WHO Europe and NICE HTA webinar 1 - HTA of Digital Health Technologies (DHT) 11:30-13:00 CET, 27th May

11:30-11:35 Opening by co-facilitators Tarang Sharma, Technical Officer, WHO Europe & Dalia Dawoud, Associate Director, NICE, UK

- **Rasmus Gjesing, Regional Advisor, WHO Europe:** Opening Remarks

11:35-11:50

- **Suzannah Chapman, Health Policy Analyst, OECD:** Towards identifying good practices in the assessment of digital medical devices: Insights from several OECD countries.

11:50-12:05

- **Gareth Hopkin, Scientific Advisor, NICE, UK:** Building robust, proportionate, and timely approaches to regulation and evaluation of digital mental health technologies.

12:05-12:20

- **Emmanouil Tsiasiotis, Lead Project Manager, EDiHTA & Lead Project Coordinator, ALTEMS, Italy:** The pathway towards harmonising digital health technologies evaluation in Europe. Lessons learnt from the first year of the EDiHTA project.

12:20-12:35

- **Juan Carlos Rejón-Parrilla, Co-Lead, ASSESS DHT, Senior HTA and Health Policy Researcher at Andalusian Regional Department of Health, Spain:** Development & harmonisation of methodologies for assessing innovative digital health technologies in Europe

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- Q and A

12:55-13:00

- Closing: thanks, and next topics WHO Europe and NICE, UK

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Tarang Sharma

Tarang Sharma is the Technical Officer for the Novel Medicines Platform at WHO Europe, where she set up the strategic cooperation for innovative treatments with different Member States and stakeholders in the Region. She is the focal point for HTA for the office where she provides technical support and capacity building to countries and has also recently set up the genomics and precision medicine programme of work for the office. Previously, she supported the development of evidence-to-policy recommendations for new COVID-19 vaccines at WHO HQ as well as for evidence to policy impact and health research mechanisms both at WHO HQ and at WHO Europe. She has also worked for NICE, the Danish Medicines Council, Cochrane and Novo Nordisk amongst other roles. She holds a PhD in public health and epidemiology from the University of Copenhagen, along with Masters degrees in biology, public health and health economics from New York University, University of Copenhagen and the University of Sheffield.

Dalia Dawoud

Prof. Dalia Dawoud, PhD, is Associate Director (Research) at the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE). She has over 20 years experience as health economist and researcher. Her current work is focused on advancing HTA and clinical guideline development methods through research.

Dalia leads on delivering NICE's portfolio of European Commission funded projects, such as SUSTAIN-HTA, IHI READI and IHI SYNTHIA, with cumulative funding of over 5 Million Euros.

She is widely published in the area of health economics and outcomes research and serves as Associate Editor of ISPOR journal Value in Health and as Director on ISPOR Board of Directors (2023-2026).

Rasmus Gjesing

Rasmus Gjesing is the Regional Adviser for Access to Medicines and Health Products at WHO-Europe. His unit is responsible for technical support and policy advise for the entire ecosystem of pharmaceuticals, medical devices and other health products from incentivizing research to regulation, pricing & reimbursement, selection, procurement, distribution, and rational use. The overarching objective of the unit is to ensure access to safe, efficacious, and affordable products. Rasmus holds a MSc Pharmacy and MSc Health Policy, Planning and Financing, and has over the past two decades worked internationally on health economics, access, regulation, and policy issues at both WHO as well as the medtech and pharmaceutical industry.

Suzannah Chapman

Suzannah Chapman is a health policy analyst in the Health Division of the Directorate for Employment, Labour & Social Affairs at the Organisation for Economic Cooperation & Development (OECD). As a member of both the Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices and Public Health teams, she has worked on issues around access to medicines, health technology assessment, pricing and reimbursement, medicine shortages, supply chains of medicines and medical devices, and antimicrobial resistance, among others. She has co-authored several papers on these topics. Suzannah has previously worked as a clinical hospital pharmacist in Brisbane, Australia. She obtained her pharmacy degree from the University of Queensland, Australia, and her Master of Public Health degree from École des hautes études en santé publique, Paris, France.

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Gareth Hopkin

Gareth is a Scientific Adviser in the Science Policy and Research Team at the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) in England. He is leading for NICE on a Wellcome-funded project on regulation and evaluation of digital mental health technologies alongside working on other research projects relating to a range of health conditions and types of technologies. He began his career working in mental health research and completed a PhD in Health Services Research at King's College London. He has also previously worked for other health technology assessment agencies in the UK and Canada and has extensive experience in health economics and outcomes research.

Emmanouil (Manos) Tsiasiotis

Emmanouil (Manos) Tsiasiotis works as a research project coordinator at the Graduate School of Economics and Health systems management (ALTEMS) at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore. He is a civil engineer with a master's degree in public health from London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and is currently coordinating and managing research projects in this sector. He looks forward to further developing his skills in public health with a variety of projects with the goal to support the international research community in improving life quality. He is the coordinator of the EDiHTA project, which aims to be the first HTA framework to assess digital health technologies. He coordinates a portfolio of international research projects amongst which the Partnership of Health Systems Sustainability and Resilience (PHSSR) and national projects in collaboration with the Italian Ministry of Health and the agency for managing regional health systems (AGENAS). He is a member of the Health Technology Assessment International as well as the Italian Society of Health Technology Assessment (SIHTA).

Juan Carlos Rejón-Parrilla

Juan Carlos Rejon-Parrilla is a researcher at the Andalusian HTA Agency (AETSA) with expertise in health economics and HTA. Juan Carlos has developed most of his career working in the interface between health economics and health technology assessment (HTA)-oriented research, and health policy. He is the scientific co-lead of the Horizon Europe funded ASSESS-DHT project, alongside Dipak Kalra (president of the European Institute for Innovation Through Health Data (i-HD)). In AETSA, he has also contributed to other EU-funded projects, including HI-PRIX, and CORE-MD, focusing on high-risk medical devices, and innovative pricing models. Previously, he held roles at NICE, OHE, and NCGC, collaborating with regulators, industry, and policymakers. His research spans HTA methods, reimbursement models, and the interface between regulation and HTA. Juan Carlos holds a PhD in health economics (University of Granada), an MSc in Health Economics, Policy & Law (Erasmus University) and a degree in Pharmacy (University of Seville).

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