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### Purpose

To provide policy makers and health care researchers with core data on health care resources, their utilisation, expenditure and financing. This is complemented by a broader range of data on health status, lifestyle, and other data on the socio-economic environment of health care systems in OECD countries, in order to provide data on the context of health care systems for policy analysis. Developmental work is also under way to obtain comparable data on health outcomes and quality of health care indicators.

### Objectives and outputs

Further work on data on health care resource statistics and utilisation statistics in monetary and non-monetary terms as well as coverage of the population by insurance schemes, and access to services. On-going co-operation with Eurostat, WHO Geneva, WHO European Region to reduce duplication of work and promote harmonisation of international data collection and reporting.

Pilot data collection of expenditure and financial data based on the standard tables in the OECD Manual "A System of Health Accounts" (SHA). Improving the comparability of existing data collections on non-monetary health resource and utilisation data, including surgical procedures, and pharmaceutical consumption and sales.

### Databases

OECD Health Data 2005

### Main Developments for 2005

#### General aspects:

Key work in 2005 will include resuming the data collection on remuneration of health professions, and improving expenditure on long-term care. Key indicators in OECD Health Data 2005 will be published in the third edition of "Health at a Glance" in October 2005.

Enhanced coverage and improved internal consistency of health accounts in OECD Health Data 2005; income of health professions; long-term care statistics.

The activity will be reviewed in the context of the "OECD Quality Framework".

#### Data collection:

Improvement in health care resources data, in remuneration of health professions data (chapter re-introduced in the 2005 data collection) and in expenditure data (following the SHA pilot implementations).

Enhanced Sources and Methods software for the CD-ROM, upgrading of the OECD Health Data software.