
MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call for Papers

MEDICAL DECISION MAKING: SPECIAL ISSUE ON PHARMACOECONOMICS DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: June 1, 1997

Medical Decision Making, the official journal of the Society for Medical Decision Making, plans to publish a special issue devoted to Pharmacoeconomics, a growing field of applied decision research, in April 1998. Manuscripts appropriate for this special issue are invited, provided they have not been published elsewhere nor are currently under review by another journal. All submissions will be peer-reviewed; authors will be notified of the editorial decision by December 1, 1997.

Magnus Johannesson (Stockholm School of Economics) and Bernie O'Brien (McMaster University) will serve as guest editors for this special issue. They will be assisted by an editorial board of leading international experts in pharmacoeconomics.

Four copies of the manuscript should be submitted to either guest editor. Manuscripts must conform to style guidelines for *Medical Decision Making*, which are published as "Information for Authors" in each issue.

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EUROPEAN ORGANISATION FOR RESEARCH AND TREATMENT OF CANCER (EORTC)

Announces

**The First Conference on the Economics of Cancer,
November 19-21, 1997, Brussels, Belgium**

The aim of this international conference organized by the EORTC is to promote scientific exchanges, provide up-to-date information on ongoing studies and methodological issues, and to stimulate informal discussions between all those with an interest in the subject. The meeting will include keynote lecturers by leaders in the field, oral and poster presentations of submitted papers and tutorials on selected issues.

Papers are invited on the following issues:

1. Actual economic evaluations of cancer treatments and preventive measures:
 - Describing ongoing evaluations (especially integrated in clinical trials)
 - Already concluded evaluations (retrospective data, models)
2. Methodological issues in economic evaluation, as applied to cancer
3. Impact of economic evaluations on practical decision making
4. Collection and measurement of resource utilization data
5. Outcome measurement (WTP / Q-TWiST / QoL / survival / utility)
6. Impacts of institutional structure and financing mechanisms

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Deadline for abstracts submitted on Congress forms: February, 1997.

Topics for submission of abstracts:

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| 2. Artificial Organs | 19. Internal Radiotherapy |
| 3. Bioelectromagnetism, Biomagnetism, and Bioelectricity | 20. Medical Devices |
| 4. Biomaterials | 21. Metrology of Ionizing and Nonionizing Radiations |
| 5. Biomechanics | 22. Microcirculation |
| 6. Biomedical Optics and Lasers | 23. Microtechnics |
| 7. Brachytherapy | 24. Modeling and Simulation |
| 8. Cellular and Tissue Engineering | 25. Pain Treatment |
| 9. Clinical Engineering | 26. Perinatal Technology |
| 10. Computers in Medicine | 27. Physiological Measurements and Signal Processing |
| 11. Education and Professional Aspects of Medical, Physics and Biomedical Engineering | 28. Quality Assurance (methods and devices) |
| 12. Electrocardiology | 29. Radiation Protection |
| 13. External Radiation Therapy: Physical and Technical Aspects | 30. Radiobiology |
| 14. Health Economics | 31. Rehabilitation Engineering |
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