

CALL FOR PAPERS

Economics of Antimicrobial Resistance: Costs, Consequences, and Policy Responses

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Value in Health Regional Issues is distributing a Call for Papers to invite submissions for a special collection of papers focused on quantifying and mitigating the economic, cost, and policy effects of antimicrobial resistance (AMR). This themed section is particularly timely given the United Nations General Assembly 2024 Political Declaration and its plans to update the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Action Plan on AMR. Successive updates on “pull” incentives for antibiotic innovation to the G7 by the Global AMR R&D Hub and the WHO indicate slow progress, despite expected high returns in health and economic benefit.

The theme seeks to provide evidence directly relevant to governments, funders, and multilateral institutions. *Value in Health Regional Issues* welcomes contributions that explore AMR from local, regional, and global perspectives, highlighting its implications for health systems, economic stability, biomedical innovation, and broader social outcomes including the value of a “One Health” approach.

The Editors encourage submission of original empirical research, systematic reviews, policy analyses, and short perspectives, as well as scoping reviews and conceptual or theoretical analyses. The themed section will accept new or complementary research articles, all of which will undergo the journal’s standard peer-review process.

This Call for Papers seeks to advance policy maker awareness and evidence-based policy making by showcasing research that does one or more of the following:

- Assesses the economic burden of AMR in different contexts and sectors
- Evaluates the effectiveness—and cost-effectiveness—of innovative policies and interventions designed to combat AMR by:
 - increasing access to existing antibiotics in resource-poor environments
 - reducing inappropriate use of antibiotics in all settings
 - developing pricing policies that recognize the value of new antibiotics
 - expanding development and/or use of diagnostic tools to target use of antibiotics
 - improving health system interventions in both hospital and community settings that reduce the build-up of AMR
- Investigates the intersections between AMR and other social goals, such as poverty reduction, education, and sustainable development
- Explores conceptual frameworks and theoretical models that deepen our understanding of AMR as a systemic challenge
- Examines interdisciplinary approaches that integrate economic analysis with epidemiological, environmental, legal, or social science perspectives to strengthen a “One Health” response

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Submissions must be received before **April 30, 2026**. Please note that the *Value in Health Regional Issues* is an open access journal where authors pay article processing charges for publication. However, any paper submitted on or before December 31, 2025 will have the open access fees waived.

Please consult the journal’s [Instructions for Authors](#) before submitting your paper for consideration for this themed section. 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 Antimicrobial Resistance theme. 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*.

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