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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.

To provide necessary information to the "OECD Health Project 2001-2004".

Objectives and outputs

Further work on data on health care resource statistics and utilisation statistics in 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. Follow-up, pilot testing and adoption of the OECD manual "A System of Health Accounts" (SHA). Improving the comparability of existing data collections on health resource and utilisation data, surgical procedures, and pharmaceutical consumption and sales.

In 2004 a special effort will be made to set up a data collection on income of health professions, improve expenditure on long-term nursing care and draft a synthesis from pilot implementations of the OECD manual "A System of Health Accounts".

Publications

OECD Health Data 2004

Databases

OECD Health Data 2004

Main Developments for 2004

General aspects:

Enhanced coverage and improved internal consistency of health accounts in OECD Health Data 2004; 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; in expenditure data (following the SHA pilot implementations).

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