

Value in Health

Health Equity: Methods and Measures for Equity Informative Evaluations

The topic of “health equity” and methods to incorporate measures such as inequality aversion parameters into equity informative evaluations have been a major focus in the field of health economics and outcomes research (HEOR). Health equity considerations include the notions of equal access to health technologies and services and fair resource allocation. The focus on health equity and healthcare efficiency has gained importance around the world with progress towards or sustained delivery of universal health coverage in the presence of increasing health technology costs that risk exacerbating health disparities.

In response to this increased interest, the Editors are distributing a Call for Abstracts for research that describes methods and measures for equity informative evaluations. Recognizing that there is a growing number of research projects currently under development, we invite the global HEOR community to contribute to this issue with new HEOR and health policy methods, empirical research articles that examine the impact of interventions on health equity, and systematic or scoping reviews.

While the range of equity-relevant topics and methods is broad, this themed section will focus primarily on

papers that describe methodological approaches, adaptation of existing methods, and new measures for evaluations or their novel applications.

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

- Original research papers that advance measures for equity analysis or evaluate data and evidence related to equity concerns.
- Methodological papers that describe new health equity decision-making frameworks or the use of existing frameworks or approaches to identifying and communicating equity concerns and the related metrics for use in resource allocation decisions.
- Methodological papers that describe new approaches or novel applications of existing methods for measuring equity-relevant data elements or for incorporating health equity considerations in economic evaluation.
- Studies that have employed methods to collect and/or identify data that include disadvantaged or underrepresented populations.
- Systematic reviews or health policy evaluations on the above topics, highlighting methodological issues.

All interested authors are invited to submit an abstract for consideration in this themed section no later than **February 1, 2025**. Abstracts should not exceed 500 words and should be submitted to our online portal at <https://vihabstracts2.secure-platform.com/a>. Submissions must also include a title page that includes the proposed title of the paper, names and affiliations of all authors and corresponding author, and expected word count and number of graphical elements of the final paper. Please direct any content-related questions to the Guest Editors, Julia Slejko, PhD (jslejko@rx.umaryland.edu), Sabine Grimm, PhD, (sabine.grimm@mumc.nl), or Susan Griffin, PhD (susan.griffin@york.ac.uk).

The abstracts will be reviewed internally by the Guest Editors. Authors whose abstracts best fit the scope, vision, and goals of this initiative will be invited to submit full papers for consideration in this themed section. Invited papers will be due no later than **July 1, 2025**. All invited papers will undergo the journal's peer-review process before the Editors make final decisions about papers to be included in this special themed section of *Value in Health*.