



ISPOR 4th HTA Council Roundtable [Asia-Pacific]

Wednesday, September 10, 2008, Seoul, South Korea

INTRODUCTION

The mission of ISPOR is not only to develop the science of pharmacoeconomics/health economics and outcomes research, but also to foster and develop the use of this science in health care decisions. The purpose of the ISPOR Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Council is to provide a forum to discuss, debate, and share ideas on health technology assessment issues such as outcomes research methods, methods for comparing outcomes research studies, access and sharing outcomes research and technology assessment information. ISPOR invited key individuals involved in HTA and its use in health care policy development from around the world. Each year ISPOR convenes 3 HTA Council Roundtable discussions - after the annual and biennial meetings [in North America, in Europe and in Latin America or Asia] to provide a regional forum for HTA Council members to discuss general and or global HTA issues as well as to develop a regional HTA network and to address regional HTA issues.

BACKGROUND

The ISPOR 1st HTA Council Roundtable [North America] identified key HTA issues to be addressed by all ISPOR HTA Council members, ISPOR, or other organizations. Key individuals involved in health technology assessment or technology reimbursement from the USA, Canada, and Europe participated in this first Roundtable discussion held May 23, 2007, in Arlington, VA, USA following the ISPOR 12th Annual International Meeting. HTA Council members from around the world then prioritized the issues identified during this first Roundtable.

At the ISPOR 2nd HTA Council Roundtable [Europe] held 23-24 October 2007, in Dublin, Ireland, following the ISPOR 10th Annual European Conference, key individuals involved in health technology assessment or technology reimbursement in Europe reviewed the HTA issues prioritized by the ISPOR HTA Council, and identified additional issues from a European perspective. The HTA Issues identified and prioritized are given in Appendix A.

At the ISPOR 3rd HTA Council Roundtable [North America] May 7, 2008, in Toronto, Canada, following the ISPOR 13th Annual International Meeting, participants recommended that ISPOR publishes a directory of organizations involved in HTA worldwide and develop links to organization who provide HTA reports and guidelines that are in the public domain.

ISPOR HTA COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPANTS – September 2008

The participants in the ISPOR 4th HTA Council Roundtable [Asia Pacific] are given in Appendix B.

ISPOR HTA COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION SUMMARY

1, Role of HTA in Health Care Decision-Making in Asia-Pacific

At the 4th HTA Council Roundtable [Asia-Pacific] held September 10, 2008, in Seoul, South Korea, after the ISPOR 3rd Asia-Pacific Conference, to enhance regional networking and identify the scope of HTA for each represented organization, participants introduced their role in HTA, and presented brief description of their organization's type, purpose, HTA related activities, and who is their audience. The role of their organizations in HTA, and hence the role of HTA in health care decision-making in their countries is summarized in Appendix C

2, HTA Issues and Prioritizations in Asia-Pacific

The goal of the 4th ISPOR HTA Council Roundtable [Asia-Pacific] was to identify HTA issues that are unique to the region, and to prioritize these issues. During the discussion, participants realized that the issues they face vary from country to country; The HTA issue identified by the HTA Council Roundtable Asia Pacific and prioritization of these issues by country is given in Appendix D

3, Recommendations for ISPOR

- A. Strengthen the communication between regional Councils
- B. Provide information of/guide the Council members to access the existing databases/publications
- C. Provide administration for the Council to build up a database of publications by Asian professionals, especially those in non-English languages
- D. Provide administration for the Council to collect training materials, recommend training instructors, and develop training activities in Asian countries
- E. Encourage the involvement of WHO in ISPOR HTA initiatives
- F. Advance the role of ISPOR HTA Council to act a mediator in a dispute involved in a country-based HTA organization

Appendix C

HTA in Health Care Decision-Making in Asia-Pacific

Discussions at the ISPOR 3rd Asia-Pacific Conference HTA Roundtable

10 September 2008, Seoul, South Korea

(Note: 1=Yes; 0=No)

Country	Presented Organization	Have HTA?		Role: Advise		Role: Recommend		Role: Decide		Direct Link to Government		PE Guidelines							
		Drug	Non Drug	Drug	Non Drug	Drug	Non Drug	Drug	Non Drug	Drug	Non Drug	In Place		In Work		Approved			
												Drug	Non Drug	Drug	Non Drug	Drug	Non Drug		
Australia	Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC)	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1							1	1
China	MOH National Key Lab of Health Technology Assessment																		
	Fudan University Center for Pharmacoeconomics Research and Evaluation	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0						
Japan	MOH Devision of Health Economics																		
	Ministry of Economics Trade and Industries	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1			1					1
Korea (South)	Health Insurance Review & Assessment Service(HIRA)																		
	Korean Association of Health Technology Assessment																		
	Seoul National University Center for Health and Clinical Assessment	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1							1	0
Malaysia	MOH HTA Council	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	0	0						
Philippines	Philippines Health Insurance Corporation	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1			1	1				
Singapore	MOH Healthcare Performance Group																		
	Health Authority Center For Drug Admistraton	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0						
Taiwan	Center for Drug Evaluation HTA Task Force	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0						
Thailand	MOPH Department of Disease Control	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1					1		1	

ISPOR Asia-Pacific HTA Council Initiative

Appendix D**ISPOR Asia-Pacific HTA Council Initiatives**

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 (Priority: 1=Highest; 5=Least)

Country	Training	Registry/Database	Guidelines & Methodology Development	Submission Dossier Harmonisation	Financing of HTA Council
Australia	1	3	2	4	5
China	1	3	2	5	4
Japan	3	1	2	5	4
Korea(South)	1	3	2	5	4
Malaysia	1	2	3	5	4
Philippines	1	2	4	5	3
Singapore	1	2	3	4	5
Taiwan	3	1	2	4	5
Thailand	2	3	1	5	4