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THE 2025 NATIONAL CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM ON ENHANCING THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL COMPETENCIES IN HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT SUCCESSFULLY HELD

From July 7 to July 11, 2025, the National Continuing Medical Education Program on Enhancing Theoretical and Practical Competencies in Health Technology Assessment, organized by the Key Laboratory of Health Technology Assessment (Fudan University) under the National Health Commission, was held in Shanghai. Sixty participants from over 30 relevant research institutes, medical institutions, and pharmaceutical enterprises—including Zhejiang University, Shandong University, Beijing University of Chinese Medicine, Nanjing Medical University, Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine, Guangxi Medical University, and the Shanghai Health and Health Development Research Center—attended the full training program.



During the training, instructors from both domestic and international institutions conducted in-depth discussions and lectures on foundational theories and practical skills related to Health Technology Assessment (HTA), including problem formulation, analytical methods, and modeling design. The curriculum covered the latest advancements and trends in HTA, fundamental methodologies including safety and efficacy evaluation, economic assessment, and socio-ethical impact analysis, alongside information resource retrieval techniques. It also provided in-depth explanations of novel methodologies applied in HTA. Using case studies on screening HTA, oncology drug HTA, medical device HTA, and hospital-based HTA, the course helped participants deepen their understanding of the differences among various HTA types through concrete examples. Finally, the course introduced practical Excel techniques for implementing HTA-related models, enhancing participants' practical HTA capabilities.



Following the training, participants provided overwhelmingly positive feedback, unanimously reporting enhanced theoretical knowledge and practical skills in health technology assessment.

WORKING TOGETHER TO UNLOCK THE VALUE OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES THROUGH HTA—OUR FACULTY AND STUDENTS ATTEND THE 12TH HTASIALINK ANNUAL CONFERENCE

From August 19 to 22, 2025, the 12th HTAsiaLink Conference was held in Singapore. Centered on the theme "Unlocking Value through Health Technology Assessment (HTA) in Asia: Forging Ahead Together," the conference attracted over 100 scholars from various countries and regions. The conference featured 3 plenary sessions, 2 panel discussions, 45 oral presentations, and multiple poster sessions. Scholars from Japan, Malaysia, India, Thailand, Australia, and other countries shared research findings and experiences, engaging in in-depth exchanges on diverse applications and equity assessments of HTA across different nations and contexts; multidimensional value evaluation under digital intelligence and precision medicine; and HTA implementation and outcomes translation in value-based healthcare practices.



Professor Chen Yingyao, Vice Dean of the School of Public Health at Fudan University and Director of the Key Laboratory of Health Technology Assessment under the National Health Commission, led a delegation of eight faculty members and students to the conference. Professor Chen was invited to serve as a conference commentator, while the delegation delivered one oral presentation and showcased six posters.



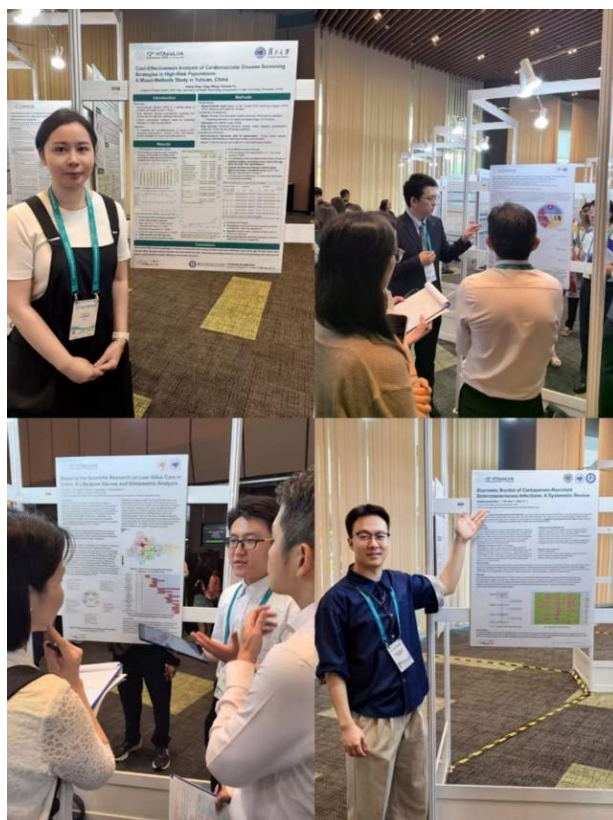
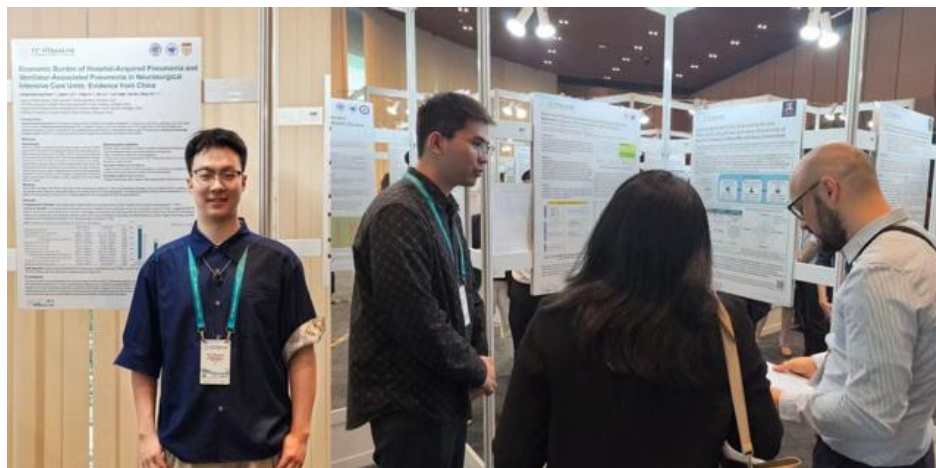
Associate Professor Wang Pei delivered an oral presentation titled "Testing Cultural Attributes of the EQ-5D-5L Additional Dimensions for the Chinese General Population: The First Quantitative Phase Study." This research further tested multiple psychological measurement attributes of the seven candidate dimensions identified in the qualitative phase among the Chinese general population. The findings

revealed that the Fatigue/Exhaustion additional dimension performed optimally, while the Sleep Problems and Appetite dimensions also enhanced the EQ-5D-5L's performance in the general population. These results will provide empirical evidence for the final determination of the EQ-5D-5L's culturally specific additional dimensions.



Additionally, six poster presentations were delivered by doctoral and master's candidates. Doctoral candidate Yang Yuting's study, "Cost-Effectiveness Analysis of Cardiovascular Disease Screening Strategies for High-Risk Populations: A Mixed-Methods Study in Yuhuan, China," systematically compared the costs and health benefits of 159 screening protocols using a discrete event simulation model. Qualitative interviews were integrated to identify enabling factors and barriers in practical implementation. Tan Zeyu's doctoral poster, "How Social Participation Influences Quality of Life in Older Adults: The Mediating Role of Mental Health and the Moderating Role of eHealth Literacy," analyzed the positive correlation between social participation and quality of life in older adults through a moderated mediation model. This study examined the mediating effect of mental health and the moderating effect of eHealth literacy. Zhang Chi's doctoral thesis, "Research Status and Hotspots in China's Low-Value Healthcare Field: A Literature Review and Quantitative Analysis," revealed that research focus in China's low-value healthcare sector has expanded from problem identification to mechanism studies and intervention pathway exploration. It highlighted insufficient research in areas such as quantitative effectiveness evaluation of "de-implementation" interventions. Master's candidate Zhao Gongming's work, Rapid Health Technology Assessment of Ginkgo Biloba Diterpenoid Lactone Glucoside Injection for Stroke Treatment, systematically evaluated the safety, efficacy, and cost-effectiveness of this treatment using rapid HTA methods, providing evidence-based support for its clinical application. Shen Jiangnian's master's thesis, "Economic Burden of Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE) Disease: A Systematic Review," systematically reviewed the substantial economic consequences of CRE infections globally. Meanwhile,

the study "Economic Burden of Hospital-Acquired Pneumonia in Intensive Care Units: Evidence from China" quantitatively assessed the direct economic burden, including additional healthcare costs, resulting from hospital-acquired pneumonia through empirical research, providing evidence for optimizing infection control resources and formulating key intervention strategies in hospitals.



Our faculty and students actively engaged in discussions with international experts on diverse topics including economic evaluation and health services research, showcasing innovative vitality and professional expertise on the global academic stage. This demonstrates the international vision and responsibility of Chinese scholars in the new era, contributing Fudan wisdom to advancing the high-quality development of China's health sector.

HTAi NEWS

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR HTAi EARLY CAREER NETWORK MENTORING PROGRAM

On Jul 18, 2025, The Early Career Network is excited to announce the launch of the 2025-2026 HTAi Mentoring Program. This program revolves around mutual sharing and support and is designed to provide mentorship and guidance to members who are looking to grow and advance in their careers. Our program will pair experienced professionals with mentees who are looking for career and professional skills-based guidance and support.

Mentors are seasoned professionals in the HTA space who are willing to share knowledge, insights into their professional experience, and support relationship building for their mentee. Mentees are individuals that are new to HTA and are seeking guidance in their professional development.

This program will be a great opportunity for participants to connect, learn, and grow together as mentoring provides a unique setting for self-reflection, personal and professional development. All discussions will remain confidential, creating a safe space for mentors and mentees to address a wide range of topics. Mentees will need to take a proactive approach to scheduling monthly meetings and seeking specific advice and selecting discussion topics.

Key details of the HTAi Mentoring Program include: (1) Monthly commitment of 1 hour from September 2025 to May 2026 to participate in one-on-one virtual mentor-mentee meetings (participants will select a suitable time and format for these meetings). (2) Attendance at the kick-off workshop on September 16th 2025 (timing to be confirmed). (3) 1 mid-programme moderated feedback session for mentors and mentees in late-January 2026 (date to be announced). (4) Additional events will be scheduled during the year, providing mentees and mentors with additional opportunities to learn from colleagues and expand professional networks.

<https://htai.org/2025-ecn-mentoring-program/>

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - HOST THE HTAi 2027 ANNUAL MEETING IN EUROPE

On Aug 6, 2025, HTAi is pleased to announce the Call for Expressions of Interest (EOI) to host the 2027 HTAi Annual Meeting, with Europe identified as the preferred region for this edition.

The HTAi Annual Meeting is a flagship event that brings together approximately 1,000 global participants in health technology assessment (HTA) from over 65 countries. It serves as a critical platform for sharing

scientific knowledge, fostering international collaboration, and addressing pressing challenges in health systems worldwide.

Hosting the HTAi Annual Meeting is a unique opportunity to showcase leadership in HTA and connect with the international HTA community. The event aligns with HTAi's 2025–2027 Strategic Plan, which focuses on five pillars: Scientific Exchange, People, Capacity Building, Advocacy, and Global Engagement.

<https://htai.org/eoi-am27-europe/>

WORLD EVIDENCE-BASED HEALTHCARE (EBHC) DAY 2025

On Aug 7, 2025, as a member of the international steering committee for the World (EBHC) Day, Jani Mueller, Vice President of HTAi, is working with leading global partners to launch World Evidence-Based Healthcare Day on 20 October 2025.

The campaign for World EBHC Day 2025, Collaborative Knowledge Communication, recognises that in many countries, public confidence in health authorities and institutions has declined. Algorithms increasingly dictate what information people see, often favouring virality over validity. Fortunately, the global evidence community is beginning to understand that collaborative knowledge communication is not optional—it is strategic, ethical, and necessary.

The science of communication is evolving, with insights from storytelling, digital media, open science and knowledge translation transforming how knowledge can – and must – be shared to inform decision-making. To this end, the 2025 World EBHC Day Campaign invites researchers, clinicians, communicators, communities, media, influencers and decision-makers to reflect, share, and act on the role of collaborative knowledge communication in evidence-based healthcare.

How to get involved and become an Evidence Ambassador: By focusing on collaborative knowledge communication, you and/or your organisation are welcome to share your innovations, experiences, challenges, lessons learned and promising failures by submitting a blog, submitting a short video or podcast, or by hosting an event. Artwork and design around the campaign theme is also invited by submitting a graphic of your work. By participating in any of these activities, you and your organisation will be eligible to become an Evidence Ambassador. Once you have had your activity promoted on the World EBHC Day website, customised Evidence Ambassador social media tiles will be provided for your use, and your image/organisation logo will be included on the Evidence Ambassador page on the World EBHC Day website.

<https://htai.org/world-evidence-based-healthcare-ebhc-day-2025/>

SHARE YOUR VOICE: HTAI STRATEGIC PLAN 2025-2027 CONSULTATION

On Sep 12, 2025, a Strategic Plan is a critical tool that defines an organization's purpose, priorities, and intended impact. For HTAi, it provides the framework to remain aligned with the needs of the global HTA community and responsive to a rapidly evolving health and policy environment.

The 2025–2027 Strategic Plan introduces a shift from a traditional long-term model to a shorter, two-year cycle. This approach reflects the increasing pace, complexity, and unpredictability of the global context in which HTAi operates. In this environment, a more agile and time-bound plan allows for continuous engagement, responsiveness, and refinement based on emerging priorities and stakeholder input.

The Plan is designed as a transition point between past achievements and future direction. It emphasizes both accountability for delivering outcomes and the need for greater flexibility to reflect and adapt as conditions change. The Plan sets out five core pillars of strategic focus: Scientific Exchange, People, Capacity Building, Advocacy, and Global Reach. Each pillar defines a domain of activity that reflects HTAi's role as a convener, knowledge broker, and global collaborator. The operational approach—Convene, Listen, Connect, Adapt, Support—underpins all activities and guides the implementation of time-bound priority actions.

The consultation process for the draft Strategic Plan will run for three months. Stakeholders will be invited to provide feedback through multiple channels, including: (1) A survey open for the duration of the consultation period (2) Regional webinars hosted across six global regions (3) Meetings with the Legacy Advisory Council, Interest Group Chairs, and PFAC

This consultation phase is a key step to ensure the final Strategic Plan reflects diverse perspectives across the HTA community and is positioned to address global challenges with clarity, purpose, and adaptability.

<https://htai.org/share-your-voice-htai-strategic-plan-2025-2027-consultation/>

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: CONTRIBUTE TO THE HTAI 2026 ANNUAL MEETING

On Sep 24, 2025, during the HTAi MENA Regional Meeting in Tunis, Tunisia, HTAi President Ann Single announced that submissions for Abstracts and Participation Grants are officially open for the HTAi 2026 Annual Meeting, taking place June 6–10, 2026 in Istanbul, Türkiye under the theme "HTA as a System Shaper."

The HTAi Annual Meeting is the premier global forum for professionals dedicated to improving healthcare decision-making through Health Technology Assessment. Each year, it brings together experts, policy-

makers, innovators, and practitioners from over 60 countries to discuss, debate, and shape the evolving role of HTA in strengthening health systems and improving outcomes.

Health systems worldwide are at a crossroads. Recent global crises—from pandemics to climate change—have exposed inequities and tested resilience, showing that systems built for the past may not meet today's or tomorrow's demands. Amid these pressures, Health Technology Assessment (HTA) is stepping into a broader, strategic role. No longer just evaluating individual technologies, HTA is now shaping systems—guiding what matters most, embedding equity and sustainability, and driving innovation.

The HTAi 2026 Annual Meeting invites the global HTA community to explore this transformative role. By bridging sectors, informing priority-setting, and engaging stakeholders—including patients and communities—HTA can influence how care models evolve, resources are allocated, and health systems adapt to complex challenges. This meeting provides a critical platform to imagine and act on HTA's potential to create resilient, inclusive, and future-ready health systems. The future of HTA—and our health systems—depends on the choices we make today.

<https://htai.org/call-for-abstracts-contribute-to-the-htai-2026-annual-meeting/>



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