Universal Coverage in Developing-Country Health Systems: Ethical Dilemmas

Low-income countries contemplating universal coverage health systems must choose between competing uses of scarce resources. Which objectives should have highest priority?
DAY 1 – THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2013

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Introduction, Welcome, and Overview
Dan Wikler, Harvard University
Ole Norheim, University of Bergen

9:00 – 9:45 a.m. Why Universal Coverage?
Chair: Norman Daniels, Harvard University
Julio Frenk, Dean, Harvard School of Public Health

9:45 – 10:30 a.m. Goals of Universal Coverage
Gita Sen, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore, and Harvard University
William Hsiao, Harvard University

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 – 11:15 a.m. Is Universal Coverage “old wine in new bottles”?
Adam Wagstaff, World Bank

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Discussion (for all four speakers)

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Learning from countries with Universal Coverage
Chair and Introduction: Tessa Tan Torres Edejer, WHO

RWANDA Lisa Hirschhorn, Harvard University
ZAMBIA Emanuela Gakidou, Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation and University of Washington
CUBA Richard Levins, Harvard University
THAILAND Peerapol Sutiwisesak, National Health Security Office

2:30 – 3:00 p.m. Discussion

3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Break

3:30 – 4:00 p.m. Elements of Universal Coverage
Chair and Overview: Peter Berman, Harvard University

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Elements of Universal Coverage: I: Reducing Financial Burden
Dean Jamison, University of Washington
Kjell-Arne Johansson, University of Bergen
Till Bärnighausen, Harvard University

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Discussion

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception (all invited)

DAY 2 – FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2013

8:30 – 9:10 a.m. Elements of Universal Coverage: II: Universal Enrollment
Chair: Sharmila Mhatre, IDRC
Alicia Yamin, Harvard University • Nir Eyal, Harvard University

9:10 – 9:30 a.m. Discussion

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Elements of Universal Coverage: III: Choosing Services
Tessa Tan Torres, World Health Organization
Toby Ord, Oxford University • Ole Norheim, University of Bergen

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 – 11:15 a.m. Discussion

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Equity: Tracking the Worst-Off
Chair: Dan Brock, Harvard University
Davidson Gwatkin, Results for Development Institute and Johns Hopkins University • Mickey Chopra, UNICEF

12:15 – 12:45 p.m. Discussion

12:45 – 1:45 p.m. Lunch

1:45 – 4:00 p.m. Equity: Concepts, Requirements, Standards
Chair and Introduction: Peter Vallentyne, University of Missouri
Marc Fleurbaey, Princeton University • Matthew Adler, Duke University • Larry Temkin, Rutgers University
Alex Voorhoeve, London School of Economics and Princeton University

4:00 – 4:15 p.m. Break

4:15 – 4:45 p.m. Discussion

4:45 – 5:30 p.m. Universal Coverage and Social Justice
Chair: Nir Eyal, Harvard University
Norman Daniels, Harvard University

5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Advising WHO
Chair: Daniel Wikler, Harvard University
Members of the WHO Consultative Group on Ethical Issues in UC (panel)

6:00 p.m. Close