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A STUDY ON ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS AND HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

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Abstract

This study discusses the connection between healthcare management strategies and the economic aspects. The aim of this study is to examine the direct impact of healthcare management decisions on the financial aspects of the healthcare system. Healthcare management methods cover a broad range of activities, from cost savings programmes to patient care procedures, operational efficiency, and resource allocation. This study intends to shed light on how these tactics affect healthcare costs, insurance premiums, and overall healthcare accessibility by exploring their economic implications. When making decisions about healthcare policies and practises inside healthcare organisations, it is essential to comprehend these financial ramifications. It provides information on how healthcare organisations can reconcile the need to deliver high-quality treatment with the need to be financially stable. Economic models, statistical analysis, and case studies may all be used in this study to measure how different healthcare management techniques affect patient outcomes, healthcare expenses, and revenue creation. In the end, the results can help guide evidence-based healthcare management choices that improve patient care, maximise resource allocation, and guarantee the long-term financial stability of healthcare systems.

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Introduction

Every nation has at some point in its history felt the need to fortify its legitimacy and create or restore the social cohesion required for the country to advance. States have focused their efforts in the second part of the 20th century on the two main sources of solidarity: health and education, in an attempt to accomplish this significant goal. Consequently, many constitutions in both emerging and developed nations declare that maintaining one's health is a social duty and a top priority for the government. The necessity to uphold social justice serves as the primary justification for health spending, which is accomplished through public subsidies and transfer mechanisms with no restrictions other than those imposed by the availability of public funds. However, the majority of national economies have found it challenging to keep up with the rate at which this kind of social solidarity spending has advanced. Since health is regarded as something that cannot be purchased, resources dedicated to it were frequently determined by other economic factors, such as the pace of economic growth or the unemployment rate. [3]

States' dedication to healthcare was strengthened by the economic expansion of the 1950s, which paved the way for the creation of global health systems. However, the global shifts and difficulties that have occurred in the last few decades of the century-such as the 1980s economic recession, the neoliberal trend, epidemiological and demographic shifts, the use of expensive and sophisticated technology, and the emergence and resurgence of diseases-have all contributed to the erosion of the social solidarity principle and a reexamination of the state's role in providing free or subsidised health care. Policymakers and healthcare professionals now prioritise the economic aspects of health care, and this has partially shaped the direction of health sector reform programmes throughout numerous nations. [4, 5]

In response to this health system problem, policymakers started concentrating on applying economic principles to healthcare in an effort to raise the required finances, improve performance, and make the most of the limited resources allotted to the health sector. Decision-makers in the health

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sector have gradually been freed from physicians' standards of assessment, which were only based on medical criteria, by using the economic justification. Decisions about health are now made within a global framework that takes into account requirements, goals, limitations, and sociocultural and economic contexts. Decision-making procedures in health systems are now guided by performance and effectiveness criteria.

Review of Literature

Dang (2016) [1] Studies on health economics give decision-makers knowledge on how to use resources most effectively to promote health. One area of health economics is economic evaluation, which is a method for analysing the benefits and drawbacks of various therapies. Developed nations have adapted well to the economic evaluation technique of health technology assessment. Cost-minimization, cost-effectiveness, cost-utility, and cost-benefit analysis are all included in the traditional classification of economic evaluation. Due to some hesitation regarding the adoption of their principles, there has been confusion in the conduct of these economic evaluations in India. The largest obstacle to this evolutionary approach is the lack of knowledge about existing practises among all parties engaged in the provision and acquisition of healthcare services. Different approaches to economic evaluation have been used in various countries to inform decision-making; these approaches are most frequently used to the issue of public subsidies for the purchase of pharmaceuticals. The effects of health insurance on the physical and financial health of its recipients in underdeveloped nations are not well-documented. India is presently employing a number of tactics to enhance the quality of health services for its people, such as funding government-run programmes and using various systems to buy services from public and private suppliers. Future growth and development prospects in this area are necessary in India due to the country's ageing population, rising chronic condition rates, rapid inflation in health care costs, and growing diffusion of technology, all of which will push health care systems to become more economically efficient.

Floortje (2012) [2] Healthcare decision-makers rely on manufacturers to submit proof of the technology's cost-effectiveness, safety, and efficacy when deciding whether to fund new medical technologies. A plethora of external obstacles have been created by tight budgets and a growing reliance on formal health technology assessment (HTA), which manufacturers must overcome to assure successful product commercialization. Pharmaceutical firms have been forced by these demands to modify their internal organisational structures in order to coordinate the production of pertinent evidence. This article outlines the various internal and external avenues that manufacturers can pursue to build a solid body of evidence necessary for gaining market access. These opportunities commence during Phase I of development and persist throughout the product lifecycle that follows approval.

Analysis

The strategies for managing and supervising healthcare systems and organisations are the subject of this study. It includes a range of duties pertaining to organising, arranging, and coordinating medical services. When it comes to making sure that healthcare facilities, including clinics, hospitals, and long-term care homes, run well, healthcare administrators are essential. To maximise the organization's financial sustainability, they are in charge of resource allocation, budgeting, and financial management. Healthcare administrators prioritise upholding the highest standards of patient care and safety over financial considerations. They work together with staff and other medical professionals to guarantee effective healthcare delivery. In addition, quality improvement, healthcare policy, and regulatory compliance are all aspects of healthcare administration. In this line of work, administrators are required to weigh the interests of personnel, patients, and the organisation, making ethical decision-making a fundamental principle. In general, healthcare administration plays a critical role in the smooth and productive operation of healthcare organisations, which eventually benefits communities and patients.

It is clear that the subject of healthcare administration advances and offers expert services, which are regarded as essential skills. The definition of professionalism encompasses more than just stylish appearances or clever behaviour. Expertise has made it possible to define this concept, and having this aspect means offering people meaningful services in a professional manner that benefit the recipients with the conviction that the real service is the main focus of their job. Indicating that development also necessitates a greater emphasis on the significance of the abilities necessary to improve healthcare services and the potential value addition to the economy and society. Developing a professional healthcare management plan is essential to creating an efficient management in the healthcare industry and attaining high performance of healthcare delivery systems. Numerous studies have discovered a connection between management competencies and healthcare system efficiency; also, the boundaries of management effectiveness at various levels have been identified as crucial barriers to accomplishing organisational goals. The system of healthcare management, on the other hand, can be described as a collection of procedures that aim to provide sufficient and competent human, financial, and technical resources in order to achieve long-term goals of healthcare services. These procedures may include supply chain, human resources management, corporate governance, and performance monitoring and control, among other strategic and operational procedures. Without these resources and activities, it is impossible to maximise professional development and achieve continuous success.

Planning, coordinating, and supervising healthcare services are all included in the broad field of healthcare management. It is essential to guaranteeing that people and communities receive high-quality healthcare in an effective manner. The following are the key points to consider:

- The administration and oversight of healthcare institutions, including clinics, hospitals, and healthcare systems, is a component of healthcare management.
- It includes a broad range of duties, such as human resource management and financial planning.
- The job of healthcare managers is to maximise resource utilisation in order to deliver high-quality treatment while keeping costs under control.
- They are essential to the creation and execution of healthcare standards and policies.
- Patient satisfaction and safety depend on efficient healthcare administration.
- Healthcare administrators need to keep up with the latest developments in healthcare laws and technology.
- They are in charge of making decisions about hiring, training, and performance reviews for employees.
- Budgeting, revenue generation, and cost control are all part of financial management, which is a crucial component of healthcare management.
- In an effort to enhance patient care procedures, clinical staff and healthcare managers frequently work together.
- In order to satisfy community needs and expand services, they could also take part in strategic planning.
- Electronic health records and healthcare information systems are also under the purview of healthcare management.
- In order to improve patient outcomes, healthcare administration frequently implements quality improvement programmes.
- For healthcare organisations to reduce their legal and safety concerns, risk management is essential.
- Healthcare administrators must make decisions that are in the best interests of both the organisation and the patients, thus ethical concerns are crucial.
- Healthcare administrators frequently communicate with a range of stakeholders, such as local groups, government offices, and insurance companies.
- To inspire and manage their teams, they need to possess great leadership and communication abilities.
- Public health organisations and long-term care facilities are two examples of healthcare environments where healthcare management can be used.
- For healthcare facilities to keep their accreditation and licence, regulatory compliance is crucial.
- Healthcare administrators may also take part in initiatives to promote health and engage the community.
- The main emphasis is on patient-centered care, which emphasises input from the patient and individualised care plans.
- Data analytics and health informatics are becoming more and more crucial to healthcare management decision-making.
- Healthcare managers have to provide high-quality care while keeping their organisations financially viable.
- They might take part in planning for catastrophe response and preparation.
- Healthcare legislation, technology, and demographic shifts all have an impact on the dynamic field of healthcare administration.

Healthcare management will have a significant impact on how healthcare is delivered in the future, with an emphasis on enhancing accessibility, efficiency, and health outcomes for all. The field of healthcare administration is intricate and dynamic, requiring a strong grasp of healthcare systems, strong leadership abilities, and a dedication to provide patients and communities with the highest quality of care.

Conclusion

Many Institutions at the global level also encourage the admission of economists into the health sector. The World Bank formally announced a reform plan in 1987 that asked for more financial contributions from insurance fund and health service consumers, a bigger involvement for the private sector in service delivery, and better decentralisation. The adoption of the World Bank agenda for health sector reforms and the approaches to economic development adopted by international funding agencies have been key in elevating economists to the position of referee in guiding health and other policies, especially in low- and middle-income nations.

Recent years have seen an economic viewpoint take centre stage in many low-income nations when making decisions about health systems. This approach is motivated by macroeconomic strategies rather than health sector concerns and aims to maximise health resources.

Institutions primarily focused on minimising budget deficits and other market distortions have affected decisions on the best financing methods for healthcare. Sometimes nations undergoing structural adjustment programmes have had overall financial orientations at odds with health goals.

WHO and other international organisations support the application of health economics in health systems, training programmes, and research facilities. When deciding how best to allocate resources for health development and how to handle the issue of equitable access to healthcare, economic approaches might be used. The need to show that the health sector is productive and should be incorporated into global social and economic development as a whole contributed to the growing emphasis on the financial aspects of health care. Through lower absenteeism, a healthier workforce, and the release of land as a result of illness control and its conversion to economic output, studies on intersectoral linkages conducted by the World Health Organisation have amply demonstrated the importance of health to socioeconomic development. Policymakers were given a clear message by the World Bank's - The World Development Report 1993: Investing in Health - the health sector may contribute to overall economic development as long as it focuses on cost-effective measures.

Better care and sensible health spending are critical trade-offs, and health economics-the synthesis of economics and health systems-helps achieve this balance. Health economists emphasise the economic aspects of health care and the necessity of integrating health systems into socioeconomic development by stressing the costs and implications of health care. In addition, it should be made abundantly evident that the use of health economics to significant healthcare choices is intended for reasons other than cost-cutting and savings that are incompatible with morality.

Conflict of Interest

There is no conflict of interest by the author in this manuscript.

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