



Priority for the reform of Australia's Health Reform

Presented by

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This seminar reviews issues that have been, and should be on the agenda, for the reform of the Australian health care system.

It is argued that a number of the most widely discussed issues have little real significance for health or social objectives. These include private health insurance, the ageing of the population and the affordability of Medicare by the nation or by the government. The last two issues in particular have been the subject of widespread disinformation.

Large and relatively neglected issues include technology and its proactive assessment and diffusion, the equity of the system, the coherence and coordination of the major sub-systems and, dominating all these reforms, the quality and safety of healthcare. These issues have been overlooked to the point of criminal negligence.

Reform principles are briefly discussed.

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Jeff Richardson is a Professor in the Faculty of Business and Economics at Monash University and Foundation Director of its Centre for Health Economics. He is an Adjunct Associate of Stanford University and Honorary Professor at the University of South Australia. His research interests have included comparisons of international health care systems and health system reform, the econometric modelling of hospital and medical supply, demand and medical fees, cost-effectiveness and cost-utility analysis, the effects of privatisation and regulation in the health sector, health care technology and its diffusion, and the modelling of quality of life with multi-attribute utility instruments. Professor Richardson has worked with the World Health Organization, the Australian Development Assistance Bureau and the Rockefeller Foundation and chaired the recent review of the Tasmanian Hospital System.

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