



HEALTH ECONOMICS

Burning Issue

«Measuring the Performance of the Austrian Health System», 2010 edition

Gesundheit Österreich has been active in the field of health system analysis and performance measurement for many years. Assessing the performance of the Austrian health system in the international context is one of its central aims.

In 2010, for the first time, the report «Measuring the Performance of the Austrian Health System» was published. It presents a systematic international comparison of health systems, based on selected indicators. The intention is to gain deeper insight into the own (Austrian) health system and to identify potential strengths and weaknesses as well as information gaps.

By analysing and presenting a range of highly relevant indicators, the report serves as a valuable information source as well as featuring a basis for further performance measurement in the health sector.

With the publication of this innovative report, Gesundheit Österreich wishes to contribute to an increase in transparency in the Austrian health

system. It was a deliberate decision to not include any rankings in the report. The report will undergo further development in the future and will be updated on a regular basis.

After presenting the most important parameters of the Austrian health system, the 2010 edition discusses the following questions in a European context by means of 25 internationally comparable indicators:

- » Is the input-output relationship balanced?
- » Is the provision of health care services i.e. the range of services offered adequate?
- » Is access to the health care system equitable, possible and affordable for the entire population?

A free download of the report (in German) is available at www.goeg.at/de/BerichtDetail/Systembericht2010.

The report is currently only available in German; publication of an English version is planned for 2011.

A paper version of the report can be ordered for € 45.– by contacting gertraud.misar@goeg.at.

Intro

The newsletter of Gesundheit Österreich GmbH is published on a regular basis and addresses various priority areas (e.g. health economics, illicit drugs and oral health). Gesundheit Österreich GmbH is the national research and planning institute for health care and the competence centre of health promotion in Austria. Gesundheit Österreich GmbH has three business units: Österreichisches Bundesinstitut für Gesundheitswesen (ÖBIG), Bundesinstitut für Qualität im Gesundheitswesen (BIQG) und Fonds Gesundes Österreich (FGÖ).

News

» Summer 2010: Appointment of the Health Economics Department at GÖG as WHO Collaborating Centre for Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Policies; www.goeg.at/en/Area/WHO-CC.html.

» Publication of the «WHO Pharmaceutical Country Profile Austria»; www.who.int/medicines/areas/coordination/coordination_assessment/en/index.html.

» Publication of the brochure «The Austrian Health Care System – Key Facts» on the Austrian Health Care System; www.goeg.at/en/brochure.

» Relaunch of the PHIS Glossary for pharmaceutical policy terms; <http://phis.goeg.at> > Glossary. Publication of the «GÖG Pharma Glossary» in German; www.goeg.at/en/BerichtDetail/Pharma-Glossar-2010.html.

» GÖG was commissioned to coordinate the national evaluation of the A(H1N1) Influenza pandemic 2009/2010.

» Launch of the online PHIS Library, offering information on pharmaceutical systems; <http://phis.goeg.at> > Library.

Up-coming event

» Remuneration & HTA: organized by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Health on 17 January 2011 in Vienna, free admission. Registration: www.bmg.gv.at.

» EAHP (European Association of Hospital Pharmacists) Congress, 30 March – 1 April 2011 at the Austria Centre Vienna; www.eahp.eu/Congresses/2011-Congress-Vienna-Austria. The Pharma team of GÖG will be represented at the Congress with a seminar on pricing and purchasing strategies for medicines in hospitals (European overview).

» Save the date: The second international Pharma Conference of GÖG will be held on 29 and 30 September 2011 in the Austrian Academy of Sciences in Vienna. Further details can be found at <http://whocc.goeg.at/conference/>.

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