

Supplement

Table 1 Embase search strategy

Database	Embase
Host	Ovid
Search strategy	<p>1 (equit* or inequit* or inequalit* or equality or distribution* or pattern* or fairness or gradient*).tw,kf.</p> <p>2 health equity/ or health disparity/ or economic inequality/ or social inequality/</p> <p>3 statistical distribution/ or exp socioeconomic distribution/</p> <p>4 1 or 2 or 3</p> <p>Annotation: concept: distribution</p> <p>5 (health care or healthcare or health-care or (health adj2 service) or (health adj2 system) or (health adj2 sector)).tw,kf.</p> <p>6 exp health care/</p> <p>7 ((health or healthcare or health-care or health care) adj2 (coverage or insurance)).tw,kf.</p> <p>8 exp health insurance/</p> <p>9 insurance/ or social insurance/</p> <p>10 5 or 6</p> <p>11 9 and 10</p> <p>12 5 or 6 or 7 or 8 or 11</p> <p>13 ((out-of-pocket or out of pocket or catastrophic or impoverishing) adj4 (spend* or expend* or cost* or expens* or payment*)).tw,kf.</p> <p>14 (financial adj3 (protection* or risk protection* or coverage or risk sharing or risk pooling or hardship* or barrier* or assist*)).tw,kf.</p> <p>15 (cost-sharing or cost sharing or social health protection\$1 or social protection\$1 in health or cash transfer\$1 or cash grant\$1 or monetary grant\$1 or non-monetary grant\$1 or non monetary grant\$1 or social welfare or social assistance or social grant\$1 or social safety net or social safety-net or sociali?ed healthcare or sociali?ed health care or sociali?ed health-care or social security or health security or healthcare security or health care security or health-care security).tw,kf.</p> <p>16 exp health care financing/</p> <p>17 13 or 14 or 15 or 16</p> <p>18 (Andorra or Greece or Poland or Antigua or Barbuda or Greenland or Portugal or Aruba or Guam or Puerto Rico or Australia or Hong Kong or Qatar or Austria or Hungary or Romania or Bahamas or Iceland or San Marino or Bahrain or Ireland or Saudi Arabia or Barbados or Isle of Man or Seychelles or Belgium or Israel or Singapore or Bermuda or Italy or Sint Maarten or British Virgin Islands or Japan or Slovak Republic or Slovakia or Brunei or Korea or Slovenia or Canada or Kuwait or Spain or Cayman Islands or Latvia or (Saint Kitts and Nevis) or (Saint Christopher and Nevis) or Channel Islands or Liechtenstein or Saint Martin or Chile or Lithuania or Sweden or Croatia or Luxembourg or Switzerland or Cura?ao or Macao or Taiwan or Cyprus or Malta or Trinidad or Tobago or Czech Republic or Czech or Monaco or (Turks and Caicos) or Denmark or Nauru or United Arab Emirates or Estonia or Netherlands or United Kingdom or England or Wales</p>

	<p>or Scotland or Northern Ireland or Faroe Islands or New Caledonia or United States or Finland or New Zealand or Uruguay or France or Northern Mariana Islands or Virgin Islands or French Polynesia or Norway or Germany or Oman or Gibraltar or Panama).tw. (3065986)</p> <p>19 (high and income and (countr\$ or nation\$)).tw,kf.</p> <p>20 high income country/</p> <p>21 17 or 18 or 19</p> <p>22 4 and 12 and 16 and 20</p> <p>23 limit 22 to (human and yr="2010 - 2024" and (article or article in press or "review"))</p>
Restrictions	2010 to current

Table 2 Criteria and definitions for study selection

Criteria	Inclusion	Exclusion
Setting	Countries listed in the 2023 World Bank classification of "high-income"	Title, abstract, and keywords did not include high-income countries as a subject of analysis (World Bank 2023)
Focus on FP	Unit of analysis is the impact of FP or lack of FP	FP is not the focus
Outcomes or methodologies	Must address distribution of FP, by addressing at least 1 of the 3 sub-criteria below	Does not address distribution of FP in <i>any</i> of the 3 sub-criteria below
	1. Variables, factors, dimensions or determinants of <i>distribution</i> used to disaggregate FP, e.g. age, sex, geography, illness type, payment type, household type etc.	No disaggregation
	2. Indicators of FP or methodologies of measuring FP <i>distribution</i> , e.g. OOP spending, concentration index, unmet need, impoverishment, medical expenditure	No quantitative analysis of FP distribution
	3. FP <i>distributional</i> outcomes in the HIC(s) Distribution of FP according to the variables (RQ1) selected by the authors	No outcomes reported
Focus on essential health services	Focus on <i>essential health services</i> within a UHC framework	Focus on non-health or non-essential health services
Focus on general populations	Unit of analysis is regional (bounded by a <i>health system</i>) or national <i>general population</i>	Population is artificially constructed or disaggregated at the outset of analysis
Language	Any	
Date	Published on or after 2010 January 1	Published before 2010
Study design	Analyses or evaluations of FP	Research that focusses on preferences, satisfaction, attitudes or beliefs

Publication type	Original work Database: peer-reviewed articles or reports in academic journals Grey literature: working papers, reports, government documents	Reprinted work, books, news media, abstract, protocols, conference proceeding, letter to the editor, opinion articles, comments, blog post, podcasts, datasets, infographics
Availability	Full text is accessible through the University of Toronto libraries	Not accessible

Table 3 Data Charting Form

Study ID	
Author	
Year of publication	
Title	
Study objective(s)	
Setting	
Study design	
Population studied	
FP description	
Time period of data collection	
Data source(s)	
Determinant factors	Which factors / grouping variables were considered equity-relevant?
FP distribution indicator(s)	How is FRP characterised? Which indicators, statistics, analytical tools were used to describe or summarize the FP distribution?
FP distribution	What is the distribution of financial risk protection for health and health care in high income countries according to the indicators used in the study?
Theory / Model / Framework	Which theories, frameworks, models, distributive principles, or value judgements were invoked in the analytical design or interpretation of findings?
Health system boundaries	What is included as health spending / financing in the setting?
Limitations	
Declared COI and funding source(s)	
Notes	