



# How to Respond to ICER's Work

A Guide to ICER's Request for Input and Feedback from the Patient Community

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## Why Does ICER Request Your Input?


Health technology assessment (HTA) is a type of research process that involves all key participants in the health care system. **In order for ICER to understand how well a new drug works and how much it could cost, we want to involve the people that this new drug may impact.** That's why we invite patients, clinicians, health insurers, and drug makers to provide their perspectives on the new drug.



The patient community is an especially important partner for ICER because they can teach us about the patient lived experience and what matters most to patients when deciding on a new treatment option.



**YOUR VOICE  
MATTERS**



Patient community input helps ensure that the ICER report accurately reflects the impact of the condition on patients and caregivers, the benefits and risks of the new drug, as well as any costs related to the condition or treatment. Our hope in highlighting the patient perspective is that decision makers read the ICER report and determine **fair pricing and fair coverage for the new drug based on the needs and expectations of the patient community.**

# What Type of Input is Most Helpful?

ICER invites the patient community to let us know if our research plan includes what is most relevant, appropriate, and important for those living with the condition under review. When reviewing our work (Draft Scope, Modeling Analysis Plan, Draft Evidence Report), we'd love to receive feedback on the following:



## When Reviewing the Draft Scope

**Did ICER include the right patient **POPULATION** in our analysis?** Are there certain groups of patients you think are important to include for this analysis?

**Did ICER focus on the right **INTERVENTION(S)**?**

Are there drugs in our review that should be added or removed based on what is most relevant for the patient community?

**Did ICER compare the new drug(s) to the most appropriate **COMPARATOR**?**

Based on what the patient community believes to be current standard of care, did ICER choose the right drug of comparison?

**Did ICER include the most important **OUTCOMES** for patients?** What does the patient community believe to be the most meaningful ways to measure how well a new treatment works?

## When Reviewing the Modeling Analysis Plan & Draft Evidence Report

**Did ICER include the most recent sources of **DATA** to support the analysis?** If not, can you share any data (surveys, registries, abstracts, published articles) that would be important to include?

**Did ICER accurately describe how this new drug may **IMPACT** the patient community?** How might the new drug impact daily life, education, career, family, or any health disparities?

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## When Can You Provide Input?

You are invited to provide input at **any time during the review** process by reaching out to the Program Manager or Director of Patient Engagement. However, ICER also has many **formal opportunities** during which you may provide written feedback or join a virtual meeting to give input.

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### Public Comment Period for Draft Scope

The Draft Scope is the proposed outline for ICER's research report. There is a 3-week public comment period during which you may provide written comments on:

- the drug(s) and comparator under review
- the patient population of focus
- the health benefits and side effects that matter most to patients
- the outcomes most important to patients
- other considerations or context you would like to highlight

**\*Public comments are always posted publicly on the ICER website.**

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### Feedback on Modeling Analysis Plan

The Modeling Analysis Plan is the proposed methods for ICER's economic model to figure out a fair price range for the new drug under review. There is a 10-day period during which you may provide written comments on our modeling approach, assumptions, cost inputs, and the data sources used for this analysis.

**\*Feedback provided on the analysis plan is private.**



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## Early Review of Draft Evidence Report

ICER invites one or two patient representatives to review the draft version of our report before publication. This gives the patient community an opportunity to see how ICER has summarized patient and caregiver input, and how this input helped inform our findings. Early reviewers can provide feedback and edits to the report, that the ICER team will consider for revision before the draft report is published for public comment.

**\*Feedback provided during this report review is private.**

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## Public Comment on Draft Evidence Report

The Draft Evidence Report is the published draft version of ICER's results from the clinical and economic analysis. The report includes background information about the disease, insights from the patient community, and other pros and cons that we've identified through conversations with patients and clinicians. There is a 4-week public comment period during which you may provide written feedback on this version of the report.

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## Oral Comment at Public Meeting

Members of the patient community can request a 5-minute oral comment slot at ICER's public meeting by reaching out to [publiccomments@icer.org](mailto:publiccomments@icer.org). ICER accepts about 5 oral comments per meeting on a rolling basis.

Oral comments are an opportunity for patients and caregivers to:

- share thoughts about the drugs under review
- convey the impact of the patient lived experience
- provide reactions to ICER's report findings
- help the independent appraisal committee better understand the patient perspective as they make judgments on the value of these new therapies



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## Post-Review Feedback Call

Following the end of the review, the Program Manager will invite the most involved patient groups to a post-review feedback call. This call is an opportunity for the patient group to provide feedback on:

- the patient engagement process (onboarding, opportunities for input, communication throughout)
- the overall experience in engaging with ICER (was feedback heard and incorporated? or was a rationale provided when not?)
- how the patient group plans to use the ICER report in their advocacy
- additional feedback or reflections about patient engagement

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## How Can You Provide Input?

- ➔ The Program Manager will always reach out via email with advanced notice about upcoming opportunities to review ICER's work and instructions for how to provide input.
- ➔ You can always reach out to the Program Manager at any point during the review to ask questions or request a phone/virtual meeting.
- ➔ The Director of Patient Engagement is also available to take any questions or discuss ICER's patient engagement program more broadly.

## Public Comment Instructions

- Email comments to [publiccomments@icer.org](mailto:publiccomments@icer.org)
- Submit as an attached **Word document** in **12-point Times New Roman font**
- **Draft Scope:** Three page maximum (not including references)
- **Draft Evidence Report:** Five page maximum (not including references)

