

## The 2020 Update to ICER's Value Assessment Framework: *A Patient's Guide to Open Input*

The Institute for Clinical and Economic Review (ICER) [recently opened a national call](#) for suggestions on how to improve the methods we use to work with stakeholders and to assess the value of drugs and other health care interventions. ***ICER's core mission is to produce information that helps stimulate dialogue on how to achieve fair pricing, fair access, and future innovation. To achieve this aim, it is critically important that the patient perspective be fully captured in our work.*** For those unfamiliar with ICER's Value Assessment Framework, it is described on our [website](#) and in this [webinar](#).

In particular, ICER is seeking patient input on three key areas:

- 1) **Understanding the Diversity of Patient Experience and of What Matters Most to Patients:**  
How to improve the scoping process and have the patient experience help us understand the nuances and diversity of the patient journey with the condition. Also, how at the outset of a review we can learn from patients about what outcomes matter most, both within those gathered as part of clinical trials and those elements of value that may not have been measured.
- 2) **Incorporating Patient Generated Evidence:**  
Methods to work with patients to learn about opportunities to use patient generated data or gather it during the review process for inclusion in our reports and in discussion at public meetings.
- 3) **Methods to Integrate Dimensions of Value not Captured by the QALY:**  
We currently use a separate voting process to make as tangible as possible those dimensions of value (what we call "other potential benefits" or "contextual considerations") that may not be fully captured by the QALY. How could we do this better to ensure that our reports convey this important information to decision-makers?

### HOW TO SUBMIT PATIENT INPUT

We are currently accepting Open Input through June 10, and we look forward to reviewing suggestions from patients, their caregivers, and the advocacy community throughout the entire update process:

- **Open Input Period:** 5/2-6/10
- **Proposed Changes Posted:** 8/16
- **Public Comment Period:** 8/16-10/11
- **Final Framework Posted:** 12/18

By 5pm ET on Monday, June 10, all Open Input comments should be emailed to [publiccomments@icer-review.org](mailto:publiccomments@icer-review.org) in the following format:

- 10 pages maximum (excluding references and an appendix of tables, if applicable)
- Times New Roman, 12-point font
- Word document (no PDFs)

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