The Third Annual Global Health Economics Consortium Colloquium: Valuing Health

Friday, February 12, 2016
8:30 am–5:00 pm
UCSF Mission Bay
Genentech Hall
Byers Auditorium

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In a world where policymakers, donors, and payers are increasingly cost-sensitive, what is the best way to measure returns on investments in health? What are the metrics used to value health, how do they relate to each other, and how can we best coordinate them to create a coherent and powerful approach? What are the drawbacks of the World Health Organization’s cost-effectiveness thresholds? How do considerations beyond efficiency, such as disparities and financial protection, fit into the discussion? What are the implications for this issue of the global rise of non-communicable diseases?

This engaging and interactive colloquium brings together researchers, policymakers, and trainees to address the challenges and opportunities in the field of global health economics and the processes used to value health.

8:30 am–8:35 am  Welcome Dhruv Kazi, UCSF
8:35 am–8:50 am  Opening Remarks
James G. Kahn, Director, UCSF Global Health Economics Consortium
Douglas Owens, Director, Center for Health Policy and Center for Primary Care and Outcomes Research, Stanford University
Stefano Bertozzi, Dean, UC Berkeley School of Public Health
8:50 am–9:10 am  Cost-Effectiveness in Action
A Case Study of a CEA that Informed Policy Douglas Owens, Stanford University
9:15 pm–10:45 pm  Panel Discussion—Efficiency Metrics: What Works?
Moderator: Stefano Bertozzi, UC Berkeley
What’s Wrong with WHO Thresholds? Elliot Marseille, Health Strategies International
Efficiency Assessment of Foreign Assistance in Health Eran Bendavid, Stanford University
How Do We Value Time? Wendy Max, UCSF
Alternative Approaches to Valuing Health Joseph Babigumira, University of Washington
10:45 am–11:00 am  Coffee Break
11:00 am–12:15 pm  Keynote: From Theory to Influence—Adapting Economic Evaluations to Support Decisions
Mark Sculpher, Professor, Centre for Health Economics, University of York; Member, Second Panel on Cost-Effectiveness in Health and Medicine; Former President, International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research
Using insights from the United Kingdom and elsewhere, this talk will highlight challenges to ensuring that health economic evaluations inform real-world decision-making, and explore practical implications for policymakers hoping to improve resource allocation.
12:15 pm–1:15 pm  Networking Lunch (Gourmet boxed lunches)
1:15 pm–2:45 pm  Panel Discussion: Beyond Efficiency: Equity, Financial Protection, and Healthcare Budgets
Moderators: Carol Levin, University of Washington; Justin White, UCSF
Can Health Economics Help Address Disparities in Health? Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo, UCSF
Extending Cost-Effectiveness Analysis to Equity and Financial Protection Stephane Verguet, Harvard University
Protecting Healthcare Budgets Rick Chapman, Institute for Clinical & Economic Review
Social Impact of Improved Resource Allocation Juan Lozano, Mexican Institute of Social Security
2:45 pm–3:45 pm  Future Directions in Valuing Health: Implications for Policy
Moderator: Dean Jamison, UCSF; Janelle Downing, UC Berkeley
Paths to Universal Health Coverage Neelam Feachem, UCSF
Options for Setting Priorities in Global Health James G. Kahn, UCSF
Improving the Performance of National Health Systems José Antonio González Anaya, Mexican Institute of Social Security
3:45 pm–4:00 pm  Closing Remarks Dhruv Kazi, UCSF
4:00 pm  Reception