

# Centre for Health Economics

## Seminar Series

### 'Productivity Analysis in Health Care'

Presented by

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Productivity analysis of health care systems, services, and providers increasingly is being conducted and applied by economists and other researchers around the world. Yet application of these results by governments, health plans, and individual provider groups has been patchy and inconsistent. Much of the reason for this has been the growth of technical methods from the management science and econometrics literature that has not always paid attention to the needs and context of decision-makers. This presentation will address these issues in the context of efficiency based methods of productivity analysis, inefficiency measurement based methods of productivity analysis, and explaining health outcomes / inefficiency in order to recommend process improvement to improve those outcomes.

#### **Presenter**

James Burgess is an Associate Professor of Health Services, Boston University School of Public Health. He is a health economist with over 15 years of extensive health care management, research, and educational experience putting health services research into practice in diverse settings. Jim also serves the field as a founding co-editor of the electronic Health Economics Letters, the first fully electronic peer reviewed journal in health economics, and as a founding co-editor of the International Health Economics Association News, the monthly newsletter of the worldwide association of health economists.

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