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Upcoming sessions at the Health Technology Assessment International (HTAi) conference

Join OPEN Health at HTAi as we present:

In-person panel:

What Should Patient Engagement Look Like Under the New EU HTA Regulation: Panel Session on Methods of Engagement

With the new EU HTA Regulation coming into effect in 2025, Patient Engagement (PE) is expected to profoundly impact both Joint Scientific Consultation (JSC) and Joint Clinical Assessment (JCA). This panel aims to discuss the role of PE across both JSC and JCA and explore possible frameworks and methodologies to overcome traditional barriers to effective and efficient PE.

Panelists:

- **Emanuele Arcà**, Scientific Officer, Strategic Market Access, OPEN Health
- **Anne Willemsen**, Co-chair of the HTA Subgroup on JCA, Senior Adviser, Zorginstituut Nederland
- **Maria Marvis**, Patient Relations, European Medicines Agency
- **Valentina Strammiello**, Director of Programmes, European Patients' Forum
- **Matteo Scarabelli**, Associate Director Market Access, European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA)

Virtual panel:

Using the Results of Consensus Exercises in Health Technology Assessments: A Panel Discussion

In health technology assessment (HTA), gaps frequently exist in evidence, guidelines or policy for economic, ethical or pragmatic reasons. Consensus methods (e.g., Delphi panels) are commonly used to formulate and prioritise recommendations and resolve controversies by synthesising the expertise and experience of healthcare professionals, decision-makers and/or patients. Interpreting the results of a study using consensus methods requires accurate reporting of those methods. This panel aims to discuss the role of consensus research in HTA.

Panelists:

- **Emanuele Arcà**, Scientific Officer, Strategic Market Access, OPEN Health
- **Rachel Kettle**, Technical Adviser (Methods and Quality Assurance), National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE)
- **Valentina Strammiello**, Director of Programmes, European Patients' Forum
- **Lexa Molinari**, Global Health Economics Partner, Takeda Oncology
- **Niall Harrison**, Senior Scientific Director, OPEN Health

Oral presentation:

Artificial Intelligence for Literature Screening and Selection: Does the Evidence Support Its Use in Systematic Literature Reviews?

The past decade has seen an exponential increase in peer-reviewed clinical research literature. Consequently, preparing and updating systematic literature reviews (SLRs) is more resource-intensive and costly. Artificial intelligence (AI) could potentially accelerate SLR preparation. This study presents a review of evidence evaluating the accuracy of AI methods in SLR preparation and results of a case study using DistillerSR's AI functionality.

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Poster presentation:

Uncertainty Metric to Guide PICOS Assessment and Evidence Synthesis Planning for Joint Clinical Assessment (JCA) Submission

With the EU Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Regulation approaching, there is the worry of the unsustainability of accommodating the large number of PICOS and their uncertainty. Navigating uncertainty will prove essential to anticipate evidence requirements. This poster presents preliminary results of the development of a metric that assesses uncertainty surrounding PICOS and eventually guides planning of evidence synthesis for JCA submission.

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Poster presentation:

How Is Sustainability Being Incorporated Into Healthcare Systems? – A Progress Report Card for the EU5

In 2020, the WHO released guidance for climate-resistant and environmentally sustainable healthcare facilities with key goals and focus areas. Implementation of sustainability into healthcare policy across the EU is at varying stages. Whilst it is expected that new policy will impact health technology appraisal criteria and procurement decisions, current reviews suggest sustainability criteria may not yet surpass price in some markets. The objective of this research was to review the progress of healthcare sustainability policy and implementation across the EU5.

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