

# HTAi 2016 Annual Meeting Tokyo, Japan

MAY 10-14, 2016 · Informing Health Care Decisions with Values and Evidence

## Want Ahead of the Curve?

Review an abstract submission for HTAi's 2016 Annual Meeting and see a snapshot of the most current Health Technology Assessment research.

Abstracts are 500 words, our criteria have been refined and consist to three core areas measured for ease on a four-point scale. Abstracts will be assigned according to area of expertise and interest.

Reviewers require a minimum masters-level degree in medicine, nursing, public health, public policy, health economics, epidemiology or related subject.

All our reviewers will be acknowledged on the Annual Meeting website and there will be a formal acknowledgement within the programme of institutions who review more than 30 abstracts. HTAi members represent the most influential thought leaders in the field of health technology assessment globally.

If you are interested please submit your details to Helen Ramsey, Annual Meeting Manager, hramsey@htai.org.

**Panel & Workshop Reviews:** November 4-16, 2015

**Orals & Posters Reviews:** December 2-16, 2015

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## Theme: Informing Health Care Decisions with Values and Evidence

The use of value-based approaches to the issues in health care, especially to reimbursement or pricing has been well established across western countries and over the last decade Asian countries have been seeking their own solutions. Asian health care systems are very diverse, representing cultures, political systems and economies from more than 30 countries with varying histories. Despite the diversity in the region, there has been enormous growth in health economics and outcomes research driven by the desire to establish universal healthcare insurance coverage, the need for rational allocation of scarce resources, and a desire for government to provide leadership in HTA. This has been supported by the availability of HTA professionals and faculties through international networks and underpins the partnership between HTAi and the WHO.

All countries experience their own health system challenges, from implementing new technologies, addressing inequity to being pre-emptive in meeting the challenge of a rapid shift in demographics like age. These have the potential to threaten the sustainability of current health insurance systems, requiring greater deliberation on the issues of a value-based approach to policy decision-making and implementation. There is a need for informed discussion by a wide range of stakeholders on the use of advanced and expensive medical technologies such as personalized medicine, molecular targeted drug therapy, cancer treatment, regenerative medicine, heavy particle radiotherapy (and the facility) to name a few.

### International Scientific Programme Committee

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