

### Special Instructions For Authors Of Health Economics Manuscripts\*

In addition to the general instructions for authors and other guidelines applicable to their study (for example, CONSORT guidelines for a randomized, controlled trial), authors of health economics manuscripts should consider the following issues specific to such studies and address them in the manuscript and/or submission letter. This checklist should be included with the general manuscript checklist.

Not applicable or issue addressed in:		
Manuscript Page Number	Submission Letter	Issue to be addressed
<b>Title</b>		
		Includes the type of economic evaluation and any comparisons if applicable
<b>Introduction</b>		
		Includes the type of economic evaluation and the comparative interventions in the aim of the study
<b>Materials and Methods</b>		
		Includes the perspective (point of view) and time frame of the economic evaluation
		Adequately describe alternative strategies or interventions
		Include a “do nothing” strategy or a rational for its exclusion
		Primary outcome analysis is well defined and established <i>a priori</i> or the rational for a <i>post hoc</i> analysis is defined
		Include and justify the details and parameters of the model or decision analysis tree
		Include consideration of long-term costs and benefits
		Document the reliability of information sources
		Sensitivity analyses have reasonable ranges and are based on evidence
		Describe methods for estimating quantities and unit costs
		Include currency conversion and discount rates or rational for excluding these
		Adjust for timing both of costs and of benefits or include a rational for excluding this
<b>Results</b>		
		Present data both in aggregated and disaggregated forms
		Cost-benefit analyses specify the type of evaluation (that is benefits-to-cost ratio, net present value, or net benefits as percentage of costs)
		Express results of any break-even equation in monetary terms
		Specify if human capital or willingness to pay approach is used in cost-benefit analyses
		Express cost-effectiveness analyses data as cost per unit of effectiveness (cost-effectiveness ratio)
		Express treatment cost-effectiveness comparisons as incremental cost-effectiveness ratios
		Express cost-utility analysis results as cost per quality-adjusted life-year
<b>Definitions for types of economic evaluations</b>		
Cost-benefit analysis		Compares monetary cost and benefits of alternative strategies
Cost-effective analysis		Compares the cost of alternative strategies that have different clinical outcomes
Cost-minimization analysis		Compares the costs of alternative strategies that have clinically equivalent outcomes
Cost-utility analysis		Compares the costs of alternative strategies using quality of life outcome measures

\*Adapted from Vintzileos and Beazoglou. Am J Obstet Gynecol 2004;191:1070-6.