

Invitation to the Advance-HTA Conference

19th November 2015

The Law Society – Common Room

(113 Chancery Lane London WC2A 1PL, UK)

The London School of Economics and Political Science – LSE Health, have the pleasure to invite you to the final Advance-HTA Conference that will take place at **The Law Society, in London - UK, on 19 November 2015.**

The workshop is delivered by a consortium of 13 partner institutions, led the LSE, working together on Advance-HTA, a 3-year research project funded by the European Commission. The project aims to advance methods on and practices for HTA by involving the wider stakeholder community in areas actively and heavily debated, given their implications for decision-making and resource allocation.

The Rationale

ADVANCE-HTA aims to broaden the spectrum, complement and address areas of intense methodological debate in the application, use and implementation of HTA. It also aims to improve HTA methods, which can be taken further by competent authorities nationally whilst supplementing the work of supra-national bodies (e.g. EUnetHTA) towards a common understanding of choices in health care decision-making.

The use of HTA has increased recently in Europe and more widely (e.g. Americas) to enable evidence-based coverage decisions and improve efficiency in resource allocation.

HTA has often resulted in different coverage decisions across settings despite the same evidence being used for this purpose. This may reflect in part societal preferences about value, priorities or risk perceptions, suggesting a significant need for methodological improvements and extensions.

The Objectives

The fundamental objective of ADVANCE-HTA is to contribute to advancements in the methods for HTA in European and other settings by involving the wider stakeholder community in areas actively and heavily debated given their implications for decision-making and resource allocation, as follows:

- First, the issue around value for money and the different approaches surrounding current thresholds for resource allocation;
- Second, the concept of value assessment, and the factors that need to be considered beyond cost effectiveness, and the use of multiple criteria decision analysis;
- Third, to improve the quality of the evidence required for and the methods associated with the assessment of rare diseases;
- fourth, to advance the debate in the elicitation of preferences by deriving these in more realistic settings within the patient community in the wider EU;
- Fifth, to advance the debate on the suitability of current HTA tools across different categories of medical devices (e.g. diagnostics); and
- Sixth, to improve the implementation and capacity building of HTA including outside Europe, where HTA is considered explicitly in decision-making.

The workshop will:

- Disseminate findings from the 6 work packages areas
- Present the HTA methodological advances developed by the Advance HTA Consortium
- Discuss the relevance of such methodological advances with stakeholders
- Discuss future developments in HTA and their policy implications
- Foster international collaboration and create a network for exchange of expertise

Your participation

To register for the workshop, please fill in the registration form enclosed and email it back, **no later than 31st October 2015**, to: d.nauth@lse.ac.uk. A confirmation email will be sent shortly thereafter.

If, instead, you would like to nominate delegates from your organization or from other relevant organizations in your country, please notify us with the names, roles and contact details of the delegates and forward this invitation pack to them so they can fill the registration form.

This is a time-sensitive invitation.

All completed registration forms should be emailed to d.nauth@lse.ac.uk, no later than 31st October 2015.

Logistics

This workshop is funded by the European 7th Framework Programme (FP7) through Advance-HTA.

Participation is free of charge. Travel, accommodation, and subsistence are the participants' responsibility.

Due to restricted capacity at the venue, registration is on a first come, first served basis. However, we will notify you if you have been placed on a reserve list.

Additional information on the workshop, agenda, speakers and logistics will be shared closer to the workshop date.