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In this issue of *Value & Outcomes Spotlight*, we highlight for our readers articles of great relevance for those who work in HEOR. We recommend that you read and critically review this article.

EUPATI and Patients in Medicines Research and Development: Guidance for Patient Involvement in Regulatory Processes

Haerry D, Landgraf C, Warner K, et al.

Front Med (Lausanne). 2018 August 17;5:230.

In September 2018, the European Patients' Academy on Therapeutic Innovation (EUPATI) published an article related to a proposal regarding the involvement of patients in HTA projects.

Patients' participation in the health analysis and decision-making process has grown significantly in recent years, mainly in Europe, and EUPATI is proposing a format in which the patient have a direct participation in the processes of health technologies research and assessment.

The article brings the EUPATI suggestion of how to involve patients in HTA activities, through a flow of activities and when and how to involve patients in the assessment process. For those who work in the HEOR area, knowledge of this flow of patient involvement can positively impact the construction of studies, especially in countries where the concept of value-based health care is already more present in discussions with payers.

EUPATI also brings a proposal of how and where the patient can be involved in the medicines R&D process. For HEOR, the understanding of the form and when the patient can be involved also creates the opportunity to perform real world data studies and where their results would be best used across the process.

The publication also brings a consensus held among Patient organizations, academia, HTA agencies and industry about what would be a proposal of work practices would be considered as high value based on relevance, fairness, equity, legitimacy and capacity building. ●