The Department of Health Economics at a glance

Brief History
The Department of Health Economics was founded in 1981 and started its activities in 1984. Professor John Kyriopoulos is its Director.

The aims of the Department of Health Economics include:

- The education of health professionals in Health Economics and Health Policy
- Research, strategy development and planning of actions for the promotion and development of the healthcare system in our country within the wider framework of social policy.
- Consulting services to public and private health care organizations in several fields such as economic analysis and evaluation, alternative health care methods, health system assessment (effectiveness, efficiency, quality in health services).

For more information about the staff of our Department click on the link below:

Educational Procedure

For the last twenty years the Department of Health Economics has been directing the Postgraduate Programme in Public Health Services Administration, provided by NSPH. Within the context of its educational activities the Department offers:

- Basic knowledge and expertise in the fields of health economics, health care services and health policy.
- Accelerated training for the executive personnel of both the public and private health sectors.

Certificates of special studies on matters relating to public health, social care, health services management, health economics and health promotion.

For further information click the link below:
Research Activities

The Department of Health Economics maintains an active role in research on public health and health care services. Research projects conducted to date, or in progress, include both basic and applied research and the use of current methodologies for measurement, analysis, assessment, promotion. Since 1985 the administration of research activities of the NSPH has been supported by the School’s Special Research Account.

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Consulting Services

The Department of Health Economics provides informed health consulting services for the Ministries of Health and Social Solidarity, Education, Economics etc. Through the School’s overall observation of the country’s public health needs, the Department of Health Economics stands as the main advisor to public and private organizations on issues related to public health and health services.

Within the framework of its multidimensional actions the Department of Health Economics has established cooperation with WHO, the European Council and the EU.
International Cooperation in Education and Research

In addition to its cooperation with other Greek institutions of higher education and a large number of research institutions and foundations, the Department works closely with the WHO and EU. It is a member of the most important organizations for postgraduate training in Public Health (ASPHER, EAPHSS, EUPHA and EHMA).

Furthermore the Department has a long standing framework of cooperation with the countries of Balkan region (i.e. Bulgaria, FYROM, Albania) through several European projects (INTERREG, PHARE), which promote the cross-border collaboration. Of special note is the fact that the Department has held the presidency of FICOSER (2002-2006) and of ASPHER (1991-1993).

Publications

A large number of books, articles and chapters in publications have been produced by the Department, related to topics such as the following:

- Economic Evaluation (cost-effectiveness, cost-benefit, cost-utility)
- Health insurance coverage and social policy
- Health Systems Assessment (responsiveness, equity of health care services, fair financing for health care services)
- Pharmacoeconomics
- Health Policy

For more information click the links below:
The Department of Health Economics organizes a large number of conferences, symposiums, seminars and scientific meetings. Furthermore, the Conferences on Management, Economics and Policies on Health, which have been organized every December since 2005, are under the Scientific Support of the Department of Health Economics and the auspices of the Ministry of Health and Social Solidarity.

The Conferences on Management Economics and Policies on Health are aiming to the ongoing expansion of the terms and conditions for interdisciplinary discussion and analysis of major problems of the health sector in our country, as well as the promotion of alternative solutions for the development of the health care in our country. The scientific programmes of the Conference include symposiums, workshops, oral presentations and round tables. Specialized subjects of high interest have been discussed with proposals from distinguished International and Greek scientists' in collaboration with prestigious organizations and universities.

In addition for the new professionals in the health sector, Special Workshops have been contributed to their scientific training and briefing.

For the 8th Conference on Management, Economics and Health Policies, click the link below: http://www.healthpolicycongress.gr/

Location

The Department of Health Economics is located into the National School of Public Health (1st Floor), 196 Alexandras Av., Ampelokipi, Athens, Greece (Zip Code 115 21).