



**The O'Brien Institute for Public Health &  
the Department of Community Health Sciences present:**

**Incorporating Equity Considerations in Health Technology Assessment and Policy Decision Making:  
*Implicit Judgement to Difficult Decisions***

**Speaker: Eldon Spackman**

**Friday, March 13, 2020 - 12:00 to 12:50 p.m.  
G500 - Health Sciences Centre, 3330 Hospital Dr NW**

Equity judgements are intrinsic to economic evaluations and decisions. Sometimes these value judgements are explicitly stated but often they are implicit to our analysis and funding decisions. In this talk I will discuss equity principles recommended by the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health, where society has demonstrated preferences that differ from the recommendations and methods that can be used to account for these alternative preferences.

Eldon is a health economist in the department of Community Health Sciences at the University of Calgary. Eldon holds a BA and MA in Economics from the University of Calgary and a PhD from the Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research and Policy Program at the University of Washington. He joined the U of C from the Centre of Health Economics at the University of York in the UK. His recent research focuses on methods for cost-effectiveness modelling, equity and estimating an opportunity cost threshold.

**Objectives:**

1. To understand the use of Health Technology Assessments in decision making
2. To understand the national recommendations for equity in Health Technology Assessment
3. To discuss alternative methods for incorporating societal preferences for equity in Health Technology Assessment

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