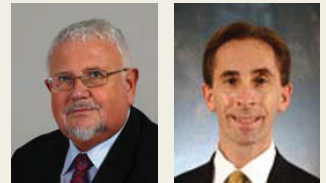


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A Year of Growth and Expansion: *Value in Health* in Review

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During our tenure as Editors-in-Chief of *Value in Health*, never before have we experienced the level of growth and expansion of the journal than we have seen in the past 18 months. As many of you know, *Value in Health* increased the frequency of publication from 8 to 12 issues this year. Publishing 4 additional issues in 2018 has allowed us greater flexibility in scheduling high impact articles for publication.

Data released earlier this year from the *Journal Citation Reports* show that *Value in Health* earned an impact factor score of 5.494. The journal has consistently demonstrated double-digit percentage growth in its impact factor score for the past 5 years. *Value in Health* ranks 3rd among 94 journals in the Health Care Sciences and Services category; 3rd among 79 journals in the Health Policy and Services category; and 6th among 353 journals in the Economics category (see Table for rankings of the top 10 journals in each category).

The sidebar on the right illustrates how articles published in 2017 are currently being cited in the literature. This list of the top cited papers from 2017 includes 4 articles from the journal's Special Issue on Value Assessment Frameworks and 1 ISPOR Good Practices for Outcomes Research report on *Mapping to Estimate Health-State Utility from Non-Preference-Based Outcome Measures*. Several papers on the list (including one of the top-cited papers) explore different applications of the EQ-5D-5L instrument. Others examine diverse topics such as the use of surrogate endpoints in health policy (Ciani, et al), real-world data in health technology assessment (Makady, et al), and emerging guidelines for patient engagement in research (Kirwan, et al).

So far in 2018, the journal has published a series of papers from the ISPOR Special Task Force Report on US Value Assessment Frameworks [February], 2 ISPOR Good Practices for Outcomes Research Reports (ie, *Application of Constrained Optimization Methods in Health Services Research* >

Top Cited Articles Published in *Value in Health* in 2017

Estimating an EQ-5D-5L Value Set for China.

Luo N, Liu G, Li M, Guan H, Jin X, Rand-Hendriksen K.
Value Health. 2017;20(4):662-669. [19 citations]

Time to Review the Role of Surrogate End Points in Health Policy: State of the Art and the Way Forward.

Ciani O, Buyse M, Drummond M, Rasi G, Saad ED, Taylor RS.
Value Health. 2017;20(3):487-495. [19 citations]

Using Cost-Effectiveness Analysis to Address Health Equity Concerns.

Cookson R, Mirelman AJ, Griffin S, et al.
Value Health. 2017;20(2):206-212. [19 citations]

Policies for Use of Real-World Data in Health Technology Assessment: A Comparative Study of Six HTA Agencies.

Makady A, Ham RT, de Boer A, Hillege H, Klungel O, Goettsch W.
Value Health. 2017;20(4):520-532. [16 citations]

Emerging Guidelines for Patient Engagement in Research.

Kirwan JR, de Wit M, Frank L, et al.
Value Health. 2017;20(3):481-486. [16 citations]

Development of an Official Guideline for the Economic Evaluation of Drugs/Medical Devices in Japan.

Shiroiwa T, Fukuda T, Ikeda S, Takura T, Moriwaki K.
Value Health. 2017;20(3):372-378. [15 citations]

Mapping to Estimate Health-State Utility from Non-Preference-Based Outcome Measures: An ISPOR Good Practices for Outcomes Research Task Force Report.

Wailoo AJ, Hernandez-Alava M, Manca A, et al.
Value Health. 2017;20(1):18-27. [15 citations]

Quality Control Process for EQ-5D-5L Valuation Studies.

Ramos-Goñi JM, Oppe M, Slaap B, Busschbach JJV, Stolk E.
Value Health. 2017;20(3):466-473. [13 citations]

Instrument-Defined Estimates of the Minimally Important Difference for EQ-5D-5L Index Scores.

McClure NS, Sayah FA, Xie F, Luo N, Johnson JA.
Value Health. 2017;20(4):644-650. [11 citations]

Value Assessment Frameworks for HTA Agencies: The Organization of Evidence-Informed Deliberative Processes.

Baltussen R, Paul Maria Jansen M, Bijlmakers L, et al.
Value Health. 2017;20(2):256-260. [11 citations]

The Probabilistic Efficiency Frontier: A Framework for Cost-Effectiveness Analysis in Germany Put into Practice for Hepatitis C Treatment Options.

Mühlbacher AC, Sadler A.
Value Health. 2017;20(2):266-272. [11 citations]

Developing a Value Framework: The Need to Reflect the Opportunity Costs of Funding Decisions.

Sculpher M, Claxton K, Pearson SD.
Value Health. 2017;20(2):234-239. [11 citations]

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[September]; and *Economic Analysis of Vaccination Programs* [October]), each published with accompanying editorials. We have also published 4 themed sections (representing a combined total of 26 articles, editorials, and commentaries) on the following topics: Affordability in Healthcare (March); PhRMA Foundation Challenge Awards (April); Rare Diseases: Addressing the Challenges in Diagnosis, Drug Approval, and Patient Access (May); and Assessing the Value of Next-Generation Sequencing (September).

In addition, we are currently working on future themed sections on the EQ-5D, Curative Therapies, Health Technology Assessment Around the World, and a special collection of papers that celebrate the journal's 20th anniversary. So, keep reading...we have plenty of exciting content and special features coming your way in 2019. ●

Table. Top 10 High Impact Journal Rankings in 3 Content Categories

RANK	HEALTH CARE SCIENCES AND SERVICES	HEALTH POLICY AND SERVICES	ECONOMICS
1	BMJ Quality & Safety	BMJ Quality & Safety	Quarterly Journal of Economics
2	Millbank Quarterly	Millbank Quarterly	Journal of Human Resources
3	Value in Health	Value in Health	Journal of Economic Growth
4	Health Affairs	Health Affairs	Economic Geography
5	Academic Medicine	Implementation Science	Journal of Economic Perspectives
6	Journal of Medical Internet Research	Pharmacoeconomics	Value in Health
7	JMIR mHealth and uHealth	Medical Care	Journal of Finance
8	Health Technology Assessment	Journal of Health Economics	Journal of Political Economy
9	Medical Education	Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research	Journal of Financial Economics
10	Implementation Science	Journal of Patient Safety	American Economics Journal: Applied Economics

Data from 2017 Journal Citation Reports® (Clarivate Analytics, 2018).