plus GST) thereafter. Registration fee includes a copy of the conference papers upon publication, lunch and coffee breaks. A reduced registration fee is available for low-income individuals and students. Kindly contact the IRPP for details.

ACCOMMODATION

To assist you with hotel accommodations, a block of rooms has been reserved until August 24 at Bay Bloor Executive Suites. Bachelor and one-bedroom suites are available at \$129 and \$159 respectively. Registrants requiring accommodation are asked to call directly at (800) 263-2811 or (416) 968-3878. Please mention that you are with the IRPP Delegates group # 49327.

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Written requests for cancellation received by September 13 will be allowed a full refund. There will be no refunds after this date. Persons who register and indicate they will be paying on-site will be invoiced the full amount if they do not attend and have not cancelled.

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Monday, September 23, 2002
The Sutton Place Hotel, Stop 33
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One of the most notable trends in the Canadian health-care system in recent years has been the ever-growing share of health-care spending attributed to drugs. Prescription drugs have become the most rapidly increasing component of health-care costs. With unprecedented advances and ongoing innovation in pharmaceuticals, the role of prescription drugs in the provision of health care will likely continue to grow and further contribute to escalating cost pressures.

This IRPP conference brings together researchers and decision-makers from academia, government, and the non-profit and private sectors to assess the implications of these trends and the options available to policy-makers. Experts will examine the relationship between private and public insurance, the issues associated with drug pricing, increasing demand and various cost-management models, and explore the best mix of policies to ensure appropriate access to drug therapies.

The increasing cost of drugs relative to other parts of the health-care system represents one of the most significant challenges to be addressed in the context of upcoming health-care reforms. This conference aims to broaden the debate and introduce new perspectives on this important issue.



AGENDA

8:00-8:50	Registration
8:50-9:00	Opening Remarks
9:00	<p>SESSION 1: OVERVIEW OF DRUG PLANS AND COVERAGE</p> <p>Chair: Hugh Segal (IRPP)</p> <p>Drug Plans Internationally and the Canadian System Within this Context Donald Willison, M.D. (McMaster University, Centre for Evaluation of Medicine)</p> <p>Drug Pricing: A Comparison Between Canada and Other Countries Robert Elgie, M.D. (Patented Medicines Price Review Board)</p> <p>OECD Drug Coverage Trends Panos Kanavos (Harvard University)</p> <p>Drugs As a Cost Driver in Canada Steve Morgan (University of British Columbia, Centre for Health Services and Policy Research)</p>
10:45-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00	<p>SESSION 2: CRITICAL PUBLIC POLICY CHOICES</p> <p>Chair: David Bougher (Pharmaceuticals, Policy and Programs, Alberta Health)</p> <p>An Evidence-based Presentation on National Standards Regarding Utilization Robyn Tamblyn, M.D. (McGill University)</p> <p>National Standards as Viewed by a Provincial Program Manager Linda Tennant (Ontario Provincial Drug Plan)</p> <p>Managed Care and Managed Costs Allan Detsky, M.D. (Mount Sinai Hospital / University of Toronto, Faculty of Medicine)</p> <p>Research, Education and the Impact of Prescription Compliance on Better Medicine Stuart MacLeod (McMaster University, Centre for Evaluation of Medicine)</p>
12:45	Lunch
2:00	<p>SESSION 3: PUBLIC INSURANCE/PRIVATE DELIVERY</p> <p>Chair: Mary Catherine Lindberg (Ontario Council of Teaching Hospitals / former ADM Health for Ontario)</p> <p>Impacts of Private Insurance on Utilization Mark Stabile (University of Toronto, Department of Economics)</p> <p>The Quebec Experience: Lessons to be Learned Claude Forget (Former Quebec Minister of Health, visiting fellow, IRPP)</p> <p>Lessons from Australia Colleen Flood (University of Toronto Law School)</p>
3:30	<p>SESSION 4: FRAMEWORK FOR POLICY CHANGE</p> <p>Speaker: Michael Decter (Canadian Institute for Health Information)</p>
4:45	Closing Remarks