

The BC Lower Mainland Chapter and the Centre for Health Care Management (CHCM) at the University of British Columbia present:

Making Resource Allocation Decisions: A Study of Canadian Health Care Organizations

With Neale Smith

Date: Wednesday, May 16, 2012, 8:30 am – 9:30 am Pacific Time.

This seminar is free to attend.

Abstract

In 2011, as part of a CIHR-funded research project, an investigative team from UBC and other institutions carried out an on-line survey of senior decision makers within regional health authorities (and closely equivalent organizations) across all provinces and territories. We received returns from 92 individual managers, from 60 out of 89 organizations in total. The survey asked about structures, processes features and behaviours related to organization-wide resource allocation decisions in the health sector. Decision making rules and procedures, enabling and constraining factors, criteria, participation, evaluation, and internal and external communications were among the topics addressed.

About one-half of respondents indicated that their organization used primarily a formal process for resource allocation, while the others reported that political or historical factors held sway. 70% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with the statement, “Our organization-wide resource allocation process is fair”. Just over one-half assessed their own process as ‘good’ or ‘very good’. This presentation will explore these and other findings in greater detail. We’ll highlight some individual or organizational characteristics which might be significant drivers of resource allocation practice within Canadian healthcare organizations. Implications for senior leaders interested in improving performance will be considered.

About the Speaker

Neale Smith is a Study Coordinator with the Centre for Clinical Epidemiology and Evaluation. He is also an Adjunct Professor with the University of Alberta, School of Public Health, and a Member-Scholar affiliated with the International Institute for Qualitative Methodology. He has over 15 years experience in research and evaluation in both practice and academic settings. His current research interests include healthcare policy and politics; public administration and public policy processes and theory; priority setting and resource allocation; health promotion, community development and community capacity building; urban planning, urban sustainability, and links to health promotion and public health; qualitative research and evaluation methodologies; public participation and public engagement; knowledge translation and exchange; and qualitative research synthesis and systematic review methods.

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