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for Health Economics

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*5 Years HCHE  
2011 – 2016*

## Research for better health care

After having laid out the plans for the Hamburg Center for Health Economics in 2011, we never anticipated how quickly the HCHE would develop and come to be a vital part of the healthcare capital Hamburg. Currently the HCHE has 8 professors, 3 assistant professors, as well as several junior research groups. It has become one of the most renowned and research intensive centers for health

## Facts & Figures

<i>Professors</i>	<b>11</b>
<i>Members in total</i>	<b>64</b>
<i>Third-party funds in million</i>	<b>25</b>
<i>Number of third-party funded projects</i>	<b>122</b>
<i>Publications</i>	<b>423</b>
<i>Impact factors in total</i>	<b>1.200</b>

economics in Europe. This development is something we are very proud of but keeps us motivated: this year the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) has extended the center's funding for another four years. In addition, grants from the EU will help us to organize a European PhD program. We have been instructed to provide the scientific support for the introduction of the

prospective payment system for inpatient psychiatric facilities (PEPP) until 2020. In all our projects, we focus on the outstanding methodical competence our researchers provide. The high quality of every single scientific project is the cornerstone of our institution.

  
Prof. Dr. Jonas Schreyögg, Scientific Director HCHE



## Interdisciplinarity

The Hamburg Center for Health Economics offers an interdisciplinary platform for researchers to investigate current and future challenges in health economics. The HCHE focuses on five major research topics: Financing Health Care, Economic Evaluations, Population Health, Hospitals and Physicians, and Pharmaceutical Markets. In combining the areas of economics and medicine, the HCHE provides the perfect environment for excellent quality in research and teaching.

### Research

HCHE members distinguish themselves by their willingness to overcome the boundaries of their respective research field. They have generated excellent and extraordinary research results. For their efforts our researchers have been awarded with prestigious scholarships, such as the Harkness Fellowship, allowing them to gain international experience.



### Teaching

The close collaboration between economics and medicine enhances the education of our graduate and postgraduate students. The HCHE's excellent support and mentoring to PhD students was recognized with a mentoring prize for Prof. J. Schreyögg in 2013. Since its inauguration in

the same year, future experts and managers in health economics have been trained in the "Master of Health Economics & Health Care Management". An alumni network facilitates ongoing exchange between researchers and practitioners even after graduation.



*"With its education program HCHE bridges the gap between care and its economic implications in a special way."*

*Cornelia Prüfer-Storcks (Senator of Health and Consumer Protection, Ministry of Health and Consumer Protection of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg)*

*\*Employees of the University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf (UKE)*

### Facts & Figures

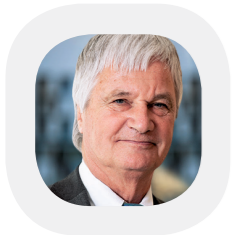
**Physicians\*:**  
**33 Researchers**

**Economics:**  
**31 Researchers**



"The HCHE with its scientifically demanding investigations of socially relevant issues of health economics and health care management is a pioneering example of interdisciplinary research cooperation and demonstrates how to maintain intensive dialogue between research and fields of application."

*Prof. Dr. Gabriele Löschper, Dean of Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences*



"A particular strength of HCHE, and therefore a unique characteristic, is the interdisciplinary approach in health economics."

*Prof. Dr. Dr. Uwe Koch-Gromus, Dean of Faculty of Medicine*

### 3 Faculties

"The HCHE has been impressively successful in implementing important health economic impetus in health policy and health care practice."

*Prof. Dr. Mark Heitmann, Dean of Faculty of Business Administration (HBS - Hamburg Business School)*



HCHE is a joint center of the Universität Hamburg and the University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf. Three faculties support HCHE's activities.

### Facts & Figures

*Professors:*  
11

*Affiliates:*  
16

## 4 Objectives

Health economics research is not only recognized by economists and medical professionals. It has also gained strong influence on health policy decisions and health care. Therefore, it is very important to us that our research results keep being published in renowned journals and in addition find their way to supply practitioners with research outcomes. Through events such as HCHE Research Results live, on the occasion of which we invite over 100 guests for scientific discussions to Hamburg, we promote a dialogue between national and international

1  
Integration of medicine and economics in our 5 research fields

2  
Scientific excellence of national and international visibility

3  
Deduction of practical implications for policy and decision makers

4  
Qualification in health economics on bachelor and master level as well as in medical studies

### HCHE Objectives in Detail

researchers, politicians, physicians, health insurances, associations, and representatives of health industry. The hosting of the EuHEA Conference 2016 was a unique experience and opportunity. The EuHEA Conference is the largest meeting on health economics in Europe and was held in Germany for the first time.

About 800 researchers and scientists from over 50 countries visited Hamburg for four days of research exchange and scientific presentations on the theme of “Know the Ropes: Balancing Costs & Quality in Health Care”.

*"Our aim is to achieve a multifaceted view of important health policy issues and to create room for a wide societal discussion."*

*Prof. Dr. Hans-Helmut König (HCHE Core Member)*

### Facts & Figures

Research Results live:  
> 500 Participants\*

EuHEA Conference:  
800 Participants

\*(2014-2016)

*"We have to create the empirical evidence for the most beneficial use of limited resources in health care."*

*Prof. Dr. Jonas Schreyögg, Scientific Director HCHE*

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## *Research that Bears Fruits*

Health expenditures are rising. Areas such as nursing, psychiatric disorders or quality of life will become central topics. New research questions will emerge. Therefore, an essential task for HCHE in the coming years will be to train and educate health economists towards excellency.

Two new junior research groups will be funded through the continued support of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). Additional grants from the European Commission will allow us to organize a European graduate program in 2017, which will provide an international program for 15 PhD students.

## *Facts & Figures*

*European Training  
Network*  
€3.9 m - 2020

*BMBF - 2nd phase*  
€2.1 m - 2020

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Years HCHE

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