CALL FOR PAPERS

Health Equity Research Across the Globe

Value in Health Regional Issues is distributing a Call for Papers for a themed section on “Health Equity Research.” We are aware of the increasing interest in this type of research in the field of health economics and outcomes research (HEOR) and recognize that there is a growing number of research projects currently under development. We invite the global HEOR community to contribute to this issue with research articles, health policy perspectives, and systematic or scoping reviews.

While the topic of “health equity” includes a broad range of research, our call is particularly interested in impact evaluation of health interventions on the distribution of health outcomes in specific populations or health system performance indicators (e.g., access, utilization, health system financing, etc.) across subgroups of the population. These subsets may be defined by different equity concerns such as socioeconomic status, ethnicity, gender, or belonging to a vulnerable group.

Value in Health Regional Issues serves as a platform for scientists in HEOR across the globe, especially in jurisdictions where capacities are still under development. However, the journal has recently expanded its scope to receive manuscripts from all countries, including North America and Western Europe. Therefore, any local or regional experience is valuable if those experiences provide information and knowledge for the international community.

The editors are most interested in receiving the following types of papers:

• Original research and high-quality applications of equity analysis that consider the distribution of health outcomes in specific populations or health system performance indicators, with an emphasis on distributional cost-effectiveness analysis and extended cost-effectiveness analysis methods

• Original research to generate foundational data to explore equity concerns, including surveys to elicit population inequality aversion and use of local data to estimate baseline health disparities across equity-relevant subgroups

• Solution-oriented systematic reviews or policy perspectives that both: (1) summarize methodological and data challenges in conducting health equity research in new settings and disease areas; and (2) propose frameworks, best practices, or action-oriented pragmatic guidance to advance health equity research efforts locally

• Systematic or high-quality reviews, thematic analysis, or qualitative research covering the impact of health equity considerations in healthcare decision making across settings, spanning health technology assessment, payer coverage decisions, and health policy across

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Submissions received before December 1, 2024 will have the best chance of being published in Value in Health Regional Issues in 2025. All submissions will undergo the journal’s peer-review process before the Editors make final decisions about papers to be included in this themed section of Value in Health Regional Issues.

Authors should submit manuscripts through the journal’s online submission system at https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/vihregionalissues and be sure to indicate in their cover letter that the paper is to be considered as part of the Health Equity theme.