

# Medical Devices Interest Group Newsletter

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## From the Chairs

We hope to see you all this year in Seville!

We would also love to hear from you, so please feel free to get in touch if you have anything you'd like to discuss about or if you have any feedback for us. Please provide your thoughts on possible topics by responding to this email.

All the best,

Richard Charter and Anastasia Chalkidou

## MDIG actions and news

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### Webinars

The Medical Devices Interest Group hosted two webinars last year, focused on value assessment or digital health and robotic surgery. This year's webinar schedule is being drafted, so we welcome your input for potential topics..

### HTAi Steering Group

Medical Device interest group is looking to reactivate the Steering Group. If you are interested in being a member, please reach out to us. Time requirements are minimal, and we will aim to have quarterly meetings to discuss emerging issues of relevance and how the HTA community can adapt and respond.

### Annual Meeting 2024 in Seville

We currently have over 300 members in the group. We hope to meet you all at our [annual meeting in Seville!](#) We will share details once available. Also, please let us know if you have submitted abstracts or posters for the annual meeting so we can support you.

### Collaboration with other HTAi Interest Groups

We are also interested in broadening our cooperation with other HTAi Interest Groups. If you are a member of another interest group, or are chair of another interest group, and believe there is an area for collaboration, please let us know.

## HTAi News

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- As of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2024, all members of Interest Groups will require to be paid members of HTAi. You can renew your membership or find out more information on [the HTAi website](#).

**Code of Conduct:** MDIG's Terms of Reference is renewed, and is available upon request.

**Newsletter:** If you are interested to have a quarterly newsletter please subscribe [here](#)

## The Medical Devices Interest Group

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The Medical Devices Interest Group (MDIG) was established 2019 and now has more than 300 members. Our Mission is:

To promote the role of MedTech in interdisciplinary and multi-stakeholder health technology assessments to enable the holistic shift of healthcare systems toward the key principals of value-based healthcare: improving health outcomes and lowering total system costs”.

The group also has 3 primary goals:

1. to produce relevant, objective research to inform, and improve policy making that is intended to improve population health.
2. advance the dialogue on Medical Device HTA methods and evidence based policy making to develop the way we evaluate a rapidly evolving technology sector.
3. reflect all stakeholder groups and ensure the unique role of HTAi is considered in policy discussion.

To this end, a major priority for the group is to generate research output and we have identified five key themes that we wish to address for HTA in MedTech:

1. Moving beyond the differences in the evaluation of MedTech and pharmaceuticals.
2. The challenges & opportunities associated with digitally enabled, artificial intelligence driven medical devices.
3. Ensuring sustainability and environmental considerations are factored into the value assessment of medical devices.
4. Implementing value based access programs (managed entry agreements) for medical technologies.
5. Distinguishing between the roles of HTA and value based healthcare (VBHC) in the evaluation and implementation of medical technologies.

## Contact us

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