



Group 3: Focus on costs and affordability

Assignment tasks

1. Read through the following article carefully:
 - Iyengar S, Tay-Teo K, Vogler S, Beyer P, Wiktor S, de Joncheere K, et al. (2016) Prices, Costs, and Affordability of New Medicines for Hepatitis C in 30 Countries: An Economic Analysis. *PLoS Med* 13 (5): e1002032. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.1002032
2. Discuss your impressions in your group and decide on important elements regarding objective, methodology, results and conclusions.
3. Is there additional research (especially newer work) on the topic that you find important to contextualize the paper?
4. Summarize and present the paper to the rest of your class. Your presentation should include at least:
 - a. An overview of objectives, methods, results and conclusions. Briefly highlight the concept of purchasing power parity (PPP)
 - b. A critical reflection about the appropriateness of the methods and the validity of the results and conclusions
 - c. A short discussion of potentially interesting findings from related literature (see point 3, above)
 - d. A short discussion of the paper's policy relevance. What (if anything) do the findings mean for stakeholders in the health system, particularly policy-makers?

Presentation guidelines:

- a) You will have 20 minutes for your presentation, followed by 10 minutes discussion which you are expected to moderate.
- b) You are free to choose the format of your presentation; if you choose slides, make sure they are readable for everyone in the room.
- c) The presentation will be graded and count towards your final grade (10%). You can achieve a maximum of 10 points.
- d) The presentation will be evaluated on
 - a. content (5 out of 10 points),
 - b. structure (2 out of 10 points),
 - c. form (2 out of 10 points, divided equally between visual components and presentation style) and
 - d. time-keeping (1 out of 10 points).