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6-7 November 2024

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Day 1: Wednesday 6 November – Open sessions

Time	Session	Speakers
8:30 - 9:00	Attendees Registration	
9:00 - 9:30	<i>Opening session</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Miguel Ceara Hatton – Superintendent of Health and Occupational Risks (SISALRIL) Víctor Elías Atallah Lajam – Minister of Health Luis Miguel De Camps García-Mella – Minister of Labour Edward Guzmán - National Social Security Council Alba Maria Ropero Álvarez - PAHO/WHO Representative in Dominican Republic Judit Rius – Director, Innovation, Access to Medicines and Health Technologies PAHO/WHO
9:30 - 9:50	<i>Conference</i>	Access to health technologies: progress and challenges in the region Judit Rius, PAHO
<p>Equitable access to medicines and other health technologies is a requirement for universal access to health. Their availability, accessibility, acceptability and affordability can be facilitated through the adoption of comprehensive policies, legal and regulatory frameworks and interventions. However, the increasing cost of access to expensive medical products poses a particular challenge to the sustainability of health systems.</p>		
9:50 - 10:15	<i>Conference</i>	Institutionalization and impact of Health Technology Assessment Rabia Sucu, HTAi
<p>Health Technology Assessment is a systematic and transparent process for determining the value of health technologies. Its institutionalization supports decision-making on resource allocation to achieve the best results for health systems.</p>		
10:15 - 11:15	<i>Round table of experiences</i>	Prioritization of health technologies for assessment: a key tool for health systems efficiency and sustainability Moderator: Alexandre Lemgruber, PAHO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SISALRIL, Dominican Republic - CONETEC, Argentina - IGSS, Guatemala - UDELAR, Uruguay
<p>Continuous advances in health technologies do not allow for all existing and emerging technologies to be evaluated, nor funded with available resources, which poses the challenge for health systems to define criteria to prioritize the technologies to be evaluated.</p>		
11:15- 11:45	Coffee Break	
11:45 - 12:15	<i>Informative session</i>	Multicriteria decision analysis for incorporating health technologies CETS/INS, Peru Comments: Ministry of Health, Ecuador ISSS, El Salvador
<p>The therapeutic value of a health technology is determined by the advantages/benefits it provides in relation to its therapeutic alternatives. The determinants of value may be different depending on the perspective of the analysis and criteria used for decision making.</p>		

12:15 - 13:00	<i>Panel</i>	Case study: adaptive Health Technology Assessment	Moderator: CCSS, Costa Rica - IECS, Argentina - Cassandra Nemzoff, LSHTM, UK Comments: Bermuda Health Council, Bermuda Ludovic Reveiz, PAHO
Adaptive HTA is a structured approach to conducting the type of assessment that best fits the assessment context based on availability of time for analysis, data, capacity, and source of analysis.			
13:00 - 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>		
14:00 - 14:30	<i>Informative session</i>	Presentation of the “Health Technology Assessment Reports Adaptation Tool”	RedETSA Working Group: CUFAR, Argentina Comments: REDETS, Spain
Health Technology Assessment reports from one country or context can be adapted, as appropriate, for another country/context to inform their health policies, reducing the need to prepare multiple reports on the same health technology, saving time and resources.			
14:30 - 15:30	<i>Panel</i>	Using evidence to incorporate technologies for primary care	Moderator: CUFAR, Argentina - IETS, Colombia - Ministry of Health, Cuba - Ministry of Health, Paraguay - RedARETS, Argentina
Primary health care is a strategy focused on comprehensive quality care, from promotion and prevention to treatment, rehabilitation and palliative care, for the whole of society. Health Technology Assessment is a tool that can support PHC and primary care in ensuring safety, effectiveness, quality and equitable access to health technologies, in a transparent manner and assessing the sustainability of health systems.			
15:30 - 16:00	<i>Informative session</i>	Presentation of the document: Hospital-based Health Technology Assessment for Latin America and the Caribbean	INC, Brazil Comments: INEN, Peru Ministry of Health and Wellness, Jamaica
Hospital-based Health Technology Assessment is an approach that uses the same methods as Health Technology Assessment at the national level, but from the perspective and priority of the hospital. It has some specificities such as a development in shorter time frames, it focuses on some criteria related to the specificities of the hospital and includes inputs adapted to the hospital			
16:00 - 16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>		
16:30 - 17:30	<i>Round table of experiences</i>	The use of Health Technology Assessment for clinical guidelines and protocols development	Moderador: Ludovic Reveiz, PAHO - CONITEC, Brazil - CENETEC, Mexico - IETSI/ESSALUD, Peru - IETS, Colombia - REDETS, IACS, Spain
The use of HTA for the development of clinical guidelines and protocols allows for the comparison of all available alternatives for a disease and the selection of the best practice for the treatment and care of patients, potentially reducing unjustified variation in clinical practice.			
<i>Closure</i>			

Day 2: Thursday 7 November - Open sessions + Workshops

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9:00 - 9:30	<i>Informative session</i>	New European Health Technology Assessment Regulation	Anne Willemsen, Zorginstituut Nederland (ZIN)
In the new European HTA framework, the assessment of clinical evidence will be carried out jointly for all EU countries. This joint work will support countries with lower capacity and avoid duplication of efforts at national level.			
9:30 - 10:30	<i>Panel</i>	International networks and initiatives for strengthening Health Technology Assessment	Moderator: RedETSA Secretariat, PAHO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RedETSA - Red Criteria - HTAi - INAHTA - EuroScan - HTAsiaLink
Network collaboration is essential to support countries and strengthen Health Technology Assessment worldwide. Various regional and international initiatives and networks have been developed to foster collaboration between countries, including joint capacity building, database sharing and collective effort to develop health technology assessments.			
10:30- 11:15	<i>Panel</i>	Assessment of high-price medicines and decision-making challenge	Moderator: PAHO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ANVISA, Brazil - Ministry of Health, Chile - FNR, Uruguay - ANS, Brazil Comments: Ministry of Health, Costa Rica
Coverage of high-cost technologies represents a major challenge for countries, especially when these technologies are effective and are the only option available to treat seriously life-threatening diseases. How can these technologies be adopted without threatening the sustainability of health systems?			
11:15 - 11:45	Coffee break		
11:45 - 12:15	<i>Informative session</i>	Cost-effectiveness and budget impact thresholds	IECS, Argentina Comments: CCATES, Brazil
The use of cost-effectiveness and budget impact thresholds can help decision-making on the allocation of health resources, allowing for prioritization of investment in technologies that are cost-effective and whose budget impact does not threaten the sustainability of the health system.			
12:15 - 13:00	<i>Round table of experiences</i>	Patients and public involvement in the evaluation and decision-making process	Moderator: CONETEC, Argentina <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - INESSS, Canada - AETSU, Uruguay - CONITEC, Brazil - Ministry of Health, Chile - REDETS, SECS, Spain - Bruyere Research Institute, Canada
Health Technology assessment involves a variety of stakeholders in the process, including patients, caregivers and citizens. Social participation in the process can help ensure that the assessment of the value of technologies is fully informed and even more transparent and fair for all stakeholders.			
13:00	Close of open sessions		
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch		

14:00 - 17:30	Workshop on equity in the processes of evaluation and incorporation of health technologies
14:00 - 17:30	Workshop on Economic Evaluation and Budget Impact Analysis
14:00 - 17:30	Workshop on GRADE (Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation) methodology

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