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As the worst global financial and economic crisis in decades is forcing countries to seek ways to rein in public spending growth, health systems need to increase their efficiency and deliver value for money.

The main goal of OECD work on health is to help countries achieve high-performing health systems by measuring health outcomes and health system resource use and by analysing policies that improve access, efficiency and quality of health care.

OECD Health Data has been the most authoritative source of statistics and indicators to compare health and health systems across the 34 OECD countries for more than 20 years.

Health at a Glance, the OECD flagship publication on health, presents in a user-friendly format, key indicators of health and health systems drawn from *OECD Health Data* and other sources. The edition covering all OECD countries and major partners alternates with two regional editions: *Health at a Glance: Europe* and *Health at a Glance: Asia/Pacific*.

The OECD has long provided leadership with its international partners (WHO and the European Commission) in developing international standards for comparable reporting of health expenditure data. The OECD helps countries implement the new *System of Health Accounts 2011*.

Measuring quality of care is the cornerstone of efforts to benchmark country progress towards improving their health system performance. Since 2002, the OECD has been collecting comparative statistics on the quality of care for a number of health problems.

DID YOU KNOW *…That in 2010, for the first time in 50 years, zero growth has been observed in health spending across OECD countries?*

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- OECD (2013), *Health at a Glance: OECD Indicators.*
- OECD (2012), *Health at a Glance: Asia/Pacific 2012.*
- OECD (2012), *Health at a Glance: Europe 2012.*
- OECD (2010), *Improving Value in Health Care: Measuring Quality.*
- OECD, Eurostat, WHO (2011), *A System of Health Accounts.*
- *OECD Health Statistics* (database).