



## Lancet EMP Newsletter

### Lancet Commission on Essential Medicines Policies *Countdown to 2016*

Welcome to the May 2015 newsletter of the Lancet Commission on Essential Medicine Policies

#### **March Meeting of The Lancet Commission on Essential Medicines Policies in London**

Nineteen Commissioners and two senior editors of The Lancet met in London 9-11 March 2015 to discuss the outline of the report. The report will address five priority areas on essential medicines:

1. Quality and safety
2. Financing
3. Affordability
4. Appropriate
5. Research and Development



Different commissioners will take the lead to develop each of these priority areas. Case studies will illustrate progress achieved or challenges in overcoming existing barriers in design, implementation and evaluation of policies.

The Lancet EMP Report will be published Spring 2016.

### Recent Publications of Interest:

- New 2015 WHO EML has been published. Press release: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2015/new-essential-medicines-list/en/>
- Medicines & Universal Health Coverage: Thematic series. The series has been published by Journal of Pharmaceutical Policy and Practice ([www.joppp.org](http://www.joppp.org))

Editorial Maryam Bigdeli, Richard Laing, Göran Tomson, Zaheer-Ud-Din Babar.  
*Medicines and universal health coverage: challenges and opportunities.* *Journal of Pharmaceutical Policy and Practice* 2015 <http://www.joppp.org/content/8/1/8>

### Upcoming Events and News relevant to Essential Medicine Policies:

- United Nations Summit to adopt the post 2015 Development Agenda, 25-27 September, New York, USA  
<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/post2015/summit>
- Prince Mahidol Award Conference, 26-31 January 2016, Bangkok, Thailand – Priority Setting for Universal Health Coverage  
<http://www.pmaconference.mahidol.ac.th/>

### Spotlight:

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Prashant Yadav is a Senior Research Fellow at the William Davidson Institute (WDI) and Vice President of the Health Care Research Initiative at WDI. He also holds faculty appointments at the Ross School of Business and the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan.

A leading expert on pharmaceutical and healthcare supply chains in developing countries, Dr. Yadav's research explores the functioning of health care supply chains using a combination of empirical, analytical and qualitative approaches.

Dr. Yadav received his Ph.D. from the Manderson Graduate School of Business at the University of Alabama. He received his MBA from the FORE School of Management and his Bachelor of Chemical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology.

One of his recent publications: Yadav, Prashant. "Health Product Supply Chains in Developing Countries: Diagnosis of the Root Causes of Underperformance and an Agenda for Reform." *Taylor and Francis Online*. Health System Reform, 7 Jan. 2015. Web.  
<http://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/yfgSWxcxjn3n7iyqJQGD/full>