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Panos Kanavos leads the activities of MTRU, which is a research unit comprising 14 researchers within LSE Health and concentrates on interdisciplinary and comparative policy research on medical technologies. The unit has a number of research streams as follows:

- the economics of medical technologies, in particular, medicines and medical devices;
- prescribing, appropriateness and quality of care;
- access to medical technologies in developing and transition economies; and
- disease management and policy effectiveness medical technology.

As part of its activities, MTRU administers the *Programme on Pharmaceutical Policy Issues (PPPI)*, the *Programme on Medical Devices*, conducts research under the auspices of and participates in the European Medicines Information Network (*EMI-net*), the network for the study of rare diseases (*BURQOL-RD*), and is a member of the European Health Technology Institute for Socio-Economic Research (*EHTI*). It also coordinates the activities of *The Patient Academy*, an initiative between academia, health care regulatory agencies and patient groups.

Panos has acted as an advisor to a number of international governmental and nongovernmental organizations, including the European Commission, the European Parliament, the World Bank, the World Health Organization, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, the American Association for Retired Persons, and Ministries of Health of over 21 transition and developing countries. He has participated in the European Pharmaceutical Forum as advisor to the European Commission – DG Enterprise and has been

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