International Society on Priorities in Health Care

The 8th International Conference on Priorities in Health Care
Friday, April 23 – Sunday, April 25, 2010
Westin Waltham-Boston Hotel
Boston, Massachusetts

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Friday, April 23, 2010

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM  Speaker Ready Room  Wellington

1:00 – 2:00 PM  Buffet Lunch (Optional)  Ballroom

2:15 – 3:30 PM  Keynote Address  Ballroom
Judy Ann Bigby, Secretary of Health and Human Services, State of Massachusetts

3:30 – 5:00 PM  Plenary  Ballroom
Have we got our priorities right? Child mortality, the Millennium Development Goal 4 and its impact on inequality in health in sub-Saharan Africa
Ole Norheim MD, PhD, University of Bergen, Bergen, Norway

Using evaluation theory to improve priority setting in the healthcare sector
Neale Smith Centre for Clinical Epidemiology & Evaluation, Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute, Vancouver, BC, Canada

A new decision-support framework for prioritization of new health technologies: the ‘Value for Money’ chart
Ofra Golan LLB MA LLD, The Gertner Institute for Epidemiology & Health Policy Research, Tel Hashomer, Israel

5:15 – 6:30 PM  Welcome Reception  Ballroom Foyer

6:30 – 8:30 PM  Group Dinner (Optional)  Eden Vale
Saturday, April 24, 2010

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM  Poster Session  Ballroom Foyer

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM  Speaker Ready Room  Wellington

7:30 – 8:30 AM  Breakfast (On your own)

8:30 – 10:00 AM  BREAKOUT SESSIONS I

PUBLIC DEBATE, DIALOGUE AND DELIBERATION

Moving away from silent trepidation: improving the language of rationing
Greer Donley  pre-doctoral fellow, BA, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD, United States

Employing public engagement to achieve better decision-making in health care: findings from three “Canadian” citizens’ councils
Michelle Cleghorn  University of Toronto Institute of Medical Science, and the Joint Centre for Bioethics, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Should we make the priority setting process more explicit to the public?
Benedict Rumbold  PhD, Nuffield Trust, London, United Kingdom

PRIORITY SETTING AT NATIONAL LEVEL

Some uses and abuses of the cost-per-QALY approach in England and Finland
Neill Booth  PhD candidate, University of Tampere, Tampere, Finland

Departing from the health maximization approach: case studies of social value judgments made by NICE advisory committees
Koonal Shah  MSc, Office of Health Economics, London, United Kingdom

PRIORITY SETTING IN LOW-INCOME SETTINGS

Decentralized health care priority setting in Tanzania: evaluating against the accountability, for reasonableness framework
Stephen Maluka  MA, PhD candidate, Umeå International School of Public Health, Umeå University, Umeå, Sweden, Institute of Development Studies, University of Dar es Salaam, Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania

“In plenty and in time of need” - the political economy of allocating public resources to health in Barbados
Jamila Headley  PhD candidate, MPH, BA, University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom
Assessing reliability and validity of decisions made during priority setting of malaria services and ITNs in Zambia

Mary Tuba PhD candidate, MA, BSW, Center for International Health, Bergen, Norway

ETHICAL ASPECTS IN PRIORITY SETTING

The rule of rescue in allocating health care resources

Alena Buyx MD, MA, Institute for Ethics, History and Philosophy of Medicine, Muenster, Germany, Nuffield Council on Bioethics, London, United Kingdom

Just health: on the conditions why doctors should give priority to patients of low socioeconomic status

Kristine Bærøe PhD, University of Bergen, Bergen, Norway

10:00 – 10:30 AM

Coffee Break

10:30–12:00 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS II

PUBLIC DEBATE, DIALOGUE AND DELIBERATION

A decade of public deliberations about health coverage priorities using CHAT

Susan Dorr Goold, MD, MHSA, MA, Professor of Internal Medicine, Director, Bioethics Program, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, United States

What matters most: identifying medical problems as priorities for healthcare coverage

Marjorie Ginsburg MPH, Center for Healthcare Decisions, Rancho Cordova, CA, United States

Community-wide surveys of public preferential attitudes for elective healthcare options: some covert study design issues

R. Trafford Crump PhD candidate, MPA, The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy & Clinical Practice, Lebanon, NH, United States

Comparing marginal and standard approaches to eliciting willingness to pay: a case study of measuring the benefits of emergency and out-of-hours services

Karine Lamiraud PhD, ESSEC Business School, Paris, France

PRIORITY SETTING AT LOCAL LEVEL

Priority setting in practice: procedure, results and participants’ opinions

Susanne Waldau PhD candidate, MPH, Epidemiology, Department of Public Health and Clinical Medicine, Umeå, Sweden, Västerbotten County Council, Umeå, Sweden
Is there a way to an organized introduction of new health care technologies?

Bo Hallin PhD, Västra Götalandsregionen, Goteborg, Västra Götalandsregionen, Sweden

Building organizational priority setting capacity through developmental evaluation

Sarah Bowen PhD, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Priority setting in low-income setting

An evaluation of the cost-effectiveness of preventive interventions for neurological disorders in sub-Saharan Africa: the case for neuro-infections in Tanzania

Lucie Jean-Gilles MBBS, PhD, MPH, Clinical Neurology, University of Nottingham, Nottingham, United Kingdom

Lessons from applying accountability for reasonableness to priority setting at district level in Kenya, Tanzania and Zambia

Jens Byskov MD, MSc, DPH, Spec. PH, DBL-Centre for Health and Development, Frederiksberg, Denmark

Decentralization and health care prioritization process in Tanzania: from national rhetoric to local reality

Stephen Maluka PhD candidate, MA, Umeå International School of Public Health, Umeå University, Umeå, Sweden, Institute of Developmental Studies, University of Dar es Salaam, Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania

Ethical aspects in priority setting

Supporting tough decisions in health care - the link between HTA and priority setting

Ánen Ringard MA, Norwegian Council for Priority Setting in Health Care, Oslo, Norway

McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) priority setting A4R and beyond

Tim Meagher, MD, McGill University Health Centre, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Teresa Mack BSc, MHA, McGill University Health Centre, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Incentivizing organ donation: a Swedish priority setting perspective

Faisal Omar PhD candidate, MA, BHSc, Linköping University, Linköping, Sweden

12:00–1:00 PM Lunch and Keynote

Dean T. Jamison, Professor of Global Health, Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, University of Washington

Ballroom
1:30– 3:00 PM  BREAKOUT SESSIONS III  Rooms TBA

PUBLIC DEBATE, DIALOGUE AND DELIBERATION

Age as a criterion for priority setting in health care services?
Adele Diederich PhD, Jacobs University, Bremen, Germany

The rise of prevention in health care priority setting: the Israeli experience
David Chinitz MD, Hebrew University-Hadassah, Jerusalem, Israel

PRIORITY SETTING AT LOCAL LEVEL

Priority setting in difficult times: the English experience
Suzanne Robinson PhD, MSc, BSc, Health Services Management Centre, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, United Kingdom

Economics and resourcing of complex health systems
Abdolvahab Baghbanian PhD candidate, Discipline of Behavioural and Community Health Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences, The University of Sydney, Lidcombe, NSW, Australia

Embarking on transparent priority setting - different strategies in Sweden
Peter Garpenby National Centre for Priority Setting in Health Care, Linköping, Sweden

PRIORITY SETTING IN HIV/AIDS

Examining the impact of decision irreversibility in HIV/AIDS programme prioritization in the context of the global economic crisis: a case study of Malawi
Paul Revill MSc, BA, Centre for Global Health, Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland

Should the ideal of health maximization or equality decide who should be initiated on antiretroviral therapy in resource-limited settings?
Kjell Arne Johansson MD, University of Bergen, Bergen, Norway

HIV and AIDS as a health sector priority in a developing country: the case of Cameroon
Wilfred Awung MSc, Agricultural Economics, Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, Rockville, MD, United States

ETHICAL ASPECTS IN PRIORITY SETTING

The role of ethics committees and ethics consultation in priority setting: an evidence-based analysis
Daniel Strech MD, PhD, Hannover Medical School, Hannover, Germany
Marginal effectiveness of treatments: a potential rationing criterion?

Alena Buyx MD, MA, Nuffield Council on Bioethics, London, United Kingdom; Institute for Ethics, History and Philosophy of Medicine, Muenster, Germany

Fairness and accountability during delivery of malaria services and ITN intervention in Zambia

Mary Tuba PhD candidate, MA, BSW, Center for International Health, University of Bergen, Bergen, Norway, The Department of Community Medicine, School of Medicine, University of Zambia, Lusaka, Zambia

End-of-line decisions as bedside rationing: an ethical analysis of life support restrictions in an Indian neonatal unit

Ingrid Miljeteig MD, University of Bergen, Bergen, Norway

3:00–3:30 PM

Coffee Break

Foyer

3:30–5:00 PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS IV

Rooms TBA

CLINICAL APPLICATIONS OF PRIORITY SETTING

Effects of a program to set patient priorities during advanced illness

Helen Blank PhD, UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School-Healthcare Foundation Center for Humanism in Medicine, Newark, New Jersey, United States

Consensus-based priority setting for frail elderly NSTEMI (Non ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction) patients

Niklas Ekerstad MD, The Centre for Medical Technology Assessment/IMH, University of Linköping, Linköping, Sweden

Evidence-based marginal analysis: cost-effectiveness of MRI and mammography for breast cancer screening among BRCA1/2 mutation carriers

Reka Pataky MSc, BC Cancer Agency, Vancouver, Canada

Altering clinical practice through national decisions on priority setting: the case of sleep apnoea (OSAS) in Norway

Ånen Rengard Political Scientist, The Norwegian Council for Priority Setting in Health Care, Oslo, Norway

PRIORITY SETTING AT LOCAL LEVEL

TAVI - slowing the pressure so as to establish the right evidence base and the real value for health services

Jonathan Howell MD, BS, West Midlands Specialised Commissioning Team, Birmingham, West Midlands, United Kingdom
Priority setting as governance in the UK National Health Service
Tim Freeman PhD, MSc, BA, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, United Kingdom

Priority setting in Ontario's LHINs: ethical and economic principles in action
Jennifer Gibson PhD, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

PRACTICAL ADVANCES IN PRIORITY SETTING - PROGRAM BUDGETING AND MARGINAL ANALYSIS

Cancer care decision-makers' perspectives on QALYs for decision-making and resource allocation
Elena Papadakis MA, British Columbia Cancer Agency, British Columbia, Canada

How two years of program budgeting and marginal analysis have helped bring financial sustainability to a seniors' care organization
Francois Dionne PhD candidate, MSc, School of Population and Public Health, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Evidence-based marginal analysis: a post-market study of the cost-effectiveness of bevacizumab as a first- and second-line treatment for advanced colorectal cancer
Lindsay Hedden PhD candidate, MSc, BSc, National Centre for Health Economics, Services, Policy and Ethics, Vancouver, BC, Canada

THEORETICAL AND ETHICAL ASPECTS OF PRIORITY SETTING

Priority and personal responsibility
Berit Bringedal PhD, The Research Institute, The Norwegian Medical Association, Oslo, Norway

Why the notion of 'responsibility for one's health' fails to direct priority setting in Swedish health care?
Werner Schirmer PhD, University College of Gefle, Gefle, Sweden

Does policy design matter when handling distributive conflicts?
Ann-Charlotte Nedlund PhD candidate, MA, The National Centre for Priority Setting in Health Care, Sweden, Linköping, Sweden

5:00 PM ISPHC Business Meeting Lincoln

5:00 PM Dinner (On Your own)
8:00 – 9:00 AM  Breakfast (On your own)

9:00 – 10:30 AM  BREAKOUT SESSIONS V  

PRACTICAL ADVANCES IN PRIORITY SETTING – PBMA AND MCDA

Resource allocation at Saint Joseph’s Health Centre: evidence informed solutions in uncertain economic times  
Francois Dionne PhD candidate, MSc, School of Population and Public Health, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Multicriteria decision analyses for healthcare decisionmaking: feedback from the field on the value of the EVIDEM framework in Canadian and South African settings  
Mireille Goetghebeur PhD, BioMedCom Consultants, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Multi-criteria decision analysis to prioritize health interventions: capitalizing on first applications  
Rob Baltussen, PhD Nijmegen International Center for Health Systems Research and Education (NICHE), Nijmegen, Netherlands

TRADING OFF CRITERIA FOR DECISION MAKING

The feasibility of using discrete choice experiment for setting priorities on HIV/AIDS interventions in Thailand  
Sitaporn Youngkong PhD candidate, MSc, Health Intervention and Technology Assessment Program (HITAP), Ministry of Public Health, Nonthaburi, Thailand

What is the relative importance of cost-effectiveness information? Results from a discrete choice experiment among Swedish medical decision makers  
Sandra Erntoft PhD, The Swedish Institute for Health Economics, Lund, Sweden

Health maximization vs. priority to the worse-off: empirical quantification of the trade-off and parameterization of welfare functions  
Trygve Ottersen MD, PhD candidate, University of Bergen, Bergen, Norway

Conjoint analysis - pretest for evaluation of therapy-related Attributes  
Norman Wirsik, MSc, Jacobs University Bremen, Bremen, Germany
STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES

Stakeholder preferences in organ allocation: a conjoint measurement approach
Kathrin Alber PhD candidate, MSc, Institute of Management in Medicine and Health Care Sciences, Bayreuth, Germany

Opportunities and challenges of priority-setting with cost-conscious guidelines: a qualitative study of stakeholder opinions in the German health care system
Georg Mareckmann MD, MPH, University of Tuebingen, Tuebingen, Germany

The usefulness of NICE guidance in practice: different perspectives of managers, clinicians and patients
Amanda Owen-Smith PhD, University of Bristol, Bristol, United Kingdom

THEORETICAL AND METHODOLOGICAL ADVANCES IN PRIORITY SETTING

Commissioning in a cold climate: can prioritization really help?
Henrietta Ewart MA, MB, BS, DRCOG, FFPH, Solutions for Public Health, Oxford, United Kingdom

Allocation and the law considerations about prioritization, constitution and liability: the German example
Bjoern Schmitz-Luhn Dipl. Jur., Ass.iur., RA, Institute for Medical Law, University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany

Allocation decisions: Beyond homo economicus
Abdolvahab Baghbanian PhD candidate, Discipline of Behavioural and Community Health Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences, The University of Sydney, Lidcombe, NSW, Australia

10:30 – 11:00 AM  Coffee Break  Foyer
11:00 AM –12:15 PM  Keynote and Wrap Up  Ballroom
Maureen Lewis, PhD, Advisor, Development Economics Operations and Strategy, World Bank