

Invited Speaker Seminar



Speaker: Michele Cecchini, MD, MSc.

Health economist / policy analyst,
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Host:

Prof David MATCHAR, MD

Professor and Director
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DATE	VENUE	TIME
17/07/2013, Wed 19/07/2013, Fri	Duke-NUS Amphitheatre, Level 2	10:00am – 11:00am 9:00am – 10:00am

About the Lecture:

The OECD and the Economics of Prevention

Governments have intervened in a variety of ways to tackle chronic diseases linked to unhealthy behaviors such as obesity, smoking and alcohol consumption. However, such efforts were severely limited by the lack of evidence on the effectiveness, the efficiency and the distributional impact of policy options. This presentation provides an overview of the research carried out in the Health Division of the OECD to examine the characteristics, the costs and the relative success of the most commonly used approaches (e.g. health promotion, regulation, fiscal policies) in improving health outcomes and social disparities in health. In particular, the talk will be focused on the presentation of the CDP-obesity and the CDP-alcohol micro-simulation models. The speaker will discuss both the methodological approach and key results for a number of OECD and BRICS countries. The final part of the presentation will outline future work and developments.

About the Speaker:

Michele Cecchini is a health economist/policy analyst in the OECD Health Division, where he has been working on the Economics of Prevention project since 2007. In particular, he contributed to the design of the CDP micro-simulation models and conducted analyses aimed at assessing the cost-effectiveness and distributional impacts of alternative strategies to tackle risk factors, especially physical inactivity and unhealthy diet, linked to obesity and related chronic diseases. He also contributed to the analysis of past trends and future projections of overweight and obesity.

After obtaining a degree in Medicine and Surgery at the University of Genoa, Michele completed his specialist training in Public Health at the University of Siena. He also obtained a masters degree in health policy, planning and financing from the London School of Economics and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

All are welcome

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