

The Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF): Pay-for-Performance in UK Primary Care

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Synopsis:

A pay-for-performance (P4P) program was implemented in April 2004 in England, with the introduction of a new contract with General Practitioners (GPs). General practices were thus (and are still to some extent) rewarded for achieving quality targets for patients with chronic conditions. The aim was to increase overall quality of care and to reduce variation in quality between practices. The cost of the program was ca. 1bn GBP/year and made up of around 30% of the payment to GPs. In this talk co-organised by the NUHS Department of Family Medicine and the NUS Centre for Research in Health Systems Performance, we will explore the landscape that led to the introduction of the scheme, the conditions it covered and still covers, the quality indicators involved, its design and provisions for GPs and patients, how it transformed UK primary care, what it achieved, as well as its failures. Finally, we will discuss what the QOF situation is now in the UK nations and what the future holds.

About the Speaker:

Evangelos Kontopantelis is Professor in Data Science and Health Services Research at the University of Manchester. He holds degrees in computational statistics and machine learning and has a long track record in research using large-scale primary care and other administrative databases to investigate quality of care. His methodological interests include statistical methods in health sciences with a focus on meta-analysis, longitudinal data modelling, observational studies with electronic health records, spatial epidemiology, machine learning and quasi-experimental designs.

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