## Foreword

This 2015 edition of Health at a Glance – OECD Indicators presents the most recent comparable data on key indicators of health and health systems across the 34 OECD member countries. For a subset of indicators, it also reports data for partner countries, including Brazil, China, Columbia, Costa Rica, India, Indonesia, Latvia, Lithuania, the Russian Federation and South Africa. This edition includes two new features: a set of dashboard indicators on health and health systems, presented in Chapter 1, summarising the comparative performance of OECD countries, and a special chapter on recent trends in pharmaceutical spending across OECD countries, presented in Chapter 2.

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