

Centre for Public Health in Economics and Business (CPHEB) Newsletter

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In this monthly newsletter, the CPHEB keeps you informed about recent and upcoming events. **If you have a contribution to the newsletter, please let us know at cpheb@rug.nl.** You can also find us on LinkedIn.

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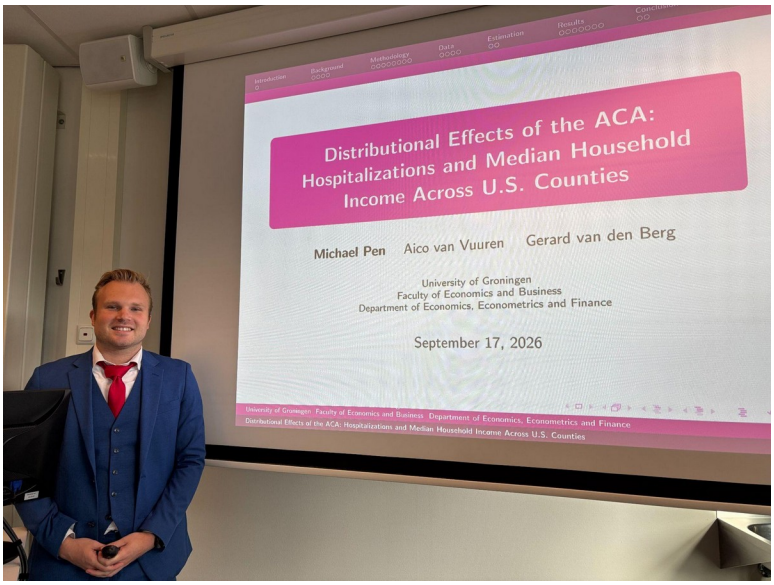
News

CPHEB Monthly Seminar Michael Pen

Michael Pen (EEF) presented in our monthly CPHEB seminar series, sharing findings from his study “Distributional effects of the ACA.” Using advanced econometric methods, Michael examined how the Affordable Care Act affected different groups across the income and health distribution, highlighting important differences in the way the policy affected different counties in the US. His presentation provided valuable insights into the distributional consequences of major health policy reforms.



National Consortium ACCESS Launched: Better Acute Care for Every Patient in the Netherlands

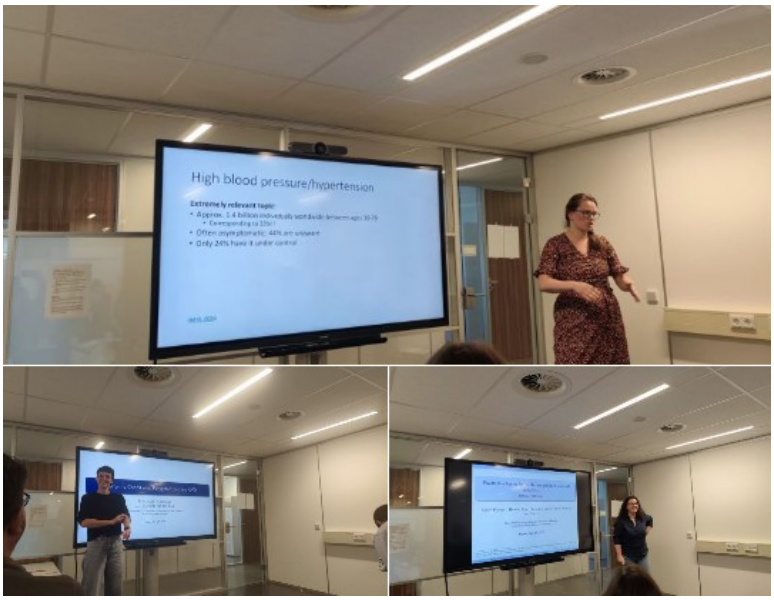
Just before the summer, the national ACCESS consortium (Advancing Equitable Access to Acute Care),
focusing on prehospital and acute care, was approved by Health Holland and DINALOG. Nearly one
million euros in funding was made available by both organizations for a kickstart project aimed at
launching this long-term public-private partnership (PPP). The new consortium was initiated by Durk-
Jouke van der Zee (FEB) and Maarten Lahr (UMCG).

ACCESS brings together regional ambulance services, hospitals, and research institutions. mThe kickstart project aims to develop an integrated digital triage platform for prehospital and acute care that better connects ambulance services and hospitals over a three-year period. The system will combine patients’ clinical data with information on travel times, available capacity, and treatment options at hospitals. This will enable ambulance professionals to determine more quickly which hospital is most suitable for a specific patient. Several work packages have been defined, involving ACCESS consortium partners. FEB’s involvement focuses on overall

project management, development of the platform for cardiovascular patients, and dynamic ambulance management. In the coming years, ACCESS aims to expand by involving additional partners and hosting a range of new projects.

CPHEB Members at the 4th Dutch Health Econometrics Workshop

Our Centre was well represented at the 4th Dutch Health Econometrics Workshop in Rotterdam on September 24 and 25. The Dutch Health Econometrics Workshop is an annual workshop organised by Tilburg University, University of Groningen, Erasmus University Rotterdam, RadboudUMC, and UMCG. Members of the *Data-driven Health subtheme* were involved through organisation, discussion, and presentations.



Upcoming events

October 9 , 2026 9.30 - 17.15 Oldenburg	**Cross-border Health Meet-up: Prevention without borders** Join us at the next Cross-border Health Meet-up: *Prevention without borders: Tackling health disparities in the Dutch-German border region together* During this event, we will explore the role of prevention in reducing health inequalities and improving health outcomes for communities across the Dutch-German border region. Through inspiring keynotes, practical examples, and interactive discussions, we will share knowledge and strengthen cross-border health collaboration. Keynote speakers include Prof. Dr. Gabriele Bolte (Universität Bremen) and Prof dr. Oscar H. Franco (Utrecht University and UMC Utrecht). For those travelling from the Netherlands, we have arranged a bus from Groningen to Oldenburg and back. If you would like to make use of the bus,

	you can indicate this when registering for the event. Registration and more information: https://www.rug.nl/aletta/innovation/health4de-nl/calendar/cross-border-health-meet-up-2026?lang=en
October 20, 2026 13.00 - 17.00 Pavilion Duisenberg Building 5433.0209B	**CPHEB Half-Day Workshop October 20th** The workshop will bring together research and practice across the CPHEB subthemes and will include a keynote presentation and networking opportunities. During interactive sessions, you will have an opportunity to collect challenges from practice and develop project ideas, which can then be linked to funding opportunities.
October 29, 2026 9.45 - 10.45 5419.0007	**Monthly CPHEB Seminar: Paolo Micera (EEF)**

Publications

Nguyen CP, Cavalcante F, van der Zee DJ, et al (2026). Cost-Effectiveness of Thrombectomy With or Without Alteplase in Large Vessel Occlusion Stroke: A Meta-Analysis Considering Time-to-Treatment. *Neurology*. *106*(9):e214866. doi:10.1212/WNL.0000000000214866.

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Calls

NWO: Onderzoek op routes door consortia 2026

Theme: Smart technological infrastructure for sustainable and customised prevention of multimorbidity
Deadline: **October 6, 2026** at 14.00 | More information: https://www.nwo.nl/calls/onderzoek-op-routes-door-consortia-2026