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Mission

The mission of ISPOR is to increase the efficiency, effectiveness, and fairness of health care to improve health.

Scope

The ISPOR scope and sphere of influence includes outcomes researchers, health technology developers and assessors, regulators, health economists, health care policy makers, payers, providers, patients, populations, and society as a whole.

*ISPOR is a non-profit 501(c)(3) public organization for educational and scientific purposes, as defined by the US IRS.*
ISPOR is the Leading Global Professional Society in Pharmacoeconomics

Founded in 1995 as an international multi-disciplinary professional membership society, the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) aims to advance the policy, science, and practice of pharmacoeconomics (health economics) and outcomes research (the scientific discipline that evaluates the effect of health care interventions on patient well-being including clinical, economic, and patient-centered outcomes).

With a 20-year commitment to education, collaboration, and leadership, ISPOR meetings, published resources, and facilitated discussions have evolved as the leading resources for health economics and outcomes research. Moreover, as an unbiased organization of 9,500 individual and student members from 114 countries, ISPOR members represent the entire field including research, academia, decision and policy makers, consultants, payers, and others.

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Providing efficient and effective health care is a global challenge. ISPOR is a global organization that exists to help meet this challenge by continuing to globalize; working together with payers demanding greater evidence of value; and helping to establish what is feasible, given data, costs, and the science, to improve methods, the evidence base, and decision making, over time.

ISPOR is leading the scientific developments needed to respond to diverse needs for information, economic analysis, and outcomes research by working to understand decision making in middle and low income country (MLIC) health systems and their desire to achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC) for their populations.

ISPOR is helping to drive the discussion for creating incentives in health care systems to achieve better outcomes, and creating the tools and systems to measure performance.

ISPOR is continuing to raise health economics and outcomes research (HEOR) scientific standards; and supporting the next generation of researchers, by providing forums and opportunities both for learning and for exchanging important new ideas and approaches.

Adrian Towse, MA, MPhil
ISPOR President (2014-2015)
Director
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Message from the President
It is a privilege to be at the helm of ISPOR, collaborating with the world’s most talented health economists, academicians, researchers, payers, industry leaders, policy makers, and patient groups. ISPOR is a respected leader, making a difference in the advancement of science, education, and research publishing, as well as driving discussions with payers and policy makers on issues of interest to our global membership.

As a membership organization of individuals and not companies, ISPOR offers an unbiased perspective in global and regional conversations and acts as the catalyst for dialogue and information-sharing on key topics. Our Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Council, an umbrella organization that brings together HTA policy makers from Europe, Latin America, Asia, North America, and other parts of the world, is just one example of a neutral platform dedicated to advancing key discussions and knowledge.

Quality and integrity are the hallmarks of ISPOR, as evidenced by the always increasing impact of our journals and publications, guidelines, resources, and educational activities. ISPOR’s rigorous peer-review processes ensure the delivery of world-class services and programs for our global membership. I encourage members to get involved—to volunteer and to contribute their expertise in advancing the mission and goals of our Society.
I joined APOR, now ISPOR, in the early 90’s and have witnessed the tremendous growth in the health technology assessment and evaluation research space which can be attributed, in part, to the activities of ISPOR. ISPOR is often my first choice to seek guidance and keep up to date on evolving methods and topics. The knowledge and relationships that I have developed with ISPOR are unparalleled.

Bradley Martin, PharmD, PhD, RPh
ISPOR Task Force Leadership Group Member
ISPOR Short Course Instructor
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Through collaboration, global networking, and education activities, ISPOR members gain knowledge and a competitive advantage.

**Member Engagement**

| 9,500 Members from 114 Countries |

**ISPOR Member Benefits**

- Access to high quality peer-reviewed research, good practice guidelines, and new tools and resources in multiple languages;
- Opportunities to hear, discuss, and present research in highly influential publications and events;
- Global networking and the opportunity to contribute to strategic discussions with payers, governments, policy bodies, and thought leaders through ISPOR Global Groups such as Councils, Special Interest Groups and Task Forces, as well as via Regional Consortia, Networks, and Chapters (Regional and Student);
- Education programs offering learning and teaching opportunities including short courses, distance learning, and webinars.
Dialogue with Decision Makers

ISPOR’s Roundtables (such as the Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Roundtables and Patient Roundtables) bring together key decision-making stakeholders from around the world to share innovative research methods and health policy developments, and provide an unbiased forum for these key stakeholders to learn from each other to advance the science of pharmacoeconomics (health economics) and outcomes research.

ISPOR’s global, regional, and local councils and boards act as advisory bodies to the Society and provide direction on key scientific and health policy research issues in pharmacoeconomics (health economics) and outcomes research.

**ISPOR Roundtables**
The HTA Roundtables provide a forum to discuss, debate, and share information and health technology issues as well as bridge the gap between HTA agencies, health care decision makers, and outcomes researchers.

The Patient Representatives Roundtables provide patient representatives the opportunity to learn and discuss with other stakeholders how they can participate in the assessment of a new health technology (drug, medical device, diagnostics, biopharmaceutical, vaccines) and increase their involvement in health policy decision making.

**ISPOR Councils**
The ISPOR HTA Council provides a ‘network’ for ISPOR regional HTA Roundtables and Networks to share health technology assessment issues and provide guidance in the translation of outcomes studies to optimize health care decisions.

The ISPOR Health Science Policy Council reviews and evaluates good practices for outcomes research proposals submitted by ISPOR members for ISPOR Task Force development.

The ISPOR Institutional Council promotes the development, informed application, and communication of health economics and outcomes research resulting in global standards that impact health care decision making.

The ISPOR Student Chapter Faculty Advisor Council, a network of academicians within ISPOR, provides valuable information and advice on the educational needs and issues in the field.
"I value ISPOR as a global multidisciplinary society and its attention to fostering research to inform health policy. ISPOR offers people like me valuable information, networking, good research practices, roadmaps, education, and scientific journals."

**Finn Børlum Kristensen, MD, PhD**
Head, ISPOR HTA Council
ISPOR Board of Directors (2011-2013)
Director, EUnetHTA Secretariat
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I always send my students to the ISPOR Short Course Program – the training you get there is state-of-the-art and by the experts in the field!

Daniel C. Malone, PhD, RPh
ISPOR President-Elect (2014-2015)
ISPOR Short Course Instructor
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ISPOR Education Programs
ISPOR is committed to providing education for new and experienced professionals in the field. As such, ISPOR offers the following educational programs to its members:

ISPOR Short Course Program
The ISPOR Short Course Program provides meeting attendees with the unique opportunity to learn from thought leaders from around the world. More than 60 courses are offered each year in conjunction with ISPOR meetings worldwide. Short courses are designed to present essential information and equip participants with the necessary skills and knowledge in health economics and outcomes research (HEOR) methodology.

ISPOR Distance Learning Program (iDLP)
The ISPOR Distance Learning Program (iDLP) is an online educational tool that provides a valuable resource for new professionals, as well as those individuals in countries where the use of HEOR in health technology assessment is still emerging. In addition to English, select iDLP modules are offered in Bosnian, Chinese-Simplified, Portuguese, Spanish, Turkish, and Ukrainian.

ISPOR Educational Webinar Series
The ISPOR Educational Webinar Series is a monthly webinar program based on the ISPOR Good Practices for Outcomes Research reports and other ISPOR methodology tools. Open only to ISPOR members, participants have the opportunity to hear from the authors about best methodology practices for outcomes research and to engage with experts directly.

ISPOR Educational Directory
The ISPOR Educational Directory at the ISPOR website is a listing of academic and other institutions worldwide that provide degree programs, non-degree programs, and fellowships in HEOR.
ISPOR Publications
ISPOR provides access to high quality peer-reviewed expert research and good practice guidelines in multiple languages, as well as opportunities to present research in highly influential publications.

Scientific Journals

Value in Health
Established in 1998, Value in Health (ViH) is the Society’s premier scientific peer-reviewed journal, publishing economic evaluations, patient-reported outcomes, preference-based assessments, comparative effectiveness research, health technology assessment, and health policy analysis from leading experts in the field.

Value in Health Regional Issues
Launched in 2012, Value in Health Regional Issues’ (ViHRI) unique value resides in covering emerging health research topics from a wide range of geographic, socioeconomic, and health care settings. Three issues are published each year, each focusing on one of the following regions: Asia, Latin America, or Central & Eastern Europe, Western Asia, and Africa.

“Value in Health publishes articles from some of the world’s leading experts in the field. The theoretical articles and ISPOR Task Force Reports impact how future studies are designed, while the empirical articles inform health technology assessments, coverage, and reimbursement decisions.”

C. Daniel Mullins, PhD
Co-Editor-in-Chief, Value in Health
ISPOR Short Course Instructor
ISPOR Task Force Leadership Group Member
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**Value and Outcomes Spotlight**

*Value and Outcomes Spotlight (VOS)* is a new key publication for the communication of news and ideas to the ISPOR membership. *Value and Outcomes Spotlight* provides enhanced content on health policy and methodological issues of relevance to members through independent contributions from the field, the scientific program of the ISPOR meetings, and global ISPOR news items.

**Electronic Newsletters**

**ISPOR News Across Asia, Latin America, Central & Eastern Europe, and Student News**

ISPOR Regional & Student Newsletters provide news on health policy, health economics and outcomes research (HEOR), education opportunities, career development, ISPOR conferences, ISPOR Regional Consortia initiatives, and health technology assessment.

**ISPOR Books**

ISPOR outcomes research books are products of ISPOR Special Interest Groups (SIGs). These books are excellent resources for health care outcomes researchers and decision makers.
ISPOR Students
ISPOR is developing the future of pharmacoeconomics (health economics) and outcomes research and helping to build the workforce in the multiple disciplines of outcomes research through its student members and chapters.

ISPOR Student Chapters aim to provide an environment where students can share knowledge and innovative ideas in pharmacoeconomics (health economics) and health outcomes research. They increase student awareness of the latest advances and discoveries through newsletters and educational webinars, and provide students in the field with opportunities for professional advancement and leadership development through travel grants for ISPOR Meetings and access to the ISPOR eJobs Employment Center.

The ISPOR Student Network is an international platform, connecting me with brilliant students from around the world.

Brendan Kelly
ISPOR Student Network Chair (2014-2015)
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ISPOR Tools
As the preeminent resource for health economics and outcomes research, ISPOR provides tools for health care researchers and decision makers to promote the understanding and appropriate use of health care data to inform decisions.

ISPOR Tools for Outcomes Researchers
ISPOR Good Practices for Outcomes Research Reports provide guidance standards on clinical, economic, and patient-reported outcomes and their use in decision making. These reports are developed by experts representing the diverse range of stakeholders, work environments, and international perspectives.

The ISPOR Scientific Presentations Database is a public database containing more than 25,500 abstracts of the clinical outcomes, economic outcomes, patient-reported outcomes, health policy, or methodological research papers presented at ISPOR meetings worldwide.

ISPOR Tools for Health Care Decision Makers
Pharmacoeconomic Guidelines Around the World provides an overview of pharmacoeconomic (health economic) guidelines for 38 countries, as well as a guide for designing and conducting studies, and templates for evaluating economic study reports or the preparation of studies included in reimbursement applications.

ISPOR Global Health Care Systems Road Maps provide information on country/region-specific decision-making processes for coverage, reimbursement, and pricing, including pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and diagnostics.

The Assessing the Evidence for Health Care Decision Makers interactive questionnaire gives decision makers the ability to provide greater uniformity and transparency in the evaluation and use of evidence for coverage and health care decision making.

ISPOR Tools for Researchers and Health Care Decision Makers
The ISPOR Guidelines Index for Outcomes Research is a web-based compendium of methodology guidelines used in generating and synthesizing health care evidence, and using evidence in health care decision making.
ISPOR offers a large platform outside of The Netherlands, and Europe, to confer with colleagues, and to share research. This year I had the opportunity to co-chair the largest ever ISPOR European Congress. This experience was rewarding because the Congress had an impact on all the members and decision makers that attended.

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ISPOR Plenary Speaker
Professor, Head of Health Economics & Director
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Global Networking

**ISPOR Meetings**
ISPOR Meetings are a forum for discussion and dissemination of information surrounding the science of pharmacoconomics (health economics) and outcomes research. The goal of the meetings is to bring together experts in the field to share innovative research methods and health policy developments and to provide an opportunity to learn from each other to advance the science. The diversity in work environments and international scope of attendance provide excellent networking opportunities and stimulating discussions and debate. ISPOR Meetings also include small group meetings of policy makers, patient groups, and other specific-interest groups from ISPOR’s global membership.

Attendees are provided with the opportunity to:

- **Learn new & novel experiences** in the conduct / use of health economics and outcomes research.
- **Stay current** via cutting edge plenary sessions and presentations on innovative and controversial issues.
- **Share research, ideas, and developments** in the field and help advance the science.
- **Network and renew connections** with clients, colleagues, or collaborators.

**ISPOR Provides Three Scientific Meetings Each Year**

ISPOR 20th Annual International Meeting
May 16-20, 2015
Philadelphia, PA, USA

ISPOR 5th Latin America Conference
6-8 September 2015
Santiago, Chile

ISPOR 18th Annual European Congress
7-11 November 2015
Milan, Italy
My participation in ISPOR Task Forces has deepened my ties with colleagues from around the globe with similar areas of expertise, while my participation in Special Interest Groups has allowed me to broaden my understanding of emerging research interests. These collegial networks have been instrumental in my success as an academic researcher.

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ISPOR Task Force Leadership Group Member
ISPOR Editorial Advisory Board Member
ISPOR Short Course Instructor
ISPOR Board of Directors (2009-2011)
Professor
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ISPOR changed my life. Joining the ISPOR Asia Consortium helped me grow in terms of academics and also the connections and network that I have. I can say I have never regretted joining the ISPOR Asia Consortium.

Surachat Ngorsuraches, PhD, RPh
ISPOR Asia Consortium Executive Committee Chair (2012-2014)
Associate Professor
Prince of Songkla University
Songkhla, Thailand

ISPOR Global Groups

ISPOR Scientific & Health Policy Groups
ISPOR Scientific & Health Policy Groups are comprised of experts that represent different stakeholders and work environments. They develop knowledge products to advance the use of health economics and outcomes research in decision making. ISPOR Good Practices for Outcomes Research Task Forces develop expert consensus guidelines on good practice standards for outcomes research and the use of this research in health care decision making. ISPOR Special Interest Groups develop valuable tools for researchers, decision makers, patients, and the public, as well as manuscripts for publication in ISPOR’s scientific journals and newsletters.

ISPOR Regional Leadership Groups
ISPOR Regional Leadership Groups (Consortia, Networks, and Chapters) work on the development of the discipline of health economics and outcomes research at a local and / or regional level. ISPOR Regional Leadership Groups support the development of Value in Health Regional Issues and other publications, such as Regional Newsletters, and provide research and policy articles; translation of selected ISPOR products into local languages; and the development of regional research, utilization of research, and educational programs. Membership in a Regional Leadership Group gives the member access to thought leaders in the region, and provides opportunities to collaborate with colleagues on the latest ISPOR initiatives.