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## Analysis Group to Present New Research at International Society for Pharmacoeconomics & Outcomes Research (ISPOR) Annual International Meeting

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**Boston, May 21, 2007** — Members of Analysis Group's Health Care practice will present three podium presentations and 14 posters at the 2007 International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) 12th Annual International Meeting in Arlington, VA on May 19-23, 2007.

The health care topics they address include the cost analysis of pre-dialysis chronic kidney disease in employees, the cost of pain therapy for osteoarthritis, the impact of psoriasis on health care costs and work loss, and the health care costs related to elderly patients with a major depressive disorder.

A few presentation topics are of particular note:

- Vice President [Howard Birnbaum](#) will present new research on the medical comorbidities, pharmaceutical use, and health care costs associated with patients with fibromyalgia, a painful condition that is difficult to diagnose and costly to treat. (May 21, Podium Session II, NE1)
- Vice President [Eric Wu](#) compared health care costs and the number of hospitalization days of elderly major depressive disorder patients treated with and other antidepressants. The study found that patients initiated on escitalopram (Lexapro) have better treatment compliance, fewer hospitalization days, and lower health care costs. (May 21, Podium Session III, MH2)
- Vice President [Mei Sheng Duh](#) will present on the psychometric validation of a patient symptom assessment-lung cancer instrument for small cell lung cancer. (May 21, Podium Session III, CN4)

The full schedule of Analysis Group presenters at the 2007 ISPOR annual meeting is as follows.

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**PODIUM PRESENTATIONS**

Time	Topic	Authors
May 21 – Podium Session II, NE1	Medical Comorbidities, Pharmaceutical Use and Health Care Costs in Patients With Fibromyalgia	White LA, Birnbaum HG, Kaltenboeck A, Tang J, Robinson RL
May 21 – Podium Session III, MH2	Comparison of Health Care Costs and Hospitalization Days of Elderly Major Depressive Disorder Patients Treated With Escitalopram and Other Antidepressants	Wu E, Yang E, Greenberg P, Erder MH, Yu AP, Buesing M
May 21 – Podium Session III, CN4	Psychometric Validation of a Patient Symptom Assessment-lung Cancer Instrument for Small Cell Lung Cancer	Chen L, Duh MS, Antras L, Neary MP, O'Brien ME

**POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

Time	Topic	Authors
May 21 – Poster Session I, PDB9	Direct and Indirect Costs and Resource Utilization Associated with Photocoagulation and Vitrectomy Procedures Among Employees with Diabetic Retinopathy	Yu AP, Cahill KE, Birnbaum HG, Lee LJ, Oglesby AK, Tang J, Qiu Y
May 21 – Poster Session I, PMH22	Health Care Costs and Resource Use in Patients with Major Depressive Disorder: A Comparison between Escitalopram and Other Antidepressants	Wu E, Yang E, Greenberg P, Erder H, Yu AP, Buesing M
May 21 – Poster Session I, PND15	Economic Consequences of Generic Substitution for Antiepileptic Medication: The Case of Lamotrigine	Duh MS, Andermann F, Paradis PE, Weiner J, Manjunath R, Crémieux PY
May 21 – Poster Session I, PSK2	The Health Care and Work Loss Costs Associated with Atopic Dermatitis	Duh MS, Fowler JF, Rovba L, Buteau S, Pinheiro L, Lobo F, Sung J, Doyle JJ, Mallett D, Kosicki G
May 21 – Poster Session I, PSK3	The Direct and Indirect Cost Burden Associated with Seborrheic Dermatitis	Duh MS, Fowler JF, Rovba L, Buteau S, Pinheiro L, Lobo F, Sung J, Doyle JJ, Mallett D, Kosicki G
May 21 – Poster Session I, PSK6	The Impact of Psoriasis on Health Care Costs and Work Loss	Duh MS, Fowler JF, Rovba L, Buteau S, Pinheiro L, Lobo F, Sung J, Doyle JJ, Mallett D, Kosicki G
May 21 – Poster Session I, PUK10	Cost Analysis of Pre-dialysis Chronic Kidney Disease: An Employer's Perspective	Moyneur É, Bookhart B, Mody S, Fournier AA, Mallett D, Duh MS
May 21 – Poster Session I, PUK11	Medical and Work Productivity Costs Before and After Diagnosis of Anemia in Pre-dialysis Chronic Kidney Disease Patients	Moyneur É, Bookhart B, Mody S, Guérin A, Mallett D, Piech CT, Duh MS
May 21 – Poster Session I, PUK15	Drug Utilization and Costs Of Erythropoietic Agents in Elderly Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease	Lefebvre P, Duh MS, Laliberte F, Mckenzie RS, Mody S, Bookhart B, Piech CT
May 22 – Poster Session II, PAR2	Cost of Pain Therapy for Osteoarthritis in a Privately Insured Population in the U.S.	White AG, Birnbaum HG, Buteau S, Janagap C, Schein JR
May 22 – Poster Session II, PCN17	Medical Cost Considerations of Fixed Dosing Regimens of Erythropoietic Agents in Patients with Chemotherapy-induced Anemia	Lefebvre P, Vekeman F, Duh MS, Watson S, Mckenzie RS
May 22 – Poster Session II, PCN21	Drug Utilization, Cost Considerations and Transfusion Patterns for Erythropoietic Stimulating Agents in a Managed Care Cancer Population	Gosselin A, Duh MS, Lefebvre P, Mody S, Bookhart B, Mckenzie RS
May 22 – Poster Session II, PCN23	Identification of Patients With Small Cell Lung Cancer and Cost Assessment of Intravenous Chemotherapy in Claims Data	Weiner JR, Duh MS, Lefebvre P, Neary MP, Skarin AT
May 22 – Poster Session II, PCN25	Real-world Epoetin Alfa and Darbepoetin Alfa Dosing And Cost Considerations in Elderly Hospital Inpatients: Results From a Large Observational Study	Duh MS, Vekeman F, Mckenzie RS, Lefebvre P, Watson S, Mody S, Piech CT

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A presentation guide of Analysis Group's research posters and podium presentations can also be downloaded from the firm's website, [www.analysisgroup.com](http://www.analysisgroup.com).

All of the Analysis Group presenters are available to discuss their research findings with members of the media. To arrange interviews or for more information, please contact Eileen Harrington, Vice President of Marketing, at (617) 425-8193 or [eharrington@analysisgroup.com](mailto:eharrington@analysisgroup.com).

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