

Public Health Seminar Series

Department of Preventive & Social Medicine in association with

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Multimorbidity in primary care - the health plan perspective



Multimorbidity, defined as the co-existence of two or more chronic conditions, is a relevant and clinically important topic, particularly in primary care where many of these patients are managed.

Multimorbidity is associated with increased medical consumption – an aspect of concern to health plans and governments worldwide.

I'll present the effects of aging on the burden of chronic illness and multimorbidity, followed by the effects of socio-economic class and geography on the prevalence of multimorbidity.

I'll use data from MHS health plan in Israel to demonstrate the cost implication of multimorbidity.

I'll conclude by presenting management transitions that address the challenges of multimorbidity.

Thursday 1st March 12:10pm -1:00pm

Room 033, Department of Preventive and Social Medicine, Adams Building, 18 Frederick St, Dunedin

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