

Review of: "A Prospective Study on Direct Out-of-Pocket Expenses of Hospitalized Patients with Acute Exacerbation of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease in a Philippine tertiary care center"

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First of all thanks to the magazine for inviting me to review this article.

Regarding the work, after reading it, the following comments have arisen:

Introduction of the work, well written, structured and adequate. The only thing missing is a brief summary of the structure of the Philippine healthcare system for the international reader like me. However, in terms of story and coverage it tells it adequately.

It is a pilot study, it explains it and explains its limitations, it seems appropriate to me.

Regarding the topic, I find it interesting and adequate, transcendental for health policies.

The methodology is well worked out, it is about 6 months, if it had had a full 1 year and a greater number of patients, perhaps it would be more complete, but the work explains it well, it does not deceive in that case. As well as calculating other costs such as labor etc.

In summary, it seems to me a good work, from my point of view it could be published because it has interest and quality. As a suggestion to the authors, it would be for future studies to perhaps use some methodology used in the existing literature on out-of-pocket payments such as catastrophizing, expense thresholds based on income, for example.