São Paulo: Bringing All Stakeholders into the Discussion for Better Decision Making in Health Care

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It is our pleasure and honor to invite you to the ISPOR 6th Latin America Conference to be held September 15-17, 2017, at the Hotel Transamérica, São Paulo, Brazil. The theme, "Driving Better Health Outcomes Through Stakeholder Engagement," brings the HEOR community together for a discussion focused on decision making to improve health globally.

The Conference Program Committee has worked hard to bring you a robust scientific program that will stimulate debates among all health care stakeholders, especially patients.

Since Latin America is facing universal health care coverage implementation to fight inequity in access to health care, most countries have undergone a health system reform process to try to understand who's real needs in health care and build a proper action plan. At the first plenary session, "Latin American Health Systems Reform: Opportunities and Challenges," renowned speakers, including Dr. Jesus Ancer Rodriguez, Secretary of Mexican General Health Council, Dr. Mauricio Vargas Fuentes from Latin America Association for Global Health, and Dr. Ruben Torres, Dean of the Argentinian ISALUD University, who will encourage a debate about the current status, related challenges, and future opportunities to build more sustainable and equitable health systems in Latin America.

The voice of the patient is often lost in the dialogue between health care stakeholders where providers, payers, government agencies, and manufacturers usually dominate the policy-making discussion

in Latin America. In today's world, the establishment of a number of patient groups has helped to amplify patients' voices. The second plenary session, "**The Voice of the Patient: Hearing Their Perspective and Incorporating in the Decision-Making Process**," will include Dr. Eleanor Perfetto from the National Health Council, who will explore opportunities available to bring the patient perspective into health care decision making more effectively. For that reason, Migdalia Dennis from the International Alliance for Patient Organization was also invited to speak to express the patient representation side of these discussions.

This conference offers 8 state-of-the-art, half-day, short-course training programs, 10 workshops, 15 issue panels, 5 discussion forums, and 8 educational symposia that reflect every perspective of health economics and outcomes research in Latin America.

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PLENARY SESSIONS

Latin American Health Systems Reform: Opportunities and Challenges

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The Voice of the Patient: Hearing Their Perspective and Incorporating It in the Decision-Making Process

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