

## CALL FOR PAPERS

# Health Economics Research and Policy Initiatives in the Gulf Region

# Value in Health

## REGIONAL ISSUES

*Value in Health Regional Issues* is distributing a Call for Papers for a themed section on “Health Economics Research and Policy Initiatives in the Arabian Gulf Region.”

The Arabian Gulf region, part of the regional, intergovernmental, and economic union of the Gulf Cooperation Council comprising Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and its close neighbors, represents one of the most dynamic health policy and funding arenas in the world. Gulf-region countries face distinct yet diverse population health needs, including growing burdens from noncommunicable diseases. The Gulf regions have complex financing arrangements to accommodate the health needs of national, as well as immigrant populations, and represent large and growing markets for the pharmaceutical industry and public-private partnership. Moreover, given the influence of the region on global health financing and practice, affecting healthcare in low- and middle-income countries, is also increasing.

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The Editors of *Value in Health Regional Issues* invite the global HEOR community to contribute to this issue with research articles, health policy perspectives, systematic or scoping reviews, and methodological articles on the use of health economics and outcomes research (HEOR) and its influence on policy within the Arabian Gulf region. We are also interested in papers exploring the influence of region in other parts of the world, especially in low- and middle-income countries. The UN Climate Conference (COP28), held in Dubai in December 2023, was the first global COP to have a dedicated day focused on global health issues. The Editors are interested in contributions that explore the implications of commitments made at this meeting, especially on topics related to health and climate change.

Consistent with the scope of our journal, we are seeking manuscripts that will appeal to the international HEOR community, share lessons learned, and ultimately inform healthcare decision making. Submissions should include the evaluation of local experiences with potential global application, economic and health policy comparisons across countries, and methodological innovations in the region.

*Value in Health Regional Issues* serves as a platform for scientists in HEOR across the globe, especially in jurisdictions where capacities are still under development. However, the journal has recently expanded its scope to receive manuscripts from all countries, including North America and Western Europe.

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Submissions received before **March 31, 2025** will have the best chance of being published in *Value in Health Regional Issues* in 2025. 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*.

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 Gulf Region theme.

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