

HUNGARY

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HEALTHCARE AND HOSPITAL EXPENDITURE

| HEALTHCARE SYSTEM EXPENDITURE | 2001 | 2006 | Difference |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|------------|
| 1. Total health expenditure, PPP\$ per capita | 970,00 | 1.457,00 | +50,21% |
| 2. Total inpatient expenditure, PPP\$ per capita | 272,00 | 423,00 | +55,51% |
| 3. Total inpatient expenditure as % of total health expenditure | 28,10% | 29,00% | +0,90 |

What main factors have determined the rising of health expenditure in your country in the last 5/10 years?

- ▶ Hungary faces a relative large increase of health expenditure for two main reasons: the former so called 'eastern products' disappeared or changed to global market and the pharmaceuticals, but also all other products, such as equipments, instruments and medical devices were shipped for European cost.
- ▶ The only relative lower cost is the salary, but after 2002 there was a 50% of increase in the health sector.

What does explain the changes of the level of inpatient care expenditure in the last 5/10 years? Which types of hospital costs have been the driving forces?

- ▶ The costs mainly increased in the inpatient care, acute hospitals, regional leading hospitals and university hospitals costs have been increased radically.

What impact is the current crisis having and what impact is it likely to have in the future on healthcare level of expenditure?

- ▶ This crisis making clear that the local district hospitals income, which mainly come from the National Insurance Found, is not suitable enough to keep such a big number of beds or other services, so they have to found some other sources or transverse to another working form as private or non profit hospitals.

HOSPITAL PROVISION

| HOSPITAL PROVISION | 2001 | 2006 | Difference |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|------------|
| 4. Total number of hospital beds per 100.000 population | 785,83 | 791,68 | +0,74% |
| 5. Acute care hospital beds per 100.000 population | 555,63 | 552,78 | -0,51% |

Could you explain the trends affecting hospital care and, in particular, acute care, such as shift to primary/home care, increase in hospice care, improved treatment times, etc...?

- ▶ In Hungary the real changes happened after 2006. During the health care reform of 2008 more than 1000 acute care beds were diminished mainly in the Capital; over 1000 rehabilitation beds were established or converted from acute care beds.

| ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL INDICATORS | 2001 | 2006 | Difference |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|------------|
| 6. Acute care admissions/discharges per 100 population | 22,10% | 22,36% | +0,26 |
| 7. Average length of stay for acute care hospitals (bed-days) | 6,96 | 6,35 | -0,61 |

Please, comment the figures about the rate of hospital admissions and the average length of stay for acute care hospitals. What do these figures highlight about hospital healthcare in your country?

- ▶ The number of acute care admission is still high but the length of stay decreased because the people are afraid to loose their job if they spend too much time out of their workplace.

HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE

| HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS | 2001 | 2006 | Difference |
|-----------------------------------------|--------|--------|------------|
| 8. Physicians per 100.000 population | 316,31 | 303,58 | -4,02% |
| 9. % of physicians working in hospitals | 43,49% | 38,45% | -5,04 |
| 10. Nurses per 100.000 population | 810,15 | 904,13 | +11,60% |
| 11. Rate of nurses per doctors | 2,56 | 2,98 | +0,42 |

Do you consider the ratios of doctors and nurses to population in your country sufficient? Please, mention any local/national initiatives and policy shifts that will affect this.

- ▶ Between 2001 and 2006 the number of health professionals was still sufficient. But every year many professional doctors and nurses find a job in another European country as the recruitment is more intense and unfortunately the salary is still 4-5 times higher than in Hungary.

Do you consider the ratios of doctors working in hospitals in your country sufficient?

- ▶ The ratio is sufficient but the age tree is less acceptable mainly in some specialities.