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Doctors are obviously influential in determining the costs of their services. But even more important, many believe, is the influence physicians have over the use and cost of nonphysician health-care resources and services. *Doctors and Their Workshops* is the first comprehensive attempt to use economic analysis to understand some of the physician effects on nonphysician aspects of health care.

In this thesis we examine the overlooked issue of vertical equity in health care delivery. This principle requires that individuals with unequal needs receive appropriately unequal treatment. Most analyses of equity in health care delivery focus only on horizontal equity, i.e. the principle of equal treatment for equal needs. Therefore, the aim of this thesis is to assess and refine the techniques to investigate vertical inequity, and to offer evidence about vertical equity in the English health care system. The extent of inequalities in health is first investigated. We find persistent inequalities in health in England. We then illustrate the methods widely used in the literature to explore horizontal inequity in health care and highlight a major limitation; these studies ignore the possibility that the estimated differential treatment received by individuals with different needs is inappropriate. In order to identify the methods used to date to measure vertical equity we review the empirical literature. The most comprehensive techniques identified focused on the socioeconomic dimension of vertical inequity. We illustrate these techniques and suggest an extension to this measure that takes into account the full distribution of needs in a population. We apply our suggested methods to measure inequity in individual level and in area level health care provision in England. The optimal variation of

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health care with variation in needs is estimated based on subgroups less likely to be affected by unmet needs. The findings of this thesis indicate that there is vertical inequity in detriment to socioeconomic deprived groups and, to a larger extent, in detriment to those with larger needs. We show that including vertical inequity aspects may lead us to draw different conclusions about the nature and extent of inequity. Therefore, conclusions about inequities in health care are extensively being made on the basis of incomplete information.

ÔThe Elgar Companion to Health Economics is a comprehensive and accessible look at the field, as seen by its leading figures.Õ Æ Joseph Newhouse, Harvard Medical School, US Acclaim for the first edition: ÔThis Companion is a timely addition. . . It contains 50 chapters, from 90 contributors around the world, on the topical and policy-relevant aspects of health economics. . . there is a balanced coverage of theoretical and empirical materials, and conceptual and practical issues. . . I have found the Companion very useful.Õ Æ Sukhan Jackson, Economic Analysis and Policy ÔThis encyclopedic work provides interested readers with an authoritative and comprehensive overview of many, if not all, of the current research issues in health economics. Highly recommended. Upper-level undergraduates and above.Õ Æ R.M. Mullner, Choice This comprehensive collection brings together more than 50 contributions from some of the most influential researchers in health economics. It authoritatively covers theoretical and empirical issues in health economics, with a balanced range of material on equity and efficiency in health care systems, health technology assessment and issues of concern for developing countries. This thoroughly revised second edition is expanded to include four new chapters, while all existing chapters have been extensively updated. The Elgar Companion to Health Economics, Second Edition intends to

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take an audience of advanced undergraduates, postgraduates and researchers to the current frontier of research by providing concise and readable introductions to key topics.

This is a reprint of a 1998 work published by Springer. It presents an analysis of the health care industry, recounting its success and failures in terms of market forces. Greenberg (health economics and health care science, George Washington U.) pays particular attention to the existing employer-ba

In this time of economic downturn, it is becoming increasingly important for organizations, including those in public health, to prove their worth, to show the value in improvement strategies. Health agencies have learned to discuss impact in terms of health outcome and mortality morbidity measures. However, it is critical that these impacts are also expressed in a way that shows cost efficiency and economic benefit especially for promising, evidence based public health interventions. Although several methods of economic evaluation including cost effective analysis, cost utility analysis, or cost benefit analysis and return on investment have been used in social sciences and health research, fewer examples are found in public health systems research. This dissertation explores common methods for financially quantifying value in public health system change, and these methods are used to assess cost benefit in a real world example: the development of the Center for Community Health, an academic-public health partnership anchored in the University of Rochester Medical Center. The value of the University's investment in public health is analyzed by quantifying the costs and benefits of the Center. A multi methods, retrospective analysis of this naturally occurring experiment was conducted including collecting revenue data and expenses data over time, as well as interviewing key informants to quantify the Center's contribution to the Essential Services of a

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public health department With the University's annual contribution of around \$1 million, the CCH has accumulated a \$6.5 million annual budget within 6 years. This has resulted in an expanded public health workforce of 60 individuals and increased essential public health services delivered to the community including surveillance, research, policy investment, cancer screenings, prevention programs, and individual counseling. In addition to the increased budget and shifting to extramural funding, the CCH has achieved cost effectiveness through disease prevention through programs and services. This work serves as a practical and duplicable example for public health practitioners and systems researchers of how economic analysis of system change can be done. An analytical framework is presented, as well as a discussion of barriers and shortcomings for measuring value in public health interventions. As public accountability has increased and resources have become scarcer, public health, like clinical medicine, has been forced to re-examine the benefits and costs of its activities. Decision and economic analysis are basic tools in carrying out that mission. These methods have become standard practice in clinical medicine and health services research. This book , now in its second edition, was written in an effort to apply and adapt that experience with public health situations. The book was originally written to introduce Centers for Disease Control and Prevention staff to the concepts of decision and economic analysis, to provide guidance on methods to maximize comparability of studies, and to provide access to frequently used reference information. It has been adapted to meet the needs of scientists and managers in state and local health departments and managed care organizations as well as students in schools of public health and clinicians for an introductory text --a text that shows how these methods can be applied in population-based practice, to facilitate better comparability of

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studies, and to solidify understanding of the scientific basis for use of these tools in decision making. Decision makers will learn how these studies are conducted so they can be critical consumers-- understanding the strengths and limitations- and apply findings to policy and practice. The second edition updates and expands upon the standard methodology for conducting prevention effectiveness analyses. Each chapter has been revised or re-written. The chapters on measuring effectiveness, decision analysis, and making information useful for decision makers as well as several appendices are entirely new.

The Handbook of Health Economics provide an up-to-date survey of the burgeoning literature in health economics. As a relatively recent subdiscipline of economics, health economics has been remarkably successful. It has made or stimulated numerous contributions to various areas of the main discipline: the theory of human capital; the economics of insurance; principal-agent theory; asymmetric information; econometrics; the theory of incomplete markets; and the foundations of welfare economics, among others. Perhaps it has had an even greater effect outside the field of economics, introducing terms such as opportunity cost, elasticity, the margin, and the production function into medical parlance. Indeed, health economists are likely to be as heavily cited in the clinical as in the economics literature. Partly because of the large share of public resources that health care commands in almost every developed country, health policy is often a contentious and visible issue; elections have sometimes turned on issues of health policy. Showing the versatility of economic theory, health economics and health economists have usually been part of policy debates, despite the vast differences in medical care institutions across countries. The publication of the first Handbook of Health Economics marks another step in the evolution of health economics.

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GM demonstrates the ways in which economic analysis is vital to health service policy making, whatever the nature of the health care system. He examines the basis for different health care markets and confronts the problems of first, determining and measuring the output of the health care sector, and second, valuation of these output. Health needs cannot always be met in a world of scarce resources. The medical profession can no longer afford to ignore economic realities which create choices fundamental to human welfare. GM examines the central concerns of medical ethics and equity. Both tend to conflict with efficiency, and while that may be acceptable in the case of equity, doubt is expressed about the appropriateness of the inefficiencies created by medical ethics.

Fundamental Economic Principles, Methods, and Tools for Addressing Human Systems Integration Issues and Tradeoffs Human Systems Integration (HSI) is a new and fundamental integrating discipline designed to help move business and engineering cultures toward more human-centered systems. Integrating consideration of human abilities, limitations, and preferences into engineering systems yields important cost and performance benefits that otherwise would not have been accomplished. In order for this new discipline to be effective, however, a cultural change—starting with organizational leadership—is often necessary. The Economics of Human Systems Integration explains the difficulties underlying valuation of investments in people's training and education, safety and health, and work productivity. It provides an overview of how the field of economics addresses these difficulties, focusing on human issues associated with design, development, production, operations, maintenance, and sustainment of complex systems. The set of thought leaders recruited as contributors to this volume collectively provides a compelling set of data and principles for assessing the

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economic value of investing in people, not just in general but in specific investment situations. The early chapters provide the contexts for HSI and investment analysis, illustrating the enormous difference context makes in how issues are best framed and analyzed. A host of practical methods and tools for investment valuation are then presented. Provided are: A variety of real-world applications of economic analysis ranging from military acquisition and automotive investment to healthcare and high-tech investments in general, in both the U.S. and abroad A range of economics-based methods and tools for cost analysis, cost-benefit analysis, and investment analysis, as well as sources of data for performing such analyses Differing perspectives on economic decision-making, including a range of private sector points of view, as well as government and regulatory perspectives In addition, five real-world case studies illustrate how such valuations have been done and their major impacts on investment decisions. HSI professionals, systems engineers, and finance professionals who address investment analysis will appreciate the wide range of methods and real-life applications; senior undergraduates and masters-level graduate students will find this to be an excellent textbook that provides theory and supports practice.

Economic Evaluation in Genomic and Precision Medicine provides an in-depth examination of essential concepts, protocols and applications of economic evaluation in genomic and precision medicine. Contributions from leading international medical geneticists and health economists compile new ways to effectively assess the costs and outcomes of different genomic care pathways, implement cost-effective medical interventions, and enhance the value of genomic and precision healthcare. Foundational chapters and discipline-specific case studies cover topics ranging from the economic analysis of genomic trial design, to health

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technology assessment of next-generation sequencing, ethical aspects, economic policy in genomic medicine, and pricing and reimbursement in clinical genomics. Introduces clinicians, researchers and students to essential concepts, protocols and applications of economic evaluation in genomic and precision medicine Demonstrates, through foundational chapters and discipline-specific case studies, how to assess the relative costs and outcomes of different genomic care pathways and implement cost-effective budgets Establishes clear precedents on how genomic technologies can be leveraged to simultaneously reduce costs and enhance the value of healthcare Features contributions from leading international medical geneticists and health economists that are actively evolved in economic assessments of genomic and precision medicine

This book provides a robust set of health economic principles and methods to inform societal decisions in relation to research, reimbursement and regulation (pricing and monitoring of performance in practice). We provide a theoretical and practical framework that navigates to avoid common biases and suboptimal outcomes observed in recent and current practice of health economic analysis, as opposed to claiming to be comprehensive in covering all methods. Our aim is to facilitate efficient health system decision making processes in research, reimbursement and regulation, which promote constrained optimisation of community outcomes from a societal perspective given resource constraints, available technology and processes of technology assessment. Importantly, this includes identifying an efficient process to maximize the potential that arises from research and pricing in relation to existing technology under uncertainty, given current evidence and associated opportunity costs of investment. Principles and methods are identified and illustrated across health promotion,

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prevention and palliative care settings as well as treatment settings. Health policy implications are also highlighted.

Health and medical professionals rely on Getzen for its engaging introduction to the economic analysis of medical markets. It is updated with the latest information in the field including a detailed look at health care reform and the emergence of Barack Obama's plan. The developing health care system in China is covered to provide a more global perspective. Investment cases along with a look at the ROI of specialty medical education are also presented. And new C-B and CEA case studies help health and medical professionals see how to effectively apply the principles and concepts.

Why is it, asks economist Greenberg, that when automobile or videocassette sales are up, everyone is happy, but when the health-care industry grows, everyone is unhappy? His application of a standard economic analysis of industrial organizations points out how health care differs from and resembles other sectors. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

Als Indiana Jones econoom zou zijn, zou hij Steven Levitt heten. Freakonomics leest als een detective. Wall Street Journal Wat is gevaarlijker: een pistool of een zwembad? Wat hebben sumoworstelaars en schoolmeesters gemeen? En waarom wonen drugsdealers bij hun moeder? Het zijn vragen die je niet gauw van een econoom zou verwachten. Maar Steven Levitt is geen typische econoom. In Freakonomics onderzoekt hij met co-auteur Stephen Dubner de verborgen kant van de dingen om ons heen. De geheimen van de Klu Klux Klan, bijvoorbeeld. Of de waarheid over vastgoedmakelaars. En, stelt hij, heeft het dalen van de misdaadcijfers in plaats van met een goed draaiende economie niet eigenlijk alles te maken

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met de legalisering van abortus? Freakonomics is het leukste en verhelderendste boek over economie dat je je kunt voorstellen. Een mix van essentiële feiten en een meeslepende vertelling, die onze blik op de moderne wereld voorgoed verandert en verscherpt. `Een fascinerend en belangrijk boek, leesbaar, compact en barstensvol informatie over de wereld om ons heen. Wie dit boek over de raadsels van het alledaagse leven heeft gelezen moet wel concluderen: economie is belangrijk, interessant en erg leuk. de Volkskrant `Levitt stelt ongewone vragen en geeft provocatieve antwoorden. Slim, precies en tot in detail. New York Times

Technological change in healthcare has led to huge improvements in health services and the health status of populations. It is also pinpointed as the main driver of healthcare expenditure. Although offering remarkable benefits, changes in technology are not free and often entail significant financial, as well as physical or social risks. These need to be balanced out in the setting of government regulations, insurance contracts, and individuals' decisions to use and consume certain technologies. With this in mind, this book addresses the following important objectives: to provide a detailed analysis of what technological change is; to identify drivers of innovation in several healthcare areas; to present existing mechanisms and processes for ensuring and valuing efficiency and development in the use of medical technologies; and to analyse the impact of advances in medical technology on health, healthcare expenditure, and health insurance. Each of the seventeen chapters summarizes an important issue concerning the innovation debate and contributes to a better understanding of the role innovation has both at the macro level and at the delivery (meso) and micro level in the healthcare sector. The effectiveness of innovation in improving people's welfare depends on its diffusion and inception

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by the relevant agents in the health production process, and this book recognizes the multi-faceted contribution of policy makers, regulators, managers, technicians, consumers and patients to this technology change. This book offers the first truly global economic analysis of healthcare technologies, taking the subject beyond simply economic evaluation, and exploring the behavioural aspects, organization and incentives for new technology developments, and the adoption and diffusion of these technologies.

Economic Analysis and Evaluation of Health Care  
Methods for the Economic Evaluation of Health Care Programmes  
Oxford University Press

CLAUDE JEAN RENAUD NILS SOGUEL Smoking is a very common habit all over the world. The prevalence rate ranges from 20% - 40% in industrialised countries, and is dramatically increasing in the developing world. Smoking is risky and there is ample scientific evidence to support this statement. We know that smoking is a major cause of disease and premature death, in view of the fact that 3 million people die each year worldwide as a result of their smoking habit. Twenty years ago, the U. S. Surgeon General identified smoking as the single most important cause of morbidity and premature death (USDHEW, 1979). Tobacco consumption reduces life expectancy vastly. Epidemiological research shows that people who have died from a smoking-related disease would, on average, have lived for an additional 15 years had they not been smokers (Warner, 1987). The economic analysis of tobacco consumption is a complex and challenging issue, which entails addressing many different questions. What is the economic burden of smoking and do smokers "pay their way"? How do individuals perceive their own health risks? What is the effect of the addicting properties of nicotine on the behaviour of a rational, utility maximizing individual? Lastly, what is the most

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effective way to discourage tobacco consumption? In this context, the assessment of the social burden of smoking using a cost-of-illness framework has played a central role since the beginning of the seventies.

This 2005 book analyzes how natural resources, social infrastructure, and institutions might be optimally sustained.

Series Editor: Michael Rigby This completely up-to-date resource equips readers with practical tools to understand and apply health economic methods. It introduces the key economic tools and the data available that can assist an economic decision and covers a range of areas from primary care and national data to global indicators of health. The information presented is applicable to all economic issues - at individual practice or nationwide policy level. *Harnessing Information for Health Economics Analysis* is a vital handbook for all clinicians, managers, and policy makers and shapers who make decisions about planning, commissioning and delivering healthcare. It will also be of great value to health economists, and postgraduate students in health economics and related disciplines.

The increasing demand for health care and advances in healthcare technologies has exacerbated the present shortage of health personnel. In response to these changes, physicians may choose to offer their services elsewhere. *Labor and Health Economics in the Mediterranean Region: Migration and Mobility of Medical Doctors* addresses the mobility of physicians in the Mediterranean region within a global context, focusing on the role mobility has played in the global health system in both developed and developing economies. Besides universities and researchers, public and private medical practitioners and agencies can make use of this book to further their knowledge of the changing healthcare industry.

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The purpose of economic evaluation is to inform decisions intended to improve healthcare. The new edition of *Methods for the Economic Evaluation of Health Care Programmes* equips the reader with the necessary tools and understanding required to undertake evaluations by providing an outline of key principles and a 'tool kit' based on the authors' own experiences of undertaking economic evaluations. Building on the strength of the previous edition, the accessible writing style ensures the text is key reading for the non-expert reader, as no prior knowledge of economics is required. The book employs a critical appraisal framework, which is useful both to researchers conducting studies and to decision-makers assessing them. Practical examples are provided throughout to aid learning and understanding. The book discusses the analytical and policy challenges that face health systems in seeking to allocate resources efficiently and fairly. New chapters include 'Principles of economic evaluation' and 'Making decisions in healthcare' which introduces the reader to core issues and questions about resource allocation, and provides an understanding of the fundamental principles which guide decision making. A key part of evidence-based decision making is the analysis of all the relevant evidence to make informed decisions and policy. The new chapter 'Identifying, synthesising and analysing evidence' highlights the importance of systematic review, and how and why these methods are used. As methods of analysis continue to develop, the chapter on 'Characterising, reporting and interpreting uncertainty' introduces the reader to recent methods of analysis and why characterizing uncertainty matters for health care decisions. The fourth edition of *Methods for the Economic Evaluation of Health Care Programmes* has been thoroughly revised and updated, making it essential reading for anyone commissioning, undertaking, or using economic evaluations in health care, including health service

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professionals, health economists, and health care decision makers.

Health economics is concerned with the evaluation of the effectiveness of health care, particularly by examining the social opportunity costs of alternative forms of treatment. The peculiar nature of the market for health care – that doctors have a major influence on both supply and demand - has attracted attention, as has the study of the options available for financing such services. *Economic Analysis in Health Care* provides a comprehensive coverage of both the economics of health care systems and the evaluation of health care technologies. It has been written as a core textbook for advanced undergraduate and postgraduate students with knowledge of economic analysis and will appeal to an international audience. Adopts an international perspective, using examples and case studies from the UK, the rest of Europe, and other countries. Contains detailed exposition of the economic theory alongside relevant examples and applications Focuses on both market-related and economic evaluation aspects of health economics (some books focus purely on market-related aspects) Strong author team with very broad experience of writing and teaching health economics

The efficient functioning of the livestock sector, encompassing all facets of input supply, production, processing and marketing, is critical for food security and safety. This book draws on both extensive literature and experience in animal health economics and livestock issues in Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America. It provides comprehensive coverage of the history of livestock and animal health economics, theory and tools for the economics of animal health and production, a review of the application of economics to animal diseases and health problems, and worldwide examples of economic analysis and policy making.

Op eenvoudige vragen over wereldwijde trends geven we systematisch de verkeerde

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antwoorden. In Feitenkennis legt hoogleraar Internationale Gezondheid en Hans Rosling uit waarom dit gebeurt. 'Een van de belangrijkste boeken die ik ooit heb gelezen.' Bill Gates 'Iedereen zou dit boek moeten lezen.' de Volkskrant Op eenvoudige vragen over wereldwijde trends geven we systematisch de verkeerde antwoorden. In Feitenkennis legt hoogleraar Internationale Gezondheid en wereldfenomeen Hans Rosling uit waarom dit gebeurt. Hij presenteert daarbij tien redenen en komt zo met een radicaal nieuwe verklaring. Ons probleem is dat we niet weten wat we niet weten, en dat zelfs onze gissingen gebaseerd zijn op vooroordelen. Het blijkt dat onze wereld in een veel betere staat verkeert dan we denken. Feitenkennis zit boordevol anekdotes, aangrijpende verhalen en Roslings kenmerkende grafieken. Het is een inspirerend, onthullend en essentieel boek dat de manier waarop je de wereld ziet compleet zal veranderen. 'Feitenkennis zorgt ervoor dat je zowel meer realistisch als meer hoopvol naar de wereld kijkt. Een geweldig en belangrijk boek.' Ionica Smeets 'Zijn laatste boek over denkfouten zou iedereen moeten lezen.' Martijn van Calmthout

This anthology provides an in-depth analysis and discusses the issues surrounding nudging and its use in legislation, regulation, and policy making more generally. The 17 essays in this anthology provide startling insights into the multifaceted debate surrounding the use of nudges in European Law and Economics. Nudging is a tool aimed at altering people's behaviour in a predictable way without forbidding any option or significantly changing economic incentives. It can be used to help people make better decisions to influence human behaviour without forcing them because they can opt out. Its use has sparked lively debates in academia as well as in the public sphere. This book explores who decides which behaviour is desired. It looks at whether or not the state has sufficient information for debiasing, and if there are clear-cut

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boundaries between paternalism, manipulation and indoctrination. The first part of this anthology discusses the foundations of nudging theory and the problems associated, as well as outlining possible solutions to the problems raised. The second part is devoted to the wide scope of applications of nudges from contract law, tax law and health claim regulations, among others. This volume is a result of the flourishing annual Law and Economics Conference held at the law faculty of the University of Lucerne. The conferences have been instrumental in establishing a strong and ever-growing Law and Economics movement in Europe, providing unique insights in the challenges faced by Law and Economics when applied in European legal traditions.

Places the issues and economic analysis of the health care industry in the context of market forces driving the industry, including negotiated markets, managed care, and the growing influence of oligopolies. This work is designed as a primary text for courses in health care economics and policy analysis.

These lectures review the research and experience on the subject of health care economy. The author also sets down a moderately rigorous statement of the economic concepts underlying the kind of competition that he regards as the most promising way to achieve a reasonable degree of equity and efficiency in health care. The first lecture is on the public policy goals of health care financing and delivery and discusses efficiency in health care. The second presents an economic analysis of the systems for organizing and financing medical care systems in the United States. The third lecture is about "managed competition", and the fourth reviews American experience with efforts to convert from the traditional system to a competitive system. The book is addressed primarily to economists, health policy makers and

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health services researchers. It explains how market forces may be managed in pursuit of equity and efficiency in health care. It addresses systematically many of the causes of market failure and proposes a strategy ("managed competition") for overcoming them. It should be of interest to policy makers in any country interested in incentives for more efficient health care delivery. It should also be very useful supplemental reading for courses in health care economics.

Aggregation of micro production functions; Efficiency distributions and the nature of aggregate production functions; Empirical examinations of the efficiency distribution; Numerical exercises with aggregate production functions; Economy wide aggregation.

The increasing resistance of bacteria to antibiotics, and pests to pesticides, threatens to undo some of the most remarkable advances made in public health and agriculture during the past century. Though the potential consequences of increased antibiotic and pesticide resistance are far reaching, regulatory efforts to address the problem are at a very early stage. *Battling Resistance to Antibiotics and Pesticides* moves such discussions forward by presenting cutting edge research and the first comprehensive application of economic tools to analyze how antibiotics and pesticides should be used to maximize their value to society. Laxminarayan and his contributors explore lessons from past experiences with resistance, especially in agriculture. They consider what incentives would be ideal for the individuals who prescribe or apply antibiotics and pesticides, and what would be ideal for the firms engaged in developing and producing these products. The chapters in this groundbreaking book reflect the fact that efforts to combat resistance will require contributions from a broad range of scholars and professionals, representing a broad range of expertise. The analysis demonstrates that, for all

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these participants, an understanding of economic issues is an essential complement to knowledge of medical or biological factors. The book provides economists with an overview of relevant scientific issues, as well as a variety of analytical approaches to studying the economics of resistance. It offers policymakers detailed analyses of the multiple dimensions of resistance and discusses the future strategies to combat and manage resistance. For professionals in medicine, public health, and agriculture, the book translates the economic approaches into usable guidance for daily practice and decisionmaking.

The economic analysis of health projects has not received the attention that projects in other sectors have received primarily because of perceived difficulties in quantifying economic benefits. However, there is a misconception that economic analysis is a simple calculation of an economic internal rate of return. Rather, it envelops a broader range of issues that includes the rationale for the project, cost effectiveness, demand for the project output, economic viability, sustainability, and equity considerations. The purpose of this technical note is to present an example of an approach to the economic analysis of a health project that may be used as a guide for future projects. It is based on an actual health project approved by the Asian Development Bank for Cambodia that will be implemented over the period 2003-2006. The government uses a range of mechanisms to mitigate market failure in the provision of health care in the United Kingdom. Explicit financial incentives are increasingly used within the UK. However, there is some evidence that providing explicit incentives may not have the desired effect on the supply of healthcare as healthcare professionals are intrinsically motivated. This thesis reviews the literature defining and measuring intrinsic motivation in economics. It then presents a developed theoretical model of work motivation among

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healthcare providers which informs the empirical analysis. This thesis estimates four empirical applications to test the theoretical model of intrinsic motivation. Two applications use the British Quarterly Labour Force Survey data to examine: 1) differences in the motivation structure of employees in caring public sector from employees in other employment sectors, 2) the impact of income and employment sector on intrinsic motivation, and 3) the reason for the high levels of intrinsic motivation for employees in the caring public sector. The other two empirical works explore how the changes of financial incentives under Quality and Outcomes Framework have affected Scottish General Practitioners' intrinsic motivation. The findings of this thesis have important policy implications. Mainly, they suggest that policy makers should be careful when using financial incentives to motivate healthcare professionals, as the unintended impact on intrinsic motivation may undermine the effectiveness of the policy.

Thomas Getzen, a leading academic and practitioner, has authored a complete primer for the economic analysis of medical markets and the production of health. Accessible to those with little or no economic background, this book includes a foreword by Nobel Laureate Kenneth J. Arrow and will interest anyone who wants to understand the issues and economic questions associated with allocating resources to medical care. Recognizing that the exchange of care for money is complex and not easily summarized, Getzen traces the economic rationale and development of medical care organizations as well as the economic and political factors that have influenced them.

Reasons for Writing This Book The published literature on the economic appraisal of healthcare acquired infection (HAI) is described by phrases such as: “With so many virtues of the cost-benefit approach identified, it is perhaps puzzling why greater use of

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economic appraisal has not been made in the area of infection control” [1] “Clinicians should partner with economists and policy analysts to expand and improve the economic evidence available” [2] “the quality of economic evaluations should be increased to inform decision makers and clinicians” [3] “The economics of preventing hospital-acquired infections is most often described in general terms. The underlying concepts and mechanisms are rarely made explicit but should be understood for research and policy-making” [4] The aim of this book is to describe how economics should be used to inform decision-making about infection control. Our motivation stems from the previous quotes which show economics is being used within the infection control community, but not to its full potential. Our expectation is that you do not have any formal training in economic analyses. Economic analyses have been used for many decades to argue for increased funding for hospital infection-control. In 1957, Clarke [5] investigated bed wastage in British hospitals due to *Staphylococcus aureus* in patient’s wounds. She concluded .... “the average length of stay in hospital of patients whose wounds were infected with Staph.

*Principles in Health Economics and Policy* is a clear and concise introduction to health economics and its application to health policy. It introduces the subject of economics, explains the fundamental failures in the market for health care, and discusses the concepts of equity and fairness when applied to health and health care. Written for students and health professionals with no background in economics, the book takes a

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policy-oriented approach, emphasising the application of economic analysis to universal health policy issues. It explores the key questions facing health policy-makers across the globe right now, such as: How should society intervene in the determinants that affect health? How should health care be financed? How should health care providers be paid? How should alternative health care programmes be evaluated when setting priorities? With relevant exercises and suggested further reading lists at the end of each chapter, *Principles in Health Economics and Policy* is the ideal resource for both students and health professionals.

A guide for everyone involved in medical decision making to plot a clear course through complex and conflicting benefits and risks.

Source of the debate on how much competition and regulation are necessary in the health care industry. This is a reprint of proceedings from a 1977 conference.

"The world-wide and ongoing rise in obesity has generated enormous popular interest and policy concern in developing countries, where it is rapidly becoming the major public health problem facing such nations. As a consequence, there has been a rapidly growing field of economic analysis of the causes and consequences of this phenomenon. This paper discusses some of the central themes of this decade long research program, aiming at synthesizing the different strands of the literature, and to point to future research that seems particularly productive"--National Bureau of Economic Research web site

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