



HSRAANZ Webinar Series

Needs must: Changing the focus of workforce planning models

Presented by Dr Steve Birch, Professor in The Centre for Health Economics and Policy Analysis at McMaster University in Canada and in the Centre for Health Economics at the University of Manchester.

Wednesday 29 March 2017

8-9am WA; 9-10am Queensland; 10-11am NSW, Victoria, ACT; 9.30-10.30am SA; 12-1pm pm New Zealand

There is no cost to attend the Webinar but registration is essential. Please register at:

Please register at

<https://zoom.us/webinar/register/efd1aac172a515e8d746f627e8486654>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Abstract: Health Care Planning has largely been based on applying anticipated population demographic change to existing levels of workforce supply (or service utilisation) with no attention given to changing patterns of health care need within populations. In this session a new approach to health workforce planning is presented that accommodates changes in population needs, changes in the services planned to address needs and changes in the way those services are to be delivered. The approach provides an important input to policies aimed at addressing the continuing rapid increases in the costs of publicly funded health care systems and answering claims that such systems are no longer sustainable.

Bio: Stephen Birch is a Professor in The Centre for Health Economics and Policy Analysis at McMaster University in Canada and in the Centre for Health Economics at the University of Manchester. He also is Adjunct Professor at the University of Technology Sydney, Australia and a former visiting professor at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. He is senior scientist at the WHO Collaborating Centre on Health Workforce Planning at Dalhousie University, Canada and a former member of the UK Department of Health's Centre for

Workforce Intelligence. He has served as a consultant with WHO and the World Bank as well as many national and provincial health departments on health workforce planning. His main research interests are in the economics of health care systems with particular emphasis on equity, resource allocation and planning and well as alternative delivery models. He has over 250 publications in peer reviewed journals and was ranked equal first in Canada in the 2012 World Bank publication on the quantity and impact of health economics research. He was Senior Editor for Social Science and Medicine from 1997-2012 and currently serves on editorial boards of several multidisciplinary scientific journals. He has served on various public boards including the Local Health Integration Network and the District Health Council in Hamilton Ontario, the Health Professions Regulatory Council in Ontario and the Community Health Council in York, UK.

Webinar Instructions

Instructions - After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar – a link and an ID number.

You do not need an account with Zoom to join a meeting. But please note that some organisations block access to Zoom so you may want to check in advance that you are able to download the software and contact your IT team if you have any problems.

You can join via the web on your PC, I phone or I Pad or by phone:

Australia: +61 (0) 2 8015 2088; New Zealand: +64 (0) 9 801 1188.

As a delegate you will be able to hear the presenter and view their slides on your computer. You will not be able to speak but you will be able to use the Q and A (a Q and A button will be visible) to type questions which can be relayed to the speaker.

Call for Speakers for the HSRAANZ Webinar Seminar Series

If you have an idea for a HSRAANZ Webinar please contact [Sarah Green](#) or complete the form [here](#).

The series gives an opportunity to scholars and others to share their research results, seek input for developing research, or discuss issues in health services and policy.