



HTAi Patient and Citizen Involvement in HTA Interest Group (PCIG) E-Bulletin, December 2015

Our vision: *Patient and citizen perspectives improve HTA*

Welcome to this month's E-Bulletin



Happy Festive Season and Best for 2016!

Thank you everyone for your contributions during 2015 and we look forward to a productive and rewarding New Year

HTAi 2016 – Informing Health Care Decisions with Values and Evidence, May 10-14, 2016, Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo, Japan: Pre-Conference Workshops May 10-11, 2016; Annual Meeting: May 12-14

Extended deadline to submit abstracts for poster & oral presentations: 8 January 2016

Travel Grant application deadline – people from not-for-profit patient organisations and from low and middle-income countries: 8 January 2016

<http://meeting.htai.org/events/tokyo2016/custom-115-4023afce0ec04ab387500e87foa6a42d.aspx>

Registration: Early Bird Deadline March 4, 2016

The PCIG is running a full day preconference entitled 'East Meets West: what we can learn from each other about patient perspectives and adding value to HTA and policy decision making'. We hope you will factor this in when making your travel plans and that you are able to join us to help make this a productive event.

Evaluation of PACE process

The Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC) has over a year of experience with its new Patient and Clinician Engagement (PACE) process to share their views on a new orphan or end of life drug when it looks like it might not be cost effective for use in the NHS in Scotland. The first evaluation of the process, drawing on interviews with 9 patient organisations representing those with rare and less common cancers, has been published suggesting PACE is a "breath of fresh air". Read more [here](#).

Shared by Leela Barham, Independent Health Economist and Policy Expert,
UK leels@btinternet.com through Karen Facey

A personal account of being a NICE Patient Expert

<http://ovarian.org.uk/news-and-campaigning/blog/my-experience-as-a-nice-patient-expert>

Shared by Heidi Livingstone of NICE who makes us aware it is not 100% accurate on NICE process but never-the-less interesting reading.

Engaging Patients in the Uptake, Understanding, and Use of Evidence: Addressing Barriers and Facilitators of Successful Engagement – presentations from a conference

<http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/tools-and-resources/eisenberg-center-conference-series/eccs-presentations/>

From Cliff Goodman via Karen Facey

Industry perspectives on patient empowerment and centrality

An article in PharmaVoice ,US that has some interesting statements.

http://www.pharmavoices.com/wp-content/uploads/PV1115_PatientEmpowerment_WM.pdf?tracker_id=1449592184961

Submitted by Karen Facey

Final Opinion on 'The safety of surgical meshes used in urogynecological surgery'

European Commission Health and Food Safety Scientific Committee

http://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific_committees/consultations/public_consultations/scenihr_consultation_27_en.htm

Thanks to Kathi Apostolidis for making us aware of this report

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