



ANNOUNCEMENT National Conference

Emerging health care models: Engaging the private health sector

Centre for Enquiry into Health and Allied Themes (CEHAT), Mumbai invites papers for its National Conference on '**Emerging health care models: Engaging the private health sector**' on **25-26 September 2009**.

Prelude

In the past few years, there is gradual shift from mere privatization to much debated Public Private Partnership (PPP) in health sector. The partnerships in health are carried out with small-scale independent providers, non-governmental organizations as well the private for-profit sector. In last five years or so PPP has increasingly earned its importance among policy makers, researchers and program implementers. It has popularly become the buzz word in the discourse on public policy on health care where PPP health care models are now often debated an alternative solution to full privatization. However, there are some questions that need to be looked into: Within these newly emerging health care models, how does one safeguard 'Right to Health'? How does the public as well as private sector synergize in working towards national health goals through these partnerships? How does one ensure quality and efficiency of the health services? If through regulatory mechanisms, then what are these?

The conference invites papers on any of the following themes:

1. PPPs as emerging models in health sector: Benefits and issues of concern.
2. Role of the state in PPPs and related reforms in policy and legislation. (NUHM, NRHM).
3. Lack of regulation in the private sector and its impact on such partnerships.
4. State of patients rights in the midst of emerging health sector models. (role of non-state actors – private organizations, international agencies, civil society, Media, etc).
5. PPP and universal access to health care facilities and equity in health.

Important dates:

Last date for receiving abstracts (400-450 words):	15 th August 2009
Last date of receiving full text (e-version):	11 th September 2009
Conference dates	25-26 th September 2009

Note:

Final year Masters Program students and PhD scholars are encouraged to apply to present their research work

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