

Research-Policy Workshop

Meeting Needs for Non-Communicable Disease Healthcare in LMICs

Lausanne, October 27-28 2022

Background

Ageing populations and rising prevalence of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) will continue to drive up demand for healthcare. Adapting and extending health systems to manage this demand is a major challenge for low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). While WHO-sponsored protocols for disease screening and management provide valuable signposts, their impact is contingent on effective implementation and may be muted if many people seek healthcare for NCD-related complaints from providers operating outside of the public health system. Lack of comprehensive inclusion of primary care and medicines in health insurance benefit packages can push patients toward private providers who are not obliged to follow the protocols.

Coverage gaps for NCD-related health problems have negative consequences for the health and economic security of LMIC populations. Knowledge gaps impede the design of policies necessary to secure more effective and equitable disease screening and management.

Objectives

- Gather researchers and health system specialists working on NCD in LMICs.
- Review evidence on NCD healthcare demand and coverage of related costs in LMICs.
- Identify knowledge gaps about implementation and effects of policies that aim to address the coverage gaps.
- Explore relevance of specific purchasing arrangements for addressing the coverage gaps, with a focus on quality of care.
- Disseminate research findings to policymakers with aim of influencing policy agenda.
- Obtain feedback on research from policymakers with aim of developing research agenda to address knowledge gaps.

Draft programme – can be revised to include other relevant contributions

Thursday October 27

9:00-9:30 Arrival (coffee)

9:30-9:45 Welcome and workshop objectives – Jürgen Maurer (UNIL)

9:45-10:40 NCD health system challenges I – Bruno Meessen (WHO)

Problem definition - Bruno Meessen

Healthcare seeking for NCD – Callum Brindley (EUR)

10:40-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:30 NCD health system challenges II – Bruno Meessen (WHO)

Quality of chronic care – Grace Ku (ITM)

Purchasing for quality chronic care - Stephen Jan (George Institute)

Scaling-up integrated care packages – Ir Por (NIPHC)

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:00 NCD challenges: insights from the r4d project – Jürgen Maurer (UNIL)

Inequality in CVD risk & prevention – Owen O'Donnell (EUR/UNIL)

Cost-effective CVD screening in Sri Lanka – Nilmini Wijemunige (IHP)

15:00-15:20 Coffee break

15:20-16:50 NCD challenges: insights from the r4d project – Ravi Rannan Eliya (IHP)

Gaps in CVD prevention & insurance coverage in the Philippines --Joseph Capuno (UPD)

Gaps in insurance and medicines coverage in India – Sanjay Mohanty (IIPS)

Gaps in NCD prevention & management in Malawi – Lliana Kohler (UPENN)

17:00 Aperero

Friday October 28

9:00-9:30 Arrival (coffee)

9:30-10:40 Financial protection for NCD related care healthcare – Owen O'Donnell
(EUR/UNIL)

What we know and don't know about NCDs when tracking financial
protection in health – Gabriela Flores (WHO)

10:40-11:00 Coffee break

11:00 -12:00 Breakout sessions on data & implementation research – Jürgen Maurer
(UNIL)

Groups assigned questions to feed into policy/research agenda

Reporting back from breakout session

12:00-13:00 Panel discussion with forward looking agenda – Bruno Meessen (WHO)

Ravi Rannan-Eliya (IHP)

Josefien van Olmen (University of Antwerp)

Robert Marten (Alliance for Health Policy & Systems Research)

13:00 End of workshop with stand-up/take-away lunch

Organizers

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