

III. Comparative Healthcare Systems: Policy Challenges and Economic Perspectives

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Course Objectives:

- To evaluate the health system performance of several industrialized nations.
- To identify specific health system strengths and weaknesses, employing comparative analysis as a research tool.
- To compare the health system performance of the US with that of other similar countries and to one developing country.

Students will learn to recognize differences in health systems of the industrialized countries in this class. One developing country is included for comparative purposes. *Students will study and analyze in detail the health systems of the United States, United Kingdom, Australia, Denmark, Canada, France, New Zealand, Switzerland, Netherlands, Spain, France, and China.* The strengths and weaknesses of these various national health systems will be identified, evaluated, and discussed. Students will be able to better assess the U.S. health system by putting it into a broader perspective after completing this class.

Course Requirements

40%: Seminar Participation

Each student should volunteer 3-4 times during the semester to summarize assigned articles for the class. At each class meeting 2 to 4 students will present and play a leadership role in the discussion on specified articles. This should include, to the extent possible, consideration of:

- The purpose and scope of the article; where it fits in the literature
- Theoretical framework/model, if relevant
- Empirical approach/methods, if relevant
- Pertinent data issues, if relevant
- Policy implications/conclusions you derive from the article

When you are responsible for leading the discussion on a particular reading, the use of overheads and/or handouts are recommended. For each assigned article all students should prepare two or three questions for class discussion. You will be called upon for questions as time permits each week.

60%: Term Paper – Content:

Several approaches are available:

- A. An in depth, critical study of one country's health care system; or,

- B. A comparison of the health care system of several countries with respect to a one topic (e.g. technology assessment, managing pharmaceuticals, or financing and reimbursement systems, long-term care, quality/cost or MCH services, etc.); or,
- C. Original research using OECD data.

Websites: information about health policy in the industrialized countries

Commonwealth http://www.cmwf.org/topics/topics.htm?attrib_id=12009

Kaiser Family Foundation: <http://www.globalhealthfacts.org>

Kaiser Family Foundation: <http://www.globalhealthreporting.org>

European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies: <http://www.euro.who.int/observatory>

INTRODUCTION and Course Organization

- Organizational details:
 - course format, syllabus, bibliography, reading sets;
 - course requirements--term paper, discussion leader responsibilities, seminar participation responsibility
 - discussion leader assignments

- **Review introductory material before the first class at:**

http://www.kaiseredu.org/topics_im_ihs.asp?imID=1&parentID=61

To be viewed in class and discussed together: Learning from other countries;

German Health System: An introduction

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/video/flv/generic.html?s=frol02p101&continuous=1>

Germany: National Public Radio special:

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=91971170>

Keeping German Doctors On A Budget Lowers Costs

Nearly every German has ready access to doctors, cheap drugs, high-tech medicine, dental care, nursing homes and home care. All this — and Germany spends half what the United States does per person. One way the country accomplishes this is by putting doctors on a budget.

The example of Switzerland:

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/video/flv/generic.html?s=frol02p101&continuous=1>

- Health care system objectives & cross-national comparisons using OECD data.

COUNTRY STUDIES

United States

[Themes: the Obama health system reform proposal, costs, insurance, quality of care, medical errors, after-hours]

Comparing the US and others industrialized countries on several indicators;

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/sickaroundtheworld/etc/graphs.html>

Report on Tom Daschle's book: "Critical: What We Can Do About the Health-Care Crisis" by Tom Daschle, Jeanne M. Lambrew, and Scott S. Greenberger.

http://www.amazon.com/Critical-What-About-Health-Care-Crisis/dp/0312383010/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1229544652&sr=1-1

Readings:

Review introductory material on the US health system if this is new to you:

http://www.kaiseredu.org/topics_im.asp?imID=1&parentID=61&id=358

Schoen C, Osborn R, Doty MM, Bishop M, Peugh J, Murukutla N. "Toward Higher-Performance Health Systems: Adults' Health Care Experiences in Seven Countries, "2007. *Health Affairs*, 2007;26(6):w717-w734.

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Nolte and McKee, "Measuring the Health of Nations: Updating an Earlier Analysis; One measure of the health of Americans – deaths from treatable conditions – still does not compare well with rates in other industrialized countries" January/ February 2008, *Health Affairs*, vol 27, number 1.

<http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/reprint/27/1/58> **Jim Incalcaterra**

Sanmartin, et al "Comparing Health and Health Care Use in Canada and the United States" *Health Affairs*, vol 25, no. 4 pp0 1133+

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Wennberg et al, "Executive Summary" *Tracking the Care of Patients with Severe Chronic Illness; The Dartmouth Atlas of Health Care 2008* www.dartmouthatlas.org

http://www.dartmouthatlas.org/atlas/2008_Atlas_Exec_Summ.pdf **Kathy Carberry**

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Floyd J. Fowler Jr, PhD; Patricia M. Gallagher, PhD; Denise L. Anthony, PhD; Kirk Larsen, MA; Jonathan S. Skinner, PhD "Relationship Between Regional Per Capita Medicare Expenditures and Patient Perceptions of Quality of Care" *JAMA*. 2008;299(20):2406-2412. **Kathy Carberry**

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Health System Reform; not an easy task

Congressional Budget Office: “Key Issues in Analyzing Major Health Insurance Proposals” December 2008;

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Cassidy, “Economics: “Which Way for Obama?” New York Review of Books, June 12th, 2008, vol 55, no. 10

Leonhardt, “Obamanomics,” *New York Times* August 24, 2008,
http://www.nytimes.com/2008/08/24/magazine/24Obamanomics-t.html?_r=1&pagewanted=print

Causes for health spending growth: **Taj Bhaloo**

Reinhardt “Does the Aging of the Population Really Drive the Demand for Health Care” *Health Affairs*, November/December 2003 [not the aging population] <http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/reprint/22/6/27.pdf>

Anderson et al “Health Spending in the United States and the Rest of the Industrialized World” *Health Affairs*, vol 24, no. 4, July/ August 2005

Reinhardt “Why Does U.S. Health Care Cost So Much? (Part 1)” AND “Why Does U.S. Health Care Cost So Much? (Part 2: Indefensible Administrative Costs)” *NYT Economix*; explaining the science of everyday life” November 14, and Nov. 21st, 2008 – NYT Blog postings.

Comparative Health Care Systems--Economic Issues

Readings:

Anderson and Frogner: “Health Spending in OECD Countries: Obtaining Value per Dollar; There is Still Scant Evidence that the United States Gets Better Value for Its Higher Health Care Spending” *Health Affairs*, November/December 2008 pp 1718 - 1727; **Sharanya**

<http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/reprint/27/6/1718.pdf>

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Anderson, et. al. "Comparing Health System Performance in OECD Countries , *Health Affairs* , May/June 2001, pp 219-232.
<http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/reprint/20/3/219>

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<http://www.euro.who.int/document/e74485.pdf>

Mark J. Eisenberg, MD, MPH; Kristian B. Filion, BSc; Arik Azoulay, BComm, MSc; Anya C. Brox, BSc; Seema Haider, MSc; Louise Pilote, MD, MPH, PhD "Outcomes and Cost of Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery in the United States and Canada, » *Arch Intern Med*. 2005;165:1506-1513
<http://archinte.ama-assn.org/cgi/reprint/165/13/1506>

France

Helene Von Ville: Presentation of Research term paper research, SafeAssign and general library skills. 3-4PM

Audio:

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=91970968> all 2008

Health Care Lessons from France

France at Forefront of Free, Innovative Cancer Care

Frances Model Health Care for New Mothers

Readings

Durand-Zaleski, "The Health System in France" *Eurohealth* 2008 vol 14,
<http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/LSEHealth/pdf/eurohealth/VOL14No1/Durand-Zaleski.pdf>

Giraud-Roufast and Chabot, "Medical Acceptance of Quality Assurance in Health Care: The French Experience" *JAMA* Dec 10, 2008, vol 300, no. 22.pp 2663+ **Taj Bhaloo**

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Charu Sawhney

Rodwin, Victor, *Universal Health Insurance in France; How Sustainable?*
Washington DC, Health Office; Embassy of France, 2006 available free, online at:
<http://wagner.nyu.edu/health/universal.pdf> Nadine Haykal

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Problems and solutions in the United States and France*, Cornell University Press
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France](#), Mar 2004 (ejournal) <http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/35/11/30455292.pdf>

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Lessons for Health Reform in the United States](#)" *AJPH*, Vol 93 No 1, pp 31-37, Jan
2003. <http://www.ajph.org/cgi/reprint/93/1/31>

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<http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/picrender.fcgi?artid=1388081&blobtype=pdf>

Australia (Guest Lecturer / Resource Person: Shelton Brown –Austin campus)

[all to read executive summary and conclusion as background] Health Systems in Transition: vol 8, no. 5, 2006, “Australia Health System: Review”

<http://www.euro.who.int/document/E89731.pdf>

[all to browse] Australian Government: Dept. Of Health and Aging Home Page:

<http://www.health.gov.au/>

Connelly and Brown, “Lifetime Subsidies in Australian Private Health Insurance Markets with Community Rating’ paper. August 7, 2006. Available for Purchase <http://www.palgrave-journals.com/gpp/journal/v31/n4/abs/2510099a.html>

Brown and Connelly, “Lifetime Cover in Private Insurance Markets” *International Journal of Health Care Finance and Economics* 5, 75-88, 2005

<http://www.springerlink.com.www5.sph.uth.tmc.edu:2048/content/h07t3uv544457764/fulltext.pdf> Sandra Chu

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United Kingdom/Britain

[themes: primary care, health reform, technology, quality and-performance]

Video:”United Kingdom” Sick Around the World – 10 minutes

;<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/sickaroundtheworld/themes/lessons.html>

Audio: <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=91971293> all 2008

Denied Treatment; U.K. Vet Stands Up for Liberty

MS Patient Falls into American Insurance Gap

Britain Weighs the Social Cost of “Wonder Drugs”

Readings:

General Introduction

Sean Boyle, “The health system in England,” *Eurohealth* vol 14, # 1., 2008

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Primary Care

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Ham, What to Do with Insolvent Hospitals; Will Politicians Allow Providers to Fail? *BMJ*, 2007, 335: 805-7 **Rocaille Roberts**

Propper et al 2007 “Did ‘Targets and Terror’ Reduce Waiting Times in England for Hospital Care?” *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*, vol 8, issue 2, 25pp. <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/compo/publications/papers/2007/wp179.pdf>

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Light, Donald, “Will the NHS Strategic Plan Benefit Patients?” *BMJ* 26 July 2008, vol 337 pp 210 –+ **Larissa Estes**
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Quality and-performance

Steinbrook, Robert “Saying No Isn’t NICE – The Travails of Britain’s National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence” *NEJM* November 6, 2008 vol 359, # 19. **Percetta Curl**
<http://content.nejm.org.www5.sph.uth.tmc.edu:2048/cgi/reprint/359/19/1977.pdf>

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http://www.commonwealthfund.org/usr_doc/Anderson_hltcarespendinfotechOEC_D_itl.pdf?section=4039

Chantler, et al "Information Technology in the English National Health Service" JAMA, November 8, 2006 (296, #18) **Jen Kim**

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Canada (resource person is Dr. M. David Low)

[Themes: US views of the Canadian health system, waiting lists, private care in Canada,]

Readings:

Background and General Introduction

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<http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/reprint/26/4/1078?maxtoshow=&HITS=10&hits=10&RESULTFORMAT=&author1=willcox&andorexactfulltext=and&searchid=1&FIRSTINDEX=0&resourcetype=HWCIT> Michael Beel

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http://www.policyalternatives.ca/documents/National_Office_Pubs/2005/Health_Care_Waitlists.pdf

Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHRS) “Manage Waits Centrally”
March 2008 and please see the references linked at the end of the article at
http://www.chrsf.ca/mythbusters/html/boost13_e.php

Schoen et al “Taking the Pulse of Health Care Systems: Experiences of Patients with
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US perspective on the Canadian health system

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New Zealand, Special Resource Person, Dr. Robin Gauld,

Dr. Gauld will be the SPH colloquium speaker at **noon March 16th** – please attend as the topic is relevant for this class session later in the same day. Title: “New Zealand’s primary health care reforms: a messy reality or work in progress?”. He will give a brief overview of the NZ health care system, then discuss the Alma Ata-inspired primary care reforms in more detail including the politics of the changes enacted by the government, the processes and impacts of the changes, some of the organizational implications, and the policy challenges ahead for New Zealand”.

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Spain, (Guest Resource-Person - George Delclos, MD, SPH, assisted by Bernard Useche)

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- 3) Comments by Dr. Delclos & general discussion

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The Netherlands (Guest Resource-Person – Christiaan Lako, PhD, Nijmegen University, Netherlands)

[Themes of the articles: health system reform, privatization of health insurance, after hours health care, cost containment]

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