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HIGHLIGHTS

- "Seminar on Innovation and Reform in the Healthcare System" Successfully Held: Driven by Primary Healthcare, Advancing the Transformation of Integrated Healthcare Services
- HTAi Board Nominations 2024 Open
- PCIG Pass Program 2024 Launched
- HTAi Kazakhstan Conference 2024 Announced

"SEMINAR ON INNOVATION AND REFORM IN THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM" SUCCESSFULLY HELD: DRIVEN BY PRIMARY HEALTHCARE, ADVANCING THE TRANSFORMATION OF INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE SERVICES 引号+CYX 微信

On April 26, 2024, the "Seminar on Innovation and Reform in Health Systems" was successfully held, organized by the School of Public Health at Fudan University and the Key Laboratory of Health Technology Assessment under the National Health Commission. Researchers, administrators, and industry representatives from The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Gadjah Mada University (Indonesia), Chulalongkorn University (Thailand), Peking University, Fudan University, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, ShanghaiTech University, Shandong Medical University, Shanghai Health Development Research Center, and multiple hospitals and primary healthcare institutions participated. They engaged in in-depth discussions centered on the theme "Transformation of Integrated Healthcare Systems Led by Primary Healthcare."

Professor Yingyao Chen, Vice Dean of the School of Public Health at Fudan University and Director of the Key Laboratory of Health Technology Assessment under the National Health Commission, and Professor Laksono Trisnantoro, Head of the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Faculty of Medicine, Public Health, and Nursing, Gadjah Mada University, delivered opening remarks. Both emphasized the critical importance of fostering collaboration and exchange within the global health community for advancing health system innovation and reform.



The first half of the symposium, themed "Governance and Financing," was chaired by Professor Tu Shiyi from the School of Public Health at Fudan University. Keynote speeches were delivered by Professor Laksono Trisnantoro from Gadjah Mada University in Indonesia, Professor Yingyao Chen from the School of Public Health at Fudan University, and Professor Eng-Kiong Yeoh from The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Professor Laksono Trisnantoro outlined the current state and challenges of Indonesia's health system. Against the backdrop of Indonesia's health system reforms during the COVID-19 pandemic, he

explored strategies for fostering an integrated health service system centered on primary care, emphasizing the critical role of government governance in this transformative shift. Professor Yingyao Chen began with an overview of mainland China's health system, noting that recent changes in aging demographics, healthcare costs, and disease burden underscore the necessity for health system transformation. He highlighted the role of Health Technology Assessment (HTA) in promoting sustainable health systems, demonstrating HTA's critical function in policy implementation. Professor Eng-Kiong Yeoh shared insights on healthcare service provision in Hong Kong, China, and the challenges faced by the elderly in accessing medical services. He focused on Hong Kong's "Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme," detailing its implementation mechanisms, outcomes, stakeholder perspectives, impact on public services, and improvement recommendations. The discussion also explored the effectiveness of vouchers as a demand-side financing tool.

The second half of the seminar, themed "Transformation of Health Services to a Primary Care Led Integrated Health System," was chaired by Associate Researcher Wei Yanqing from Fudan University's School of Public Health. Keynote presentations were delivered by Professor Siripen Supakankunti from Chulalongkorn University (Thailand), Professor Kailu Wang, and Professor April Wu from The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Professor Siripen Supakankunti outlined Thailand's reform measures and crisis management experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic, discussed the long-term impacts of COVID-19 on Thailand's health system, and concluded by identifying challenges and key concerns facing Thailand's health system, along with a conceptual framework and policy recommendations for private sector engagement in the health system. Professor Kailu Wang outlined the epidemiology of diabetes in Hong Kong. Using the Diabetes Risk Assessment and Management Program (RAMP-DM) as a case study, she shared evidence-based research findings on RAMP-DM's impact on diabetes-related health outcomes. She highlighted the potential cognitive benefits of diabetes management for participants' cognitive function and proposed future research directions. Professor April Wu detailed the Hospital Authority's Hospital Admission Reduction Program for the Elderly (HARRPE) in Hong Kong. She shared research evidence on the effectiveness of the Telephone Support Center Project for High-Risk Elderly (PSCC-HRE) and the Integrated Care Model (ICM), highlighting ICM's significant protective effect in reducing readmission risks—particularly unplanned readmissions.



Additionally, both the first and second halves of the symposium featured Q&A sessions, moderated by Associate Professor Liang Di and Associate Professor Hou Zhiyuan from Fudan University's School of Public Health. Attendees actively participated throughout the Q&A segments, engaging in in-depth discussions and exchanges regarding the content of each speaker's presentation. The on-site response was enthusiastic. In closing, Professor Yingyao Chen summarized that fully leveraging the leading role of primary healthcare provides a potential pathway and directional guidance for achieving the transformation toward a high-quality integrated healthcare service system.

As an extension of the Asia-Pacific Health Systems Strengthening Network (ANHSS) course on "Health System Policies for Private Sector Engagement in Primary Care-Led Integrated Health Interventions," this symposium brought together leading experts from across the region. It aimed to advance health system strengthening, capacity building, and knowledge dissemination in the Asia-Pacific. Participants widely acknowledged the forum's forward-looking and pioneering themes. The in-depth thematic presentations and thought-provoking discussions provided valuable international perspectives and insightful pathways for advancing the transformation toward an integrated healthcare system centered on primary healthcare.

HTAi NEWS

HTAi BOARD NOMINATIONS 2024 OPEN

Nominations for the 2024 International Health Technology Assessment Association (HTAi) Board of Directors are open from February 8 to February 22. The Board is now seeking candidates from all full members for the following two positions, each with a three-year term (2024–2027):

(1) Treasurer (1 position): Candidates with a financial professional background are particularly sought, with preference given to those holding an MBA degree or accounting qualifications. Candidates must review Articles 6.3 and 8.7 of the HTAi Constitution. (2) Secretary (1 position): Candidates proficient in English, familiar with parliamentary procedures, and possessing corporate meeting minutes experience are particularly sought. Candidates must review Articles 6.3, 8.8, and 14.1 of the HTAi Constitution. For further details, visit: <https://htai.org/nominations-for-the-2024-board-election-now-open/>.

PCIG PASS PROGRAM 2024 LAUNCHED

On February 9, 2024, the HTAi Patient and Citizen Engagement Interest Group (PCIG) Pass Program opened for applications. This program aims to fund participation in the 2024 HTAi Annual Meeting and related events for patients, caregivers, and patient advocates in need. Applicants must meet one of the following criteria: (1) Have personal experience as a patient or caregiver; (2) Represent a patient group (e.g., patient organization or community group); (3) Serve as a patient representative on an HTA committee; (4) Have previously received an HTAi Participation Grant or be a plenary speaker, eligible to apply for a "partial" pass to cover the remaining cost. For more information and to apply, visit: <https://htai.org/pcig-pass-program-2024/>.

HTAi KAZAKHSTAN CONFERENCE 2024 ANNOUNCED

The HTAi Kazakhstan Health Technology Assessment Conference, supported by the International Society for Health Technology Assessment (HTAi), will be held in Astana from April 19 to 20, 2024. This conference aims to foster collaboration in health technology assessment across Eastern Europe and Central Asia, with the theme "Health Technology Assessment as a Decision Tool for Healthcare Development and Resource Allocation Priorities." The conference was open to researchers, health economists, policy experts, and all stakeholders interested in HTA and health systems.

The conference agenda included: (1) April 19-20: HTA2024.kz Conference; (2) April 20: HTAi Eastern Europe and Central Asia Policy Dialogue (invitation-only). HTAi attendees include Chair Rabia Suku, Vice Chair Anne Singler, Board Members Marco Marchetti and Eva Turk, along with multiple current and former Interest Group Chairs.

For further conference details, registration information, and the full speaker list, please visit:

<https://htai.org/save-the-date-hta-conference-in-kazakhstan/>.



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