

Health Economics Research – Recent Findings and Challenges ahead

Opening

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Some challenges for health economic research in the German health care system

1992	1994	1996	2000	2002	2003	2005	2007
<i>Regulatory change: introduction of</i>							
Fixed budgets for hospitals	Risk adjustment among statutory sickness funds	Competition for insureds among statutory sickness funds	DRGs for hospital reimbursement		Disease Management programs (DMP)		Cost-benefit assessment for drugs
<i>Discussions of</i>							
				National health insurance /capitation financing	Morbidity-oriented Risk adjustment schemes Fee schedules, outpatient care		
<i>Research need & current status</i>							
Hospital management	Risk selection research	Statutory sickness funds management	DRG implementation, impact and management	(Political debate)	DMP evaluations; morbidity concepts and empirical studies		Standards for assessment, implementation, impact research
Fair amount available		Early beginning	Some available		Early beginning; some available		Some available, others lacking

Programme

Expert presentations of health economic research

- Prof. Bryan, Birmingham
- Prof. de Pouvourville, Paris
- Prof. Zweifel, Zurich
- Dr. Kanavos, UK
- Prof. von der Schulenburg, Hannover

30 min presentation

15 min discussion

Panel debate between users and researchers of health economics

- Prof. von der Schulenburg, Hannover
- Prof. Zweifel, Zurich
- Prof. Gerlach, Frankfurt
- Dr. Wahler, Berlin
- Dr. Hess, Siegburg

45 min debate