

The Health Economics Methods Advisory (HEMA): *An Introduction*

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Disclosures

- Employee of Institute for Clinical and Economic Review (ICER)
 - One of 3 supporting institutions of HEMA
 - Home of HEMA Secretariat

What is (and isn't) HEMA?

HEMA *is...*

- Independent working group of health economists
- Academic and research interest in methods for decision-making
- Diversity of viewpoint, location, and gender
- Charged with developing research and guidance to inform HTA and payer decisions
 - Equal focus on appropriate methods AND feasibility/practicality

HEMA is *not*...

- A “cookbook” producer
- A policy or mandate producer
- A shill for HTA bodies

Core Working Group Principles

- Focus on suitability of methods for HTA decision-making
- Recommendations may need to reflect differences in HTA bodies' mandates and policy positions
- Interest is in informing various policy and value positions, not redefining them
- Consensus is the aim but if not achieved multiple viewpoints will be represented

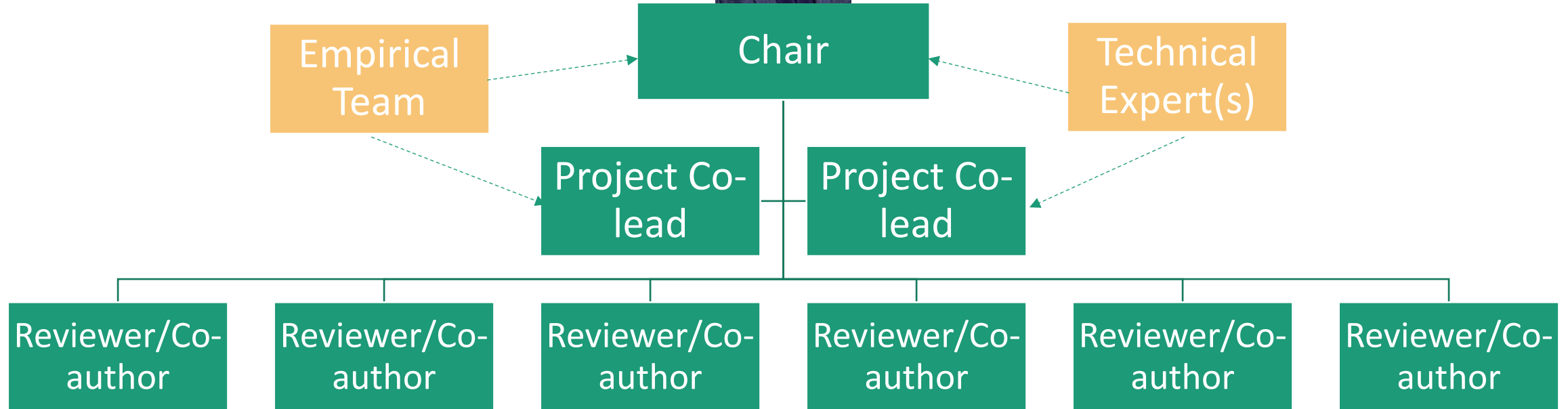
Working Group Principles: https://icer.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/HEMA-Working-Group-Principles_Final_030625.pdf

HEMA's Logistical Framework

Funding & Logistical Support



Organizational Chart: Working Group



HEMA Steering Committee

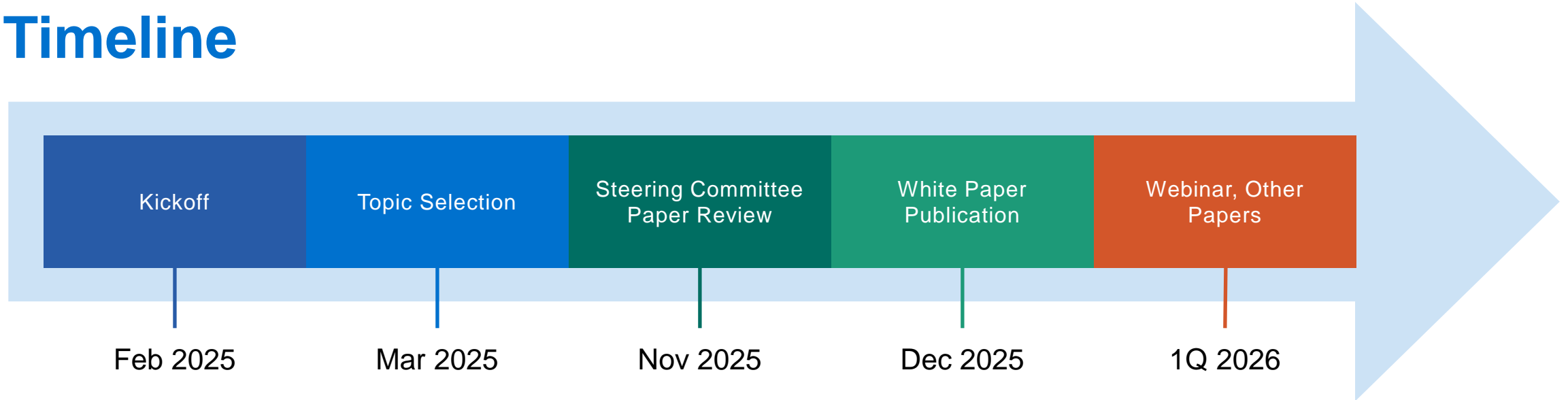
- Multi-stakeholder group (patient, payer/health system, industry), structured for diversity in geography, gender, and perspective
- Advisory to the commissioning HTA bodies
- Focus on topic prioritization/selection and topic-specific considerations
- Meet twice per year

First Topic

Topic Details

- Assessing treatment benefits appropriate for HTA consideration
- Consider strength of cases for inclusion of traditional (e.g., survival, QoL) and nontraditional (e.g., hope, spillover) elements
- Document implementation and measurement challenges
- Consider role of quantification vs. deliberation for certain elements

Timeline



HEMA Landing Page (incl. WG and SC membership): <https://icer.org/health-economics-methods-advisory-hema/>