



Health Economics in Russia: past, present and future?

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Health Economists address a unique and fascinating scope of questions, including:

- To what extent can life (and death) be subjected to economic analysis?
- What are the costs and benefits of health care policies and interventions and how can we measure them?
- How do lifestyle choices impact on health and health care systems and how can policy influence those choices?
- How can policy makers strike the right balance between efficiency and equity?

We live in a world in which resources for health and health care are limited and difficult choices have to be made among competing options. While at the system level **Health Performance Metrics** have been developed to inform resource allocation, in most developed countries **Health Technology Assessment (HTA)** is used to inform clinical and economic decision making in health care interventions, and to do so draws considerably on the expertise of a highly trained cadre of health economists that emerge from the educational programmes in Health Economics offered in Europe, America and elsewhere. In theory, through HTA and its component parts (including the evolving science of **Health Outcome Valuation**), policy makers, clinicians and other stakeholders can be guided towards optimising their decision making within an accountable framework.

In other areas, health economists work on diverse topics (e.g. health behaviours, hospital reimbursement schemes, health production and demand, willingness to pay) exploiting the seminal insights of Kenneth Arrow (1963) who first drew the conceptual distinction between health and other goods and so gave rise to **Health Economics** as an emerging sub-discipline of economics. The work of health economists since that time has provided important theoretical and empirical insights that have contributed to the development of economics more generally, particularly in the areas of uncertainty, information and behavioural economics.

While, in the 50 years since Arrow's insights, Health Economics has developed rapidly in Western Europe, North America and in Australasia, it still has great potential for development in the countries of the Former Soviet Union. In Russia, a Health Technology Assessment initiative is now emerging, but does so in the context of a Higher Education curriculum with scarcely any Health Economics and little by way of publication in the international Health Economics literature of Russian origin.

In this workshop, we assess the state of Health Economics in Russia and make the case for its enhancement, development and prioritising in the system of education and research, as well as for collaboration with clinicians, policy makers and other stakeholders both nationally and internationally. We argue that this should be a core part of Russian development and modernisation and will propose the establishment of a Russian Health Economics Association.

Schedule

- 10.30 – 11.00: Registration and coffee (Room 247)
- 11.00 – 11.05: Welcoming remarks (*TBC*)
- 11.05 – 11.20: Introduction (Christopher Gerry, HSE St. Petersburg)
- 11.20 – 12.00: Keynote address I: “*Health Technology Assessment in Russia*” (Vitalii Omelianovskii)
- 12.10 – 12.50: Work in progress: “*Russian Health Economics in the International Context*” (Yulia Chernyenko, Paul Kind and Judy Wright)
- 13.00 – 13.40: “*Development potential for 21st Century decision-making*” (Paul Kind)
- 13.40 – 14.40: *LUNCH (Provided in HSE canteen)*
- 14.45 – 16.00: Health Economics in Russia: short position statements
- Valery Denisov (MAHЭБ / IASES)
 - Alexandra Glazkova (Biocad, Biopharmaceutical Company)
 - Andrey Ivanov (St. Petersburg Graduate School of Management)
 - Igor Sheiman (HSE, Moscow)
 - Sergei Shishkin (HSE, Moscow)
 - Evgeny Yakovlev (New Economic School)
- 16.00 – 17.00: Round-table discussion: Developing Health Economics

<i>Research</i>	<i>Education</i>
The role of HTA	Which levels? Which language?
Prospects for Health Outcome Measurement	What focus?
Which subjects of health economics research are of interest to International journals?	Cross-sector?
The problem of multi-disciplinarity and cross-sector collaboration: which stakeholders, how?	Higher Education partnerships in Health Economics: national and international

- 17.00: Close of workshop

There is no fee for attending this workshop but space is limited so registration is essential. To register please email ssverchkova@hse.ru.

Venue:
Room 247
HSE University in Saint Petersburg, 3 Kantemirovskaya Street, Saint Petersburg