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### **Did the health care reforms make health care affordable? Experiments of different countries**

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**Background and Aim:** Health care reforms have been conducted since late 1980's around the Europe. Many countries reviewed their health care systems from the aspects of financing, organizing and delivering health care in some extend under the pressure of growing costs. The goals of reforms were not only short-term savings to public budgets, but also to promote health and to generate health gain for the entire population, resulting to decrease in health inequalities.

Arguments about the impact of specific cost containment measures on equity and health status have been raised in a number of countries. A substantial portion of the health reform discussion revolved around the two concepts: solidarity and cost containment. Some health care professionals believed that cost containment inherently and necessarily damage solidarity. Alternatively, some economists believed that increased efficiency and effectiveness in the use of insufficient health sector resources essential to preserving solidarity. So many participants of this conference are witnesses of this transition period and we have live experiences and data now to discuss the results of health care reforms around the Europe.

**Method:** Symposium will be conducted. Consequences of health care reforms in different health care countries will be discussed. Presentations will review the health care reforms from three aspects: health expenditures, health outcomes, health professionals working conditions.

1. The rationale of the health care reforms (10 min)
2. Experiences of Croatia (15 min)
3. Experiences of Turkey (15 min)
4. Experiences of Nordick countries (15 min)
5. Discussion (20 min)

**Results:** This symposia will give a chance to discuss different consequences of health care reforms.