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# New Studies Find that Bariatric Surgery Reduces Downstream Medical Costs & that Obesity has a Significant Impact on Income

## Analysis Group Presents New Research at International Society for Pharmacoeconomics & Outcomes Research Annual International Meeting

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**Boston, May 17, 2006** — Analysis Group, a leading economics consulting firm, will present six (6) research studies at the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics & Outcomes Research (ISPOR) Annual International Meeting in Philadelphia, May 20-24, 2006. In addition to these six podium presentations, the firm has also had three (3) research posters accepted.

The Analysis Group presentations cover a range of health care issues including ADHD, Chronic Kidney Disease, Untreated Anemia, Cost Comparison of Oncology Treatments, Prostate Cancer, and Antidepressant Treatments. Of particular note:

- New research, presented by Managing Principal **Pierre Cremieux**, Ph.D., on the impact of bariatric surgery on health outcomes and pharmacological treatments among obese patients interest. Adding considerably to established literature on obesity surgery, this study identified a significant reduction in hypertension, cardiovascular disorders, diabetes, and rheumatoid and respiratory illnesses in post-bariatric-surgery patients. New findings also show a dramatic decrease (35% in the short term, 29% over time) in psychiatric disorders in post-bariatric surgery patients.
- A study of adult economic status and obesity, presented by Manager **Eric Wu**, which reveals the significant impact of obesity on economic well-being. Specific findings include: obese employees make \$3,300 less than their normal weight counterparts, with white females experiencing a significantly lower annual income (by \$5,000) than their normal weight white counterparts.

The full schedule of Analysis Group presenters at the 2006 ISPOR conference is as follows:

**Podium Presentations:**

- Pierre Cremieux: "The Impact of Bariatric Surgery on Health Outcomes and Pharmacological Treatment Among Obese Patients in an Employed Population" (May 22, Podium Session I, HP2)
- Eric Wu: "Medical Costs and Hospitalization of Adults Diagnosed with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder Who Received Alternative Therapies" (May 24, Podium Session III, MH4)
- Eric Wu: "Adult Economic Status and Obesity in the United States: 2000 – 2002" (May 24, Podium Session III, HI1)
- **Mei Sheng Duh**: "The Economic Impact of Epoetin Alfa (Epo) Therapy on Delaying Time to Dialysis in Elderly Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease (Ckd)" (May 24, Podium Session III, UR1)
- Mei Sheng Duh: "Economic Burden of Untreated Anemia in Pre-dialysis Chronic Kidney Disease (Pckd) Patients: An Employer's Perspective" (May 24, Podium Session III, UR2)
- Mei Sheng Duh: "Comparison of Epoetin Alfa and Darbepoetin Alfa Treatment Costs in an Inpatient Oncology Setting" (May 24, Podium Session IV, CN4) (MORE)

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#### Poster Presentations:

- Eric Wu: "Obesity and Quality of Life in the United States: 2000 – 2002" (May 22, Poster Session I, POB7)
- Rym Ben-Hamadi: "Annual Costs Associated with Patterns of Antidepressant Treatment Response Among Employees" (May 22, Poster Session I, PMH7)
- Eric Wu: "Mapping Fact-p and Eortc Qlq-c30 to the Eq-5d Health Utility in Metastatic Hormone-refractory Prostate Cancer Patients" (May 23, Poster Session II, PCN33)

All of the Analysis Group presenters are available to discuss their research findings with members of the media. To arrange interviews with them or for more information please contact Eileen Harrington (617.425.8193/617.584.0993).

**Analysis Group** provides economic, financial, and business strategy consulting to law firms, corporations, and government agencies. The firm integrates analytical expertise in health care economics with knowledge of industry dynamics, disease states, and business strategy honed from more than 20 years of experience in all aspects of health care. The firm has more than 300 professionals, with offices in Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Los Angeles, Menlo Park, New York, San Francisco, Washington, DC, and Montreal, Canada.

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