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HTA Around the World: Influences of Culture, Values, and Institutions

The attitudes towards the use of health technology assessment (HTA) in healthcare decision making vary widely between the United States and Europe, and oftentimes even within Europe. Some countries use HTA extensively, others hardly at all. Some countries have independent HTA bodies; others use HTA approaches developed by academic institutions. Some countries stress the use of quality-adjusted life-years; others use other concepts of value.

The reasons underlying these differences in approaches towards HTA are not sufficiently understood. To help address this gap, *Value in Health* is seeking empirical, evidence based research and commentary exploring the role of culture, values, and institutional context in shaping attitudes towards the use of HTA in decision making.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Commentaries, case studies, or brief reports that provide multidisciplinary insights into applications of HTA
- Methodologies that inform the use and application of HTA as a priority-setting framework for healthcare decisions
- Studies that investigate differences and reasons in HTA methods

Contributions from different scientific disciplines are welcome (eg, health economics, political science, public administration). Research that reports experiences with single country or comparative cross-country analyses of HTA are also of interest.

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