

The Website

The centerpiece of the HealthPolicyMonitor is a comprehensive health policy database that consists primarily of information provided and updated by the network's expert teams in half-yearly surveys.

Search criteria

The database search engine enables anyone interested to inquire into health policy developments, and to generate individual reports, assembling various search topics. Database search results can be retrieved and sorted by countries, issues, years, process stages (from idea to implementation and evaluation), and actors or stakeholders.

Policy process analysis

Issues of interest are ideas, approaches, model projects, or pieces of legislation in various stages of preparation or implementation—topics which may stimulate and further health policy debate elsewhere.

Policy impact ratings

We focus on issues that are of systemic impact, innovative, and transferable or adaptable to other health policy settings.

Useful services

Country statistics, up-to-date links, downloads and other features make this website a unique resource for comprehensive health policy information and analysis.

What we want to know

Does health policy reform work? How and why?

The network aims to

- obtain and analyze information on changes and developments in health system reform—twice a year;
- describe and analyze formal and informal interactions between players and stakeholders throughout every stage of the decision making process;
- capture the best of current model projects or innovations.

How we work

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- monitors innovative ideas as they evolve and travel within and across health care systems,
- systematically analyzes decision making processes leading to health care reform or health policy change,
- disseminates results in an efficient, straight-forward and rapid manner, and transfers them into health policy making processes.

What we offer

- Professional international networking
- Expertise in cross-country comparative social and economic studies and benchmarking
- Guidance and orientation throughout the networking process
- An international forum for knowledge transfer and dialogue.

Resource for knowledge transfer

Undeniably, health care challenges across countries are similar: Demographics, aging and longevity, modern medicine and new technology, coordination, transparency and efficiency, quality and cost, access to and financing of services, are all major challenges every health policy maker needs to address.

However, transfer of research and international knowledge into politics and innovative reform lags considerably behind the proper comparative analysis of health policy. The purpose of the International Network Health Policy & Reform is to narrow the gap between international evidence and policy, providing timely information on what works and what doesn't work in health policy reform.

European Observatory

The Health Policy Monitor has teamed up with the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies (www.observatory.dk), a partnership of national and regional governments, international organizations and academic institutions, operating under the auspices of the WHO Regional Office for Europe. The HPM and the Observatory have established links between country information pages, thus facilitating mutual access to the information, resources, and tools offered at both sites.

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