

# HEALTH CARE PRIORITY SETTING TRAINING MODULE SERIES



## THE NEED

Resource scarcity in the health sector has made determining what to fund and what not to fund a necessary activity. However, research has shown that most health care organization decision-makers don't know how to formally set priorities.

## THE KNOWLEDGE

Researchers in BC have developed, evaluated and refined real-world methods, using a collaborative applied health services research program, to support health care priority setting. The results of their work are now available through the Health Care Priority Setting Training Module Series.

## THE MODULES

The series outlines Program Budgeting and Marginal Analysis (PBMA) – a framework that has its roots in health economics but more recently has drawn on disciplines including ethics, organizational behaviour and management science. The framework has been used in many countries and is now being applied in health organizations across BC and in other parts of Canada.

The series includes four 30-minute training modules that introduce viewers to priority setting and the PBMA process using slide presentations and a voice-over in non-technical language.

**The modules are accompanied by a written summary and are available at no charge. To get a CD copy, please contact Dr. Craig Mitton at [craig.mitton@ubc.ca](mailto:craig.mitton@ubc.ca)**

**PART 1: PRIORITY SETTING INTRODUCTION** - Role in decision-making on resource allocation, relation to and differences from economic evaluation

**PART 2: PBMA PROCESS OVERVIEW** - The underlying economic principles and the nature of the expected process results.

**PART 3: DESCRIPTION OF THE PBMA PROCESS-**  
Seven stages, each defined and explained

**PART 4: AN EXAMPLE OF PBMA-** Working through each stage, with specific reference to the handling of evidence leading to the results and their interpretation

