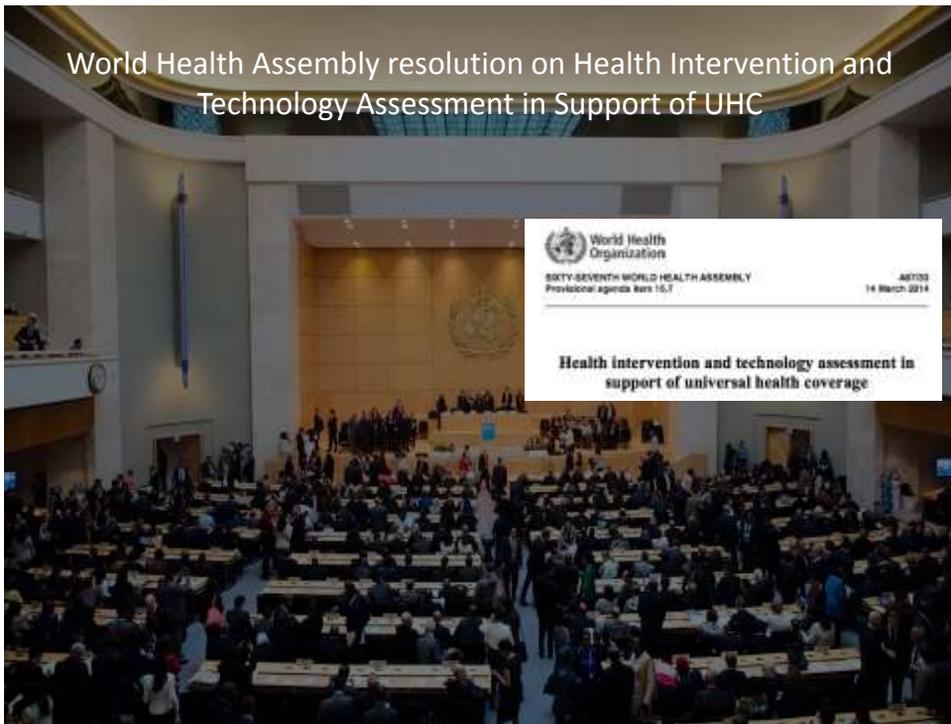


UHC & HTA

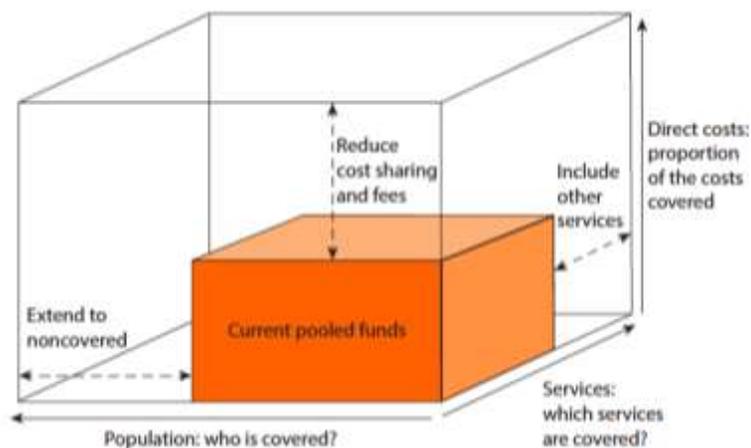
Kun Zhao
Director Professor
China National Health Development
Research Center



What is the Universal Health Coverage?

- UHC means that everyone has access to quality health services that they need without risking financial hardship from paying for them.
- The goal of universal health coverage is to ensure that all people obtain the health services they need without suffering financial hardship when paying for them.

Dimension of UHC



More explanation

- UHC aims to achieve better health and development outcomes in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),
- SDG will guide the post-2015 agenda. including a target to achieve universal health coverage (UHC),
 - including financial risk protection,
 - access to quality essential health care services,
 - access to safe, effective, quality, and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all.

UHC is a smart investment.

- The recent Lancet Commission on Investing in Health discovered that investments in health were responsible for **nearly one quarter of all economic growth in developing countries** between 2000 and 2011.—Dr Judith Rodin/Jim Yong Kim
- Emerging economies like Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa — representing nearly half the world's population — taking steps in the same direction.
- Advanced economies in Europe, Canada and Japan have guaranteed health coverage to their populations for decades, decreasing their citizens' out-of-pocket expenses.

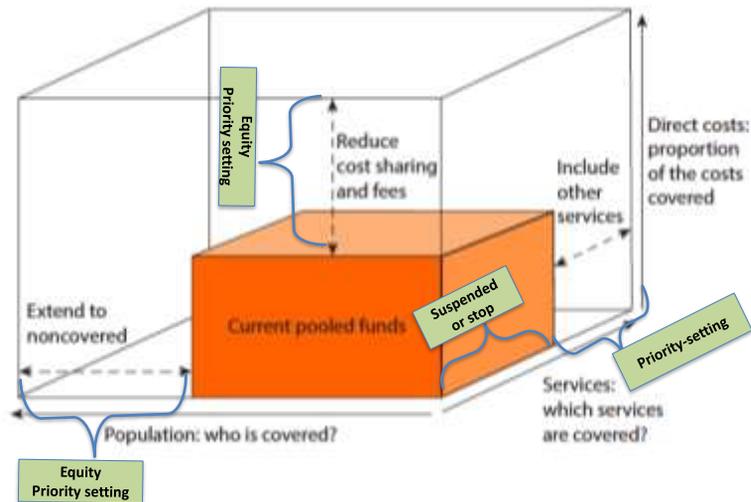
Key factors for achieving UHC

- A strong, efficient, well-run health system that meets priority health needs by integrated care
- Availability : essential medicines and technologies;
- Sufficient, motivated health workers;
- Affordability, a system for financing health services so people do not suffer financial hardship when using them

UHC challenges

- “Urgently and significantly scale up efforts to accelerate the transition towards universal access to affordable and quality healthcare services.”
----- recent World Health Assembly and the United Nations General Assembly
- **Too many countries rely on broken systems for financing and delivering care.**
- Their citizens have to dig deep into their pockets to pay for essential medicines or other health services. As a result, an estimated **100 million people fall into poverty each year to pay for health care;**
- **Estimated 1 billion people lack access to health care altogether..**

HAT assisting UHC



Priority-setting in health

“The task of determining the priority to be assigned to a service, a service development or an individual patient at a given point in time”.

----- UK NHS, 2009

“Prioritisation is needed because **needs or demands on healthcare resources are greater than the resources available**”

----- UK NHS, 2009

- Decision makers are always making choices and weighing the trade-offs between the various options, whether implicitly or explicitly
- HTA is a tool for supporting explicit priority-setting

What is health technology assessment (HTA)?

HTA is a multidisciplinary field of policy analysis. It studies the medical, social, ethical, and economic implications of development, diffusion, and use of health technology.

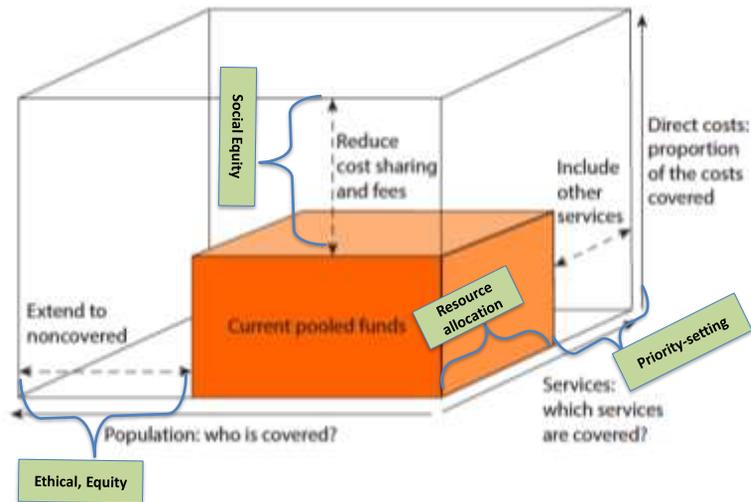
Any intervention that may be used to promote health, to prevent, diagnose or treat disease or for rehabilitation or long-term care. This includes the pharmaceuticals, devices, procedures and organizational systems used in health care.

Source: INAHTA/glossary <http://www.inahta.net/>

Using HTA to inform priority setting

- Applied HTA can be considered as a process for considering *scientific evidence, economic evidence **and** social values*, to inform decisions as to whether to fund a treatment / service
 - Includes **cost-effectiveness analysis** (CEA); not just clinical effectiveness
 - Drawing **comparisons**: Compared to the *status quo*, what do we gain out of the new treatment, and at what extra cost?
 - Not a merely technical exercise: The **process** and **social values** are equally important

HAT assisting UHC



HTA development in the world

- Over 30 countries whether developing or developed have formal HTA arrangement
- HTAsiaLink, ISPOR HTA council, INHATA.....

Thanks

zhaokun@nhei.cn