



Saudi Arabia Regional Chapter Annual Report - 2016

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**When are elections held for your Chapter's Board?
Please indicate month and year of your last election.**

Regional Chapter members

197

Full ISPOR members

Collect membership dues or fees from individuals?

No

Annual dues?

Chapter benefits

Providing updates on Pharmacoeconomics & Outcomes Research through organizing workshops & conferences.

Chapter's accomplishments in 2016 with regard to membership recruitment, retention, and engagement

Chapter's accomplishments in 2016 with regard to education and training

Participated in several educational conferences, such as Pharmacy conferences in Riyadh, March 2016, Real World Evidence symposium in Dubai in October 2016 and International Forum for Quality Cancer Care in October 2016.

Chapter's accomplishments in 2016 with regard to research

Working with different colleagues to validate EQ5D quality of life measure in Saudi Arabia. This project is very essential for progress of Pharmacoeconomics & Outcomes Research in our country.

Chapter's accomplishments in 2016 with regard to policy-related activities

A national working group to develop Drug Submission Guidelines was formed. The working group has started with a full day workshop with participation of three national experts. The working group effort to develop the guidelines and submit it to relevant decision-makers is has continued in 2016 and will hopefully be completed in 2017.



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Chapter's accomplishments with regard to Chapter meetings, workshops, or conferences

The chapter has participated in the Drug Submission Guidelines workshop in March 2016 with participation of Prof. Mike Drummon, Prof. Dan Mullins and Prof. Don. In addition, we have participated in a Pharmacy conference in Riyadh in March 2016, Real World Symposium in Dubai, ISPOR Arabic Network Forum on Washington DC ISPOR Annual Meeting as well as the International Forum for Quality Cancer Care in October 2016.

Chapter member's accomplishments, including articles of note or awards

Several articles were published by the chapter members.

Describe any regional patient engagement activities

Participated in the international forum for Quality Cancer Care held on October 2016 to discuss patient access to oncology drugs in the region.

Describe any activities organized for students or new professionals

None

Chapter Affiliations

The Drug Policy & Economics Center at the Ministry of National Guard Health Affairs is the domicile of ISPOR Saudi Arabia Chapter.

Sponsorship Agreements

Formal comments to governments or health authorities

Input to national or regional HTA activities

Participation in educational conferences and workshops related to HTA.

Committees or special interest groups

Registered with regional authorities

No

Chapter's main goals for 2017

Co-organize Educational Workshop on HTA use in Drug Reimbursement in GCC Countries in April 2017. ISPOR Arabic Network Forum on Reimbursement of Oncology Drugs to be presented in ISPOR 2017 Annual Meeting to be held in Boston. Participate in Pharmacoeconomic Educational Workshop to be held in Riyadh on February 2017. Participate in the completion of Saudi Arabia Drug Submission Guidelines to be submitted to relevant national authorities.

3 challenges the Chapter is facing at the start of 2017

Need to have the national guidelines for drug submission approved by relevant national authorities.

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Need to validate relevant health related quality of life instruments in a timely manner.

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Lack of established framework for accessing real world evidence in our country.

Prepared this report

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