

Constitution of ISPOR India-Manipal Chapter

Article 1: Name

1. The name of this organization is the International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research India-Manipal Chapter, herein referred to as ISPOR India-Manipal.

Article 2: Mission

The mission of the ISPOR India-Manipal Chapter is to:

1. Provide an environment where researchers, health care practitioners, and decision-makers interested in pharmacoeconomics and outcomes research can share knowledge at a country level.
2. Serve as a bridge in bringing together country researchers, health care practitioners, and decision-makers interested in pharmacoeconomics and members of the pharmaceutical industry, health-related organizations, and academia.
3. Act as a resource at a local level for individuals interested in pharmacoeconomics and outcomes research.
4. Provide an opportunity for country-specific chapter members to become more familiar with the activities of ISPOR as well as participate in its activities.

Article 3: Affiliation

1. This ISPOR India-Manipal maintains affiliation as a component chapter of the International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR).

Article 4: Membership

1. Active membership is open to any individual (in the country or province) interested in the Society and supports the mission of the Society.
2. At least three of the officers are ISPOR members.
3. There will be an ongoing membership recruitment program to encourage membership into the Chapter as well as the Society.

Article 5: Organization

1. The ISPOR India-Manipal Executive Committee should have at least the following officers: President, President-elect, Secretary/Treasurer. The duties and responsibilities should be as defined in Article 7.
2. The active members of ISPOR India-Manipal elect the ISPOR India-Manipal Executive Committee officers. Elections are to be held at the same time each year according to the rules and procedures outlined in Article 8.
3. The ISPOR India-Manipal Executive Committee officers hold their respective positions for a term of one or two years, or for the remainder of a term when filling a vacancy.

Article 6: Procedures

1. ISPOR India-Manipal is governed by this constitution.
2. ISPOR India-Manipal is a recognized organization in the country and complies with local governmental policies.
3. ISPOR India-Manipal holds general meetings during the year. Special executive meetings are held at the discretion of the executive officers.
4. Any member or officer of the ISPOR India-Manipal may initiate a constitutional amendment. Procedures for amending this Constitution are outlined in Article 9.
5. Each ISPOR India-Manipal executive officer or member exercises one vote.

Article 7: Duties of Officers

Each officer should be elected for a term of one to two years.

President

The President of ISPOR India-Manipal:

1. Conducts and presides over all meetings of ISPOR India-Manipal.
2. Represents ISPOR India-Manipal when called upon to do so.
3. Appoints an individual to any office that becomes vacant subject to the ISPOR India-Manipal Executive Committee approval.
4. The office of the President is open to any member of ISPOR India-Manipal.
5. Provides a report of activities and financial transaction to the ISPOR Board of Directors annually.

President-elect

The President-elect of ISPOR India-Manipal:

1. Succeeds to the office of the President upon completion of a one-year term of President-elect.
2. Conducts and presides over all meetings of ISPOR India-Manipal in the absence of the President.
3. Assists the President with the responsibilities of ISPOR India-Manipal.
4. The office is open to any member of ISPOR India-Manipal.

Secretary/Treasurer

The Secretary of ISPOR India-Manipal:

1. Records the minutes of ISPOR India-Manipal meetings. An official copy of the minutes should be kept in the ISPOR India-Manipal records and a copy emailed to: RegionalChapter@ispor.org
2. Handles ISPOR India-Manipal correspondence as necessary.
3. Is responsible for any financial transactions of ISPOR India-Manipal.
4. Keeps and maintains the ISPOR India-Manipal records.
5. Keeps and makes available to the members of ISPOR India-Manipal and the ISPOR Board of Directors a record of all monies received and spent by ISPOR India-Manipal.
6. Reports the financial status of ISPOR India-Manipal at meetings.
7. Assists the President in the preparation of an annual budget.
8. Oversees the financial activities of ISPOR India-Manipal.

9. The office is open to any member of ISPOR India-Manipal.

Article 8: Election Procedures

1. The active members of ISPOR India-Manipal elect the ISPOR India-Manipal executive officers.
2. the ISPOR India-Manipal Executive Committee (President, President-elect, and Secretary/Treasurer) appoints an Election Committee.
3. The Election Committee solicits nominations.
4. Elections are held. All newly elected officials must receive a majority vote (>50% of votes received) to succeed to the position.
5. The new ISPOR India-Manipal President informs the ISPOR Board of Directors of the newly elected officers. The names of the newly elected officers are emailed to: RegionalChapter@ispor.org.
6. Unless initiated by a decision of the President, or by any member of the Board regarding their elected term, a Board member holds their position until the end of the defined term. Board members should not be required to step down by any member of the Chapter. If there is a dispute that needs further resolution, a petition must be formally submitted to the ISPOR Board of Directors via regionalchapter@ispor.org.
7. If a change in leadership occurs outside the parameters outlined in this constitution, the Chapter and/or new leadership are subject to disbandment by ISPOR Board of Directors.

Article 9: Amendments

1. Any active member or officer of ISPOR India-Manipal may propose constitutional amendments.
2. A proposed amendment to this or new Constitution should become binding after receiving a two-thirds majority of the total voting membership of ISPOR India-Manipal.

Article 10: Indemnification

1. ISPOR India-Manipal will indemnify ISPOR from liability for injury or damage, cost or expense resulting from or which arises out of or in connection with the use by ISPOR India-Manipal of the ISPOR name, logo, or arising from the relationship or affiliation between the parties.