

Challenges in Health Care Financing and Provision

The Nordic Economic Policy Review Conference on
Economics of Health Care

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Ministry of Economic Affairs

You are cordially invited to the Nordic Economic Policy Review conference on challenges in health care financing and provision to be held in Reykjavík on Monday May 7th 2012.

The conference will take place at the new music hall and conference centre Harpa, Austurbakki 2 Reykjavík. Participants are requested to register in advance. The conference room, Kaldalón, can seat maximum 195 persons. Participation fee which includes lunch and coffee will be 25 euros.

Please register at the Ministry of Economic Affairs webpage, <http://eng.efnahagsraduneyti.is/subjects/conference/>.

Sincerely,

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Conference Programme

- 8.30 – 8.50 Registration and coffee
8.50 – 9.00 Welcome address by Steingrímur J. Sigfússon, Minister of Economic Affairs
Chair: Sverre Kittelsen, Ragnar Frisch Centre for Economic Research (Norway)
9.00 – 9.45 Kristian Bolin (Lund University, Sweden): Lifestyle, health and medical care costs.
Discussant: Tinna Laufey Ásgeirsdóttir, University of Iceland.
9.45 – 10.30 Terkel Christiansen and Jørgen Trankjær Lauridsen (University of Southern Denmark): Ageing populations: more care or just later?
Discussants: Anna Lilja Gunnarsdóttir, Ministry of Welfare
Snæfríður Baldvinsdóttir, University of Bifröst, Iceland
10.30 – 11.00 Coffee
11.00 – 11.45 Dag Morten Dalen (BI Norwegian Business School): Can pharmaceutical costs be curbed?
Discussant: Helgi Tómasson, University of Iceland
11.45 – 12.30 Randall P. Ellis (Boston University): Caring for people with chronic diseases: the economics of patient-centered medical homes (PCMH) in the US.
Discussant: Jørgen Trankjær Lauridsen, University of Southern Denmark.
12.30 -13.30 Lunch
Chair: Tor Iversen, Institute of Health and Society (Norway)
13.30 – 14.15 Helmuth Cremer (Toulouse School of Economics), Gregory Ponthiere (Paris School of Economics) and Pierre Pestieau (Université de Liège, Belgium): The economics of long-term care: a survey.
Discussant: Þórólfur Matthíasson, University of Iceland.
14.15 – 15.00 Clas Rehnberg (Karolinska institutet, Sweden): Productivity differences in Nordic hospitals: Can we learn from Finland?
Discussant: Þorvaldur Gylfason, University of Iceland.
15.00 – 15.30 Coffee
15.30 – 16.15 Luigi Siciliani (University of York, England): An economic assessment of non-price rationing versus price rationing of health care.
Discussant: To be confirmed.
16.15 – 17.00 Peter C. Smith (Imperial College, England): The role of primary health care in controlling the cost of specialist health care.
Discussant: Helgi Tómasson, University of Iceland
17.00 – 17.20- Concluding comments by Björn Zoega, Director of National Hospital and Guðbjartur Hannesson, Minister of Welfare

