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XV RedETSA Meeting – I EVTESA Congress
Open scientific sessions
November 6 – 7, Hotel Crowne Plaza, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Day 1		Wednesday 6 November – Open sessions	
Time	Session	Speakers	
8:30 - 9:00	Attendees Registration		
9:00 - 9:30	Opening session	<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 - General Manager of the National Social Security Council Alba María Roperó Álvarez - PAHO/WHO Representative in Dominican Republic Judit Rius - Department Director, Innovation, Access to Medicines and Health Technologies PAHO/WHO 	
9:30 - 9:50	Conference	Access to health technologies: progress and challenges in the region Judit Rius, PAHO	
<p><i>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.</i></p>			
9:50 - 10:15	Conference	Institutionalization and impact of Health Technology Assessment Rabia Sucu, HTAi	
<p><i>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.</i></p>			
10:15 - 11:15	Round table of experiences	Moderator: Alexandre Lemgruber, PAHO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SISALRIL, Dominican Republic CONETEC, Argentina IGSS, Guatemala UDELAR, Uruguay 	
<p><i>Continuous advances in health technologies do not allow 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.</i></p>			
11:15 - 11:45	Coffee Break		

11:45 - 12:15	Informative session	Multicriteria decision analysis for incorporating health technologies	CETS/INS, Peru Comments: Ministry of public health, Ecuador ISSS, El Salvador
<i>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.</i>			
12:15 - 13:00	Panel	Case study: adaptive Health Technology Assessment	Moderator: CCSS, Costa Rica <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IECS, Argentina• Cassandra Nemzoff, LSHTM, UK Comments: Bermuda Health Council, Bermuda Ludovic Reveiz, PAHO
<i>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.</i>			
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch		
14:00 - 14:30	Informative session	Presentation of the “Health Technology Assessment Reports Adaptation Tool”	RedETSA Working Group: CUFAR, Argentina Comments: REDETS, Spain
<i>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.</i>			
14:30 - 15:30	Round table of experiences	Using evidence to incorporate technologies for primary care	Moderator: CUFAR, Argentina <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IETS, Colombia• Ministry of Public Health, Cuba• Ministry of Public Health and Welfare, Paraguay• RedARETS, Argentina
<i>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.</i>			
15:30 - 16:00	Informative session	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
<i>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.</i>			
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee break		
16:30 - 17:30	Round table of experiences	The use of Health Technology Assessment for clinical guidelines and protocols development	Moderator: Ludovic Reveiz, PAHO <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CONITEC, Brazil• CENETEC, Mexico• IETSI/ESSALUD, Peru• IETS, Colombia
<i>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			



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Day 2		Thursday 7 November - Open sessions + Workshops	
Time		Session	Speakers
9:00 - 9:30	Informative session	New European Health Technology Assessment Regulation	Anne Willemsen, Zorginstituut Nederland (ZIN)
<p><i>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.</i></p>			
9:30 - 10:30	Panel	International networks and initiatives for strengthening Health Technology Assessment	<p>Moderator: Malén Hollmann, PAHO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HTAi INAHTA EuroScan HTAsiaLink Red Criteria RedETSA
<p><i>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.</i></p>			
10:30 - 11:15	Panel	Assessment of high-price medicines and decision-making challenges	<p>Moderator: Vania Canuto, PAHO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANVISA, Brazil Ministry of Health, Chile FNR, Uruguay ANS, Brazil <p>Comments: Ministry of Health, Costa Rica</p>
<p><i>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?</i></p>			
11:15 - 11:45	Coffee break		
11:45 - 12:15	Informative session	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	Round table of experiences	Patients and public involvement in the evaluation and decision-making process	Moderator: CONETEC - Argentina, SISALRIL-Dominican Republic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Public Health, Ecuador • AETSU, Uruguay • CONITEC, Brazil • Ministry of Health, Chile • Bruyère Research Institute, Canada
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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 evaluating equity in health technology assessment processes		
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		
Closure			