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# PAYING FOR VALUE

## NEWSLETTER MID-OCTOBER 2021

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*Delivering new knowledge on payment systems to facilitate the delivery of more effective, efficient and equitable cancer care.*

### **Newsletter Highlights:**

- ✓ Registrations open for Paying for Value Symposium to be held, virtually, on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2021
- ✓ Applications open for PhD program – expression of interest deadline is 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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### **PAYING FOR VALUE SYMPOSIUM**

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Our Centre of Research Excellence on Value Based Payments in Cancer Care is holding its first symposium on **7 and 8 December 2021 (9am to 11.30am on both days)**

The symposium provides an important opportunity to bring together academics, policy makers and other stakeholders to reflect on the work completed thus far, and to shape the activities of the CRE over the coming years.

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### **EZEKIEL EMMANUEL - KEY PLENARY SPEAKER**

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Ezekiel J. Emanuel is the Vice Provost for Global Initiatives and the Diane v.S. Levy and Robert M. Levy University Professor, Co-Director of the Health Transformation Institute. From January 2009 to January 2011, he served as special advisor for health policy to the director of the Office of Management and Budget in the White House. From 1997 to 2011, he was chair of the Department of Bioethics at the National Institutes of Health. He is also an oncologist.

Dr. Emanuel received his M.D. from Harvard Medical School and his Ph.D. in political philosophy from Harvard University. After completing his internship and residency in internal medicine at

Boston's Beth Israel Hospital and his oncology fellowship at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, he joined the faculty at Harvard Medical School. He has since been a visiting professor at UCLA, the Brin Professor at Johns Hopkins Medical School, the Kovitz Professor at Stanford Medical School and visiting professor at New York University Law School.

Dr. Emanuel has written and edited 15 books and over 300 scientific articles. He is a regular guest on CNN and MSNBC, and often publishes pieces in the New York Times, The Atlantic, and the Washington Post.

## SPEAKERS AND PANELLISTS



Ezekiel  
Emmanuel



Andrew  
Hallahan



Dorothy  
Keefe



Maarten  
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Sanchia  
Aranda



Shane  
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Stephen  
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## PROGRAM

Day 1 : Building the evidence for payment reform	Day 2 : Stepping stones to payment reform
<p><b>9.00am Welcome to Day 1</b> Aims of the Symposium and CRE</p> <p><b>9.15am Session 1: New perspectives on cancer costs</b> 1a: New data infrastructure to measure the wider impact of cancer (MADIP) 1b: Variations in costs for radiation oncology episodes Q&amp;A</p> <p><b>9.45am Session 2: Provider responses to payment changes</b></p>	<p><b>9.00am Welcome to Day 2:</b> Payment reform landscape in Australia</p> <p><b>9.30am Session 5: Plenary presentation</b> Professor Ezekiel Emanuel, Vice Provost for Global Initiatives, and the Diane v.S. Levy and Robert M. Levy University Professor, University of Pennsylvania</p> <p><b>10.30am Session 6: Panel Discussion</b> Stepping stones to payment reform: What contributions can research make to ease the path to payment reform?</p>

<p>2a: Provider responses to the removal of an MBS item: the case of joint injections</p> <p>2b: Provider responses to changes in technology: IV versus oral chemotherapy</p> <p>Q&amp;A</p> <p><b>10.15am Session 3: Quality and outcomes</b></p> <p>3a: Using stated preferences methods to explore broader concepts of value in cancer care</p> <p>3b: Quality measurement in bundled payments: lessons from the international literature</p> <p>Q&amp;A</p> <p><b>10.45am Session 4: Panel discussion</b></p> <p>Building the Evidence (30 mins)</p>	
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**Click [here](#) to register now**

## PHD APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

New PhD scholarships are available under the NH&MRC funded Centre of Research Excellence in value-based payments in cancer care. Living allowance scholarships are available for up to three years up to an approximate value of \$28,000 per year.

The university-based investigators on the CRE are researchers at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS), University of NSW (UNSW) and the University of Sydney (USYD). The team also includes leading cancer advocates and practitioners across the major cancer agencies.

### WHAT TOPICS MIGHT FORM A PHD?

This CRE is working on the evidence base to support payment reforms to improve the delivery of effective, equitable and efficient care, and lead to better outcomes for cancer patients. The CRE's research agenda covers three streams of work:

1. Identifying high priority areas for payment reforms: this will involve identifying variation in current patterns of treatment and exploring how risk adjustment can be applied to limit unintended consequences.

2. Developing insights into behavioural responses to payment changes: these will investigate how previous changes in policy or technology have led to changes in patient and provider behaviour.
3. Development of micro simulation models to predict the impact of proposed changes: these models will need to incorporate behavioural insights into the analysis of current patterns of care and the distribution of costs.

Students will have the freedom to develop their own topic within the scope of the overall CRE research program.

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## ELIGIBILITY

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Students with a postgraduate qualification or honours degree in a relevant field of study including economics, applied statistics, health services research, allied health or medicine.

Both domestic and international students may apply. Whilst we will take COVID restrictions into account, we expect students to be located in or near Sydney for the majority of time during their studies.

The successful stipend candidate(s) must then be accepted for admission to a higher degree by research for the scholarship to take effect.

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## APPLICATION PROCESS FOR 2022 ENROLMENT

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There are two parts to the application process: the CRE Scholarship application and the university enrolment process.

1. CRE Scholarship process:
  - a. Send an expression of interest to Prof Kees van Gool ([p4v@uts.edu.au](mailto:p4v@uts.edu.au)) by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021. In the EOI include an up-to-date CV and a one-page cover letter specifying why you would like to undertake a PhD as part of the CRE.
  - b. EOIs will then be assessed and shortlisted candidates will be invited to:
    - i. Prepare a two-page written proposal on a research topic that could form the basis of their PhD candidature (6<sup>th</sup> December 2021).
    - ii. Participate in an interview.
  - c. Candidates will be notified of the outcome by the end of December.
2. Enrolment process
  - a. The successful CRE Scholarship candidate should then submit an application to enrol in a PhD program at one of our university partners (UTS, UNSW, USYD) with the support of suitable supervisors by the end of January.
  - b. As part of the enrolment process, applicants should apply for the available tuition cost scholarships. Tuition costs are not covered by the CRE Scholarship.
  - c. Once a student is accepted into an HDR Research program we will work with the applicant on a suitable candidature commencement date.

***For more information on the CRE, including our current research work, please see here: <https://p4v.org.au/>***