Integrating resilience within the care economy

Exploring the role of pricing

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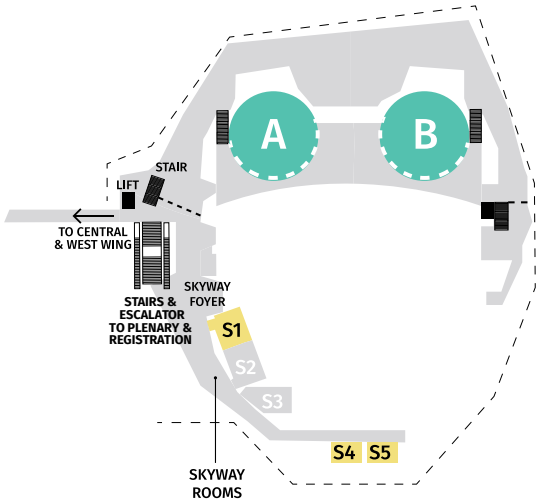
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Adelaide, Australia

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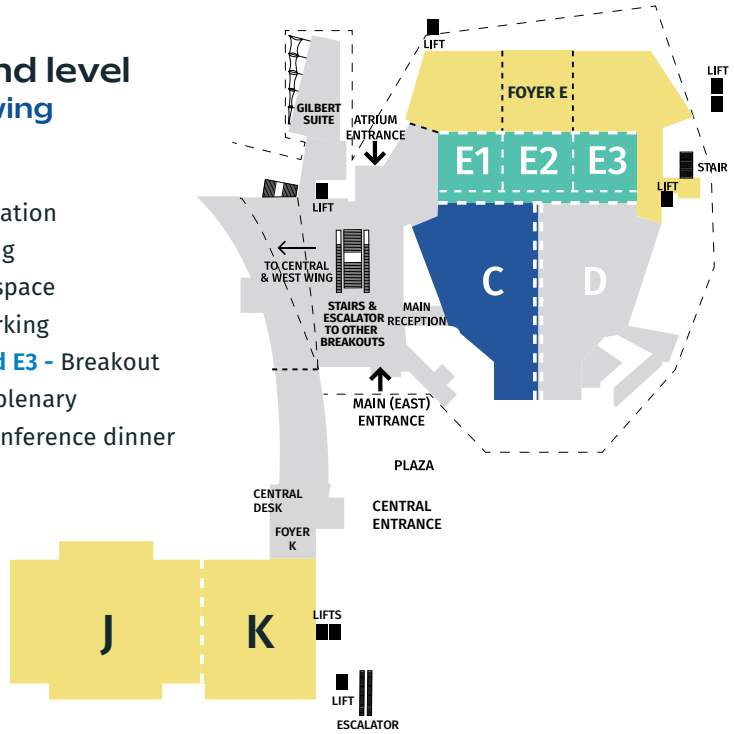
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S5 - Prayer room



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- Catering
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- Networking

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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we gather for the IHACPA Conference 2025, the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains. We recognise their continuing connection to land, sea and community and we pay our respects to their Elders both past and present.

We extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people attending this event.



Welcome from the Pricing Authority

On behalf of the Pricing Authority, I am pleased to welcome you to the IHACPA Conference 2025: *Integrating resilience in the care economy – exploring the role of pricing*, held in Adelaide and online from 5 to 7 August 2025.

This dynamic event brings together policymakers, researchers, health and aged care industry professionals, providers and consumer groups to address the resilience and sustainability of the growing care economy.

An expert lineup of speakers will lead discussions on reform, innovation, pricing and opportunities for harmonisation across sectors, including hospitals, health care, aged care and disability.

Over 3 days we will examine, debate and gain fresh insight into what resilience in Australia's care economy could – or should – look like.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the expert speakers from Australia and our international keynote speakers for their generous contributions, as well as to the many delegates joining us from across the country. I wish you all an enjoyable and thought-provoking 3 days.



David Tune AO, PSM
Chair, Pricing Authority

Conference overview

On behalf of the Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority (IHACPA), we are pleased to welcome you to the IHACPA Conference 2025. We are delighted to host this important gathering of leaders, practitioners, researchers and policymakers, from across Australia's health and aged care sectors.

This year's theme, Integrating resilience within the care economy – exploring the role of pricing, reflects the growing recognition that sustainable and responsive funding models are essential for building a care economy capable of withstanding ongoing pressures, from demographic changes to workforce challenges to global health disruptions.

The IHACPA Conference 2025 provides a timely platform to examine how pricing and funding mechanisms can support resilience, not only in service delivery, but system-wide planning, innovation and equity. Through a dynamic program of keynote addresses, expert panels and workshops, we will explore how pricing can better reflect value, incentivise quality and enable adaptability across both health and aged care systems.

Our speakers include sector leaders, policy experts, data specialists and clinicians who will share insights into how pricing intersects with system reform, resource allocation and service improvement. With a forward-looking agenda, the conference will also showcase IHACPA's ongoing work and highlight collaborative opportunities across jurisdictions and care settings.

We encourage all delegates to engage fully with the conference – ask questions, share experiences and connect with peers. The strength of our care economy depends on shared knowledge, transparency and a commitment to evidence-based decision making.

Thank you for being part of this vital conversation. We look forward to your contributions and to an inspiring and productive event.

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- Yellow - registration, catering and networking

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Tuesday 5 August - 7.30am – 5.30pm
Wednesday 6 August - 7.30am – 5pm
Thursday 7 August - 7.30am – 11.30am

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Scientific Committee

The IHACPA Conference 2025 Scientific Committee was established to provide expert feedback and strategic advice in shaping the conference program.

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Chief Executive Officer, IHACPA

Anne Elsworthy
Director, Acute Care Classifications, IHACPA

Jane Hall AO
Distinguished Professor of Health Economics, University of Technology Sydney

Laura Harris
Executive Director, Aged Care Policy, IHACPA

Maria Inacio
Director, Registry of Senior Australians, South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute

Alisha Lucas
Senior Director, Healthcare Purchasing and Funding, Queensland Health

Sarah Neville
Director, Analytics, IHACPA

Nicole Sutton
Associate Professor, Accounting, UTS Ageing Research Collaborative, University of Technology Sydney

Kees van Gool
Executive Director, Pricing and Analytics, IHACPA

Andrew Wilson AO
Co-Director, Leeder Centre for Health Policy, Economics and Data

Keynote speakers



Millie Muroi

Master of Ceremonies

Millie Muroi is the economics writer for the Sydney Morning Herald and The Age based in Canberra's press gallery. She was formerly a business reporter covering banks, financial services and markets in Sydney, and prior to that, a graduate economist with the WA Chamber of Commerce and Industry based in Perth.



Dr Sarah Louise Barber

Director, WHO Centre for Health Development, Kobe Japan

Dr Sarah Louise Barber is a health economist and policy specialist. She holds a doctorate and post-doctorate qualifications from the University of California, Berkeley, USA, focusing on economic evaluation. Before becoming Director of the Centre, she worked on strategic policy issues with the World Health Organization (WHO) in the Western Pacific, Southeast Asian, and African regions.



Tadashi Funahashi, MD

Chief Innovation Officer, Kaiser Permanente, Southern California

Tad Funahashi, MD is the Chief Innovation Officer for Kaiser Permanente Southern California. In this role, he leads a team of physicians, consultants, designers, data scientists and engineers who work together with teams and leaders across Kaiser Permanente to envision and build the healthcare delivery system of the future at the Kaiser Permanente Innovations Studio.



Stan Grant

Stan Grant is a renowned journalist, author, moral philosopher, thinker, filmmaker and communicator. He has had a groundbreaking four-decade career as one of Australia's most awarded journalists. A Wiradjuri, Kamilaroi and Dharrawal man, Stan has blazed a trail for First Nations journalists. In a career of firsts, he was the first Indigenous Political Correspondent, the first Indigenous Foreign Correspondent, and the first Indigenous person to present a prime time commercial television news and current affairs program.



Niek Klazinga, MD, PhD

Emeritus professor of Social Medicine, Amsterdam UMC

Dr Klazinga has been a professor of Social Medicine at the University Medical Center/University of Amsterdam since 1999 and became an active emeritus in 2024. From 2006 to 2022, he was the strategic lead of the Health Care Quality and Outcomes program at the OECD in Paris, where he currently still functions in an advisory capacity.



Amol Navathe, MD, PhD

Professor, University of Pennsylvania

Amol Navathe MD PhD is a Professor of Medicine, Health Policy, and Healthcare Management and Economics at the Perelman School of Medicine and The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He serves as Vice Chairman of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC), advising Congress on Medicare policy, and co-founded Embedded Healthcare (now Clarify Health), a healthcare technology company.



Dr Irene Papanicolas

Director, Center for Health System Sustainability, Brown University School of Public Health

Dr Irene Papanicolas is Professor of Health Services, Policy, and Practice at Brown University's School of Public Health and the founding Director of the Center for Health System Sustainability (CHeSS). Her research centers on measuring and comparing health system performance.

Schedule Day 1

Tuesday 5 Aug 2025

7.30am – 4.00pm
Registration open

8.30am – 10.00am
Workshops

HALL A

Developing residential and Support at Home aged care pricing advice

James Chen, Cindy Feng & Rachel Hauenschild - IHACPA

HALL E2/3

Towards a National Private Price: Strengthening resilience through funding reform

Katharine Bassett - Catholic Health Australia

HALL B

Introduction to the implementation of activity based funding for community mental health care services

Julia Conway, Rosie Ohlsson & Mireille Regan Gomm - IHACPA

HALL E1

The role of pricing and costing in building a climate-resilient, net zero health system

Martin Hensher - University of Tasmania

Fabian Sack & Raymond van der Zalm - The University of Sydney

Madeleine Skellern - National Health, Sustainability and Climate Unit, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

10.00am – 10.30am
Morning tea

Plenary (HALL C)

10.30am – 11.00am
Welcome to Country

Opening remarks - Millie Muroi, MC, **David Tune AO**, PSM, Chair, Pricing Authority

11.00am – 11.45am
Opportunities for innovation and transformation

Tadashi Funahashi, Chief Innovation Officer, Kaiser Permanente, Southern California

11.45am – 12.30pm
A conversation on productivity

Facilitated by Millie Muroi

Tadashi Funahashi, Chief Innovation Officer, Kaiser Permanente, Southern California
Emily Lancsar, Chief Health Economist, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing
Martin Stokie, Commissioner, Productivity Commission

12.30pm – 1.30pm
Lunch

1.30pm – 2.45pm
Abstract sessions

HALL A	HALL B	HALL C	HALL E
Aged care innovation & pricing	***Hospital pricing & payment reform***	***Understanding hospitals costs & activity***	***Health care (Classification/ mental health/ data)***
Chair: Maria Inacio - Member, Pricing Authority	**Chair: Sarah Neville** - Director, Analytics, IHACPA	**Chair: Prudence Ford** - Member, Pricing Authority	**Chair: Adam Coltzau**, - Member, Pricing Authority
1.30pm – 1.45pm			
Association between wait times for home care packages, and costs and usage of medical services and subsidised pharmaceuticals **Robert Jorissen** - South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute	Australian bundling payment reforms: Facilitating cost-effective and value-based healthcare for the National Health Reform Agreements **Kathryn Antioch & John Pilla** - Guidelines and Economists Network International (GENI)	Beyond case mix: Exploring the hidden factors influencing public hospital costs in Victoria **Andrew Haywood** - Victorian Department of Health	Understanding views on prospective value-based mental healthcare payment reform in a complex healthcare system **Henry Cutler** - Macquarie University Centre for the Health Economy
1.45pm – 2.00pm			
Telehealth implementation for enhanced care of older adults **Jonathan Brinton & Mel White** - Bupa and Aged Care Australia	The role of innovative funding models in strategic partnerships **Janine van der Walt** - Medibank	Review of the intensive care unit adjustment in the National Efficient Price **Zahra Afsar** - IHACPA	Insights from Queensland's implementation of activity based funding in community mental health **Robert Richardson & Hari Thirunavukkarasu** - Queensland Health
2.00pm – 2.15pm			
Economics and pricing of non-pharmacological interventions for dementia care in Australia **Brenda Gannon** - University of Queensland	Towards a National Pharmaceutical Reform Agreement: Access to medicines and pharmacy services in an evolving landscape **Jerry Yik** - Advanced Pharmacy Australia	Using activity based funding data to estimate the carbon emissions from Australian public hospital patient encounters **Fabian Sack** - The University of Sydney	ICD-11: An opportunity to support the entire patient healthcare journey **Anne Elsworthy** - IHACPA

HALL A	HALL B	HALL C	HALL E
Aged care innovation & pricing *Continued*	***Hospital pricing & payment reform*** *Continued*	***Understanding hospitals costs & activity*** *Continued*	***Health care (Classification/ mental health/ data)*** *Continued*
2.15pm – 2.30pm			
Advancing Support at Home pricing through comprehensive costing **Jonathan Lee** - IHACPA	Do purchasing incentives nudge and tilt a health system? **Alisha Lucas** - Queensland Health	Enhancing the National Hospital Cost Data Collection: IHACPA's approach **Molly Farmiloe & Sarah Vassallo** - IHACPA	Innovation in classification development – the Australian Non-Admitted Patient Classification Project **Georgina Young** - IHACPA
2.30pm – 2.45pm			
Reforming community transport pricing: insights from the National Variable Pricing Matrix Pilot **Akshay Vij** - University of South Australia	Financial penalties associated with a decline in harmful complications in Australian public hospitals **Lukasz Slawomirski** - University of Tasmania	Trends and insights from IHACPA's activity based funding annual report 2023-24 **Sayuru Kulupana** - IHACPA	Optimising hospital operations: Understanding the role of EMR data in resource planning and allocation **Madison Bills** - SA Health

2.45pm – 3.15pm
Afternoon tea

Plenary (HALL C)

3.15pm - 4.15pm

Aged care reform: What's next?

Facilitated by Dr Nicole Sutton, Associate Professor, Accounting, UTS Ageing Research Collaborative, University of Technology Sydney

Melanie Metz, Deputy Commissioner, Sector Capability and Regulatory Strategy, Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission

Mark Richardson, Assistant Secretary, Residential Care and Hotelling Reform Branch, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Natalie Siegel-Brown, Inspector-General of Aged Care, Office of the Inspector-General of Aged Care

Tom Symondson, Chief Executive Officer, Ageing Australia

4.15pm - 4.45pm

Creating a performance framework for the care economy

Niek Klazinga, Emeritus professor of Social Medicine, Amsterdam UMC

4.45pm – 6.45pm
Welcome reception (Foyer E)

Schedule Day 2
Wednesday 6 Aug 2025

7.30am – 4.00pm
Registration open

Plenary (HALL C)

9.00am – 9.15am

Welcome to Country
Opening remarks - Millie Muroi, MC

9.15am – 9:25am

Local spotlight
Robyn Lawrence, Chief Executive, Department for Health and Wellbeing, SA Health

9.25am – 10.10am

Value-based care, payment models, and non-financial incentives
Amol Navathe - Professor of Medicine, Health Policy, and Healthcare Management and Economics, University of Pennsylvania

10.10am – 11.00am

International comparisons of health system expenditures: disentangling prices and volumes of care
Dr Irene Papanicolas, Director, Center for Health System Sustainability, Brown University School of Public Health

11.00am – 11.30am
Morning tea

11.30am – 1.15pm
Abstract sessions

HALL C	HALL A	HALL B	HALL E
Health care reform and performance **Chair: Glenn Appleyard**, Member, Pricing Authority	***Hospital innovation and evaluation*** **Chair: Krystyna Parrott**, Associate Director, Activity Based Management and Funding, Department of Health and Wellbeing, SA Health	***Aged care quality, costs and sustainability*** **Chair: Stephen Judd AM**, Deputy Chair, Aged Care Pricing, Pricing Authority	***Understanding hospital costs and activity*** **Chair: Andrew Wilson** - Leeder Centre for Health Policy, Economics and Data
Influence of multi-level governance on the sustainability of integrated care in New South Wales, Australia **Alexandra de Souza** - The University of Sydney	Integrating virtual models of care into national pricing: Towards a resilient and adaptive care economy **Julia Conway** - IHACPA **Deniza Mazevska & Emily Ryan** - Nous	Financial impacts of reform in support at home **Stuart Hutcheon** - StewartBrown Chartered Accountants	Unveiling the hidden costs: A comparative study of chemotherapy pricing in admitted and non-admitted settings **Miao Shi** - IHACPA

HALL C ***Health care reform and performance*** *Continued*	HALL A ***Hospital innovation and evaluation*** *Continued*	HALL B ***Aged care quality, costs and sustainability*** *Continued*	HALL E ***Understanding hospital costs and activity*** *Continued*
11.45am – 12.00pm			
Addressing global health inequities: Improving data for social determinants of health **Michelle Badore** - Solventum	Using ABF principles to evaluate digital health models of care: the Sydney LHD Wound Care Command Centre **Anna Cohen** - Taylor Fry	Behind the numbers: preliminary insights from RACCC 2024-25 **Lisa Fodero** - HealthConsult **Mia Shui** - IHACPA	Examining the impact of COVID-19 on Australian public hospital activity **Megan Gu** - IHACPA
12.00pm – 12.15pm			
Primary health care services and continuity of care improve health outcomes in older adults: a population-based analysis **Johannes Schwabe** - Registry of Senior Australians Research Centre	Unlocking the potential of the National Benchmarking Portal **Divyani Bhatnagar & Vivian Lau** - IHACPA	What drives economies of scale in residential aged care? **Nelson Ma** - University of Technology Sydney	Trends in health spending on potentially preventable hospitalisations and unplanned readmissions **Emily Bourke** - Australian Institute of Health & Welfare
12.15pm – 12.30pm			
Projecting the future of private health insurance participation in Australia: Insights for policy sustainability **Qingyue (Marco) Li** - Australian National University	Enhancing consistency in NHCDC reporting: A review of cost bucket utilisation **Molly Farmiloe & Kam Kwan** - IHACPA	Care minute compliance — at what cost? **Nicole Sutton** - University of Technology Sydney	Awaiting aged care services: trends from Australian public hospitals **Anna Cohen & Vincent Tu** - Taylor Fry
12.30pm – 12.45pm			
The future of health system performance assessment in Australia **Richard Juckes** - Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Insights into disruptive financial models driving innovation in patient care and promoting health system sustainability **Francesca Grace** - NSW Ministry of Health	Care minute targets in aged care homes and associations with quality of care **Stephanie Harrison** - Flinders University	Inclusion of the full life cycle carbon footprint of health care capital assets in activity-based hybrid LCA, comparison of two procedures **Dorna Ghoreishi** - The University of Sydney

HALL C ***Health care reform and performance*** *Continued*	HALL A ***Hospital innovation and evaluation*** *Continued*	HALL B ***Aged care quality, costs and sustainability*** *Continued*	HALL E ***Understanding hospital costs and activity*** *Continued*
12.45pm – 1.00pm			
	Establishing pharmacist-led post-discharge outpatient clinics **Diana Sandulache** - Alfred Health	Improving quality care outcomes through the AN-ACC for people living with dementia **Emilie Awbery** - Dementia Australia	Surgical theatre analytics platform: Strengthening costing, pricing, and resilience in hospital surgical services **Ahmed Farag & Muhammad Zeeshan** - Johns Hopkins Aramco Healthcare
1.00pm – 1.15pm			
	Investigating the health economic value of Mako Robotics for total knee arthroplasty **Bradley Betty** - Stryker	Applying machine learning to optimise accommodation pricing in Australian residential aged care **Safdar Ali**- The Ageing Equation	

1.15pm –2.00pm
Lunch

HALL C

2.00pm – 3.00pm

In Conversation with Stan Grant and Jane Hall

Facilitated by Millie Muroi

Stan Grant

Jane Hall AO - Distinguished Professor of Health Economics, University of Technology Sydney

3.00pm –3.30pm
Afternoon tea

3.30pm –5.00pm
Workshops

What to consider when preparing a Refundable accommodation deposit application **Emily Dempster & Vanessa D'Souza** - IHACPA	Costing mental health data: Insights, challenges, and next steps **Scott Bean** - SA Health **Colin McCrow** - QLD Health **Iman Mehdi** - IHACPA	Fundamentals of activity based funding (ABF) **Julia Conway, Sarah Neville & Samuel Webster** - IHACPA

6.30pm –11.00pm
Conference dinner (Halls J & K)

Schedule Day 3

Thursday 7 Aug 2025

7.30am – 12.30pm
Registration open

Plenary (HALL C)

9.00am – 9.15am
Welcome to Country
Opening remarks - Millie Muroi, MC

9.15am – 9.35am
Guest speaker
Lloyd Williams - National Secretary, Health Services Union (HSU)

9.35am – 10.20am
International comparisons on health and aged care pricing, system resilience
Sarah Louise Barber - Director, WHO Centre for Health Development, Kobe Japan

10.20am – 10.50am
Morning tea

HALL C

10.50am - 11.50am
How can we balance quality care with financial sustainability?
Facilitated by Millie Muroi
Sarah Louise Barber - Director, WHO Centre for Health Development, Kobe Japan
Bruce Bonyhady - Executive Chair and Director, Melbourne Disability Institute
Elizabeth Deveny - Chief Executive Officer, Consumers Health Forum of Australia
Amol Navathe - Professor of Medicine, Health Policy, and Healthcare Management and Economics, University of Pennsylvania
Michael Reid - Principal, Michael Reid & Associates

11.50am - 12.30pm
Address from IHACPA
Jane Hall AO - Distinguished Professor of Health Economics, University of Technology Sydney
Michael Pervan - Chief Executive Officer, IHACPA
Closing remarks
Millie Muroi, MC

12.30pm – 1.00pm
Lunch

1.00pm
Conference close

Thank you

for attending the IHACPA Conference 2025.
We hope to see you again in the future.

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