



EUROQOL GROUP



EQ-5D

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

# Early Career Researchers Meeting

March 01, 2020

Prague

**A ONE DAY  
MEETING FOR  
EARLY CAREER  
RESEARCHERS  
IN THE FIELD  
OF HEALTH  
ECONOMICS  
AND  
OUTCOMES  
RESEARCH**

Focus will be on  
methodological and  
applied research  
utilizing the EQ-5D  
instruments

# Early Career Researchers Meeting

SUNDAY, MARCH 01, 2020

Dear colleague,

The inaugural EuroQol Early Career Researchers (ECRs) Meeting will take place on Sunday 1 March 2020, in Prague. This one-day meeting offers a unique opportunity for ECRs (defined as students currently enrolled in a graduate studies program or individuals who are within five years of completing their last graduate degree) to present work-in-progress and receive detailed feedback from their peers.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide structured opportunities for involvement, research and networking for younger and/or relatively inexperienced investigators interested in EuroQol-related research by:

- Actively participating in an EuroQol meeting
- Networking with other ECRs
- Brainstorming and developing research ideas/projects/collaborations
- Discussing the work of others, and having their work discussed by others
- Gaining presentation experience
- Networking with established EuroQol Group members, who may offer to serve as mentors, facilitate collaborations, and introduce ECRs to other members and contacts

The conference will follow the EuroQol tradition in that authors whose abstract is accepted for a paper presentation do not give a PowerPoint presentation themselves, but submit a draft paper in advance of the meeting that will be discussed by a volunteer discussant and the audience. This format allows authors to gain detailed feedback on work-in-progress, and has been found to boost the output of high-quality publications.

Below you will find important information on:

- The planned meeting
- Abstract submission guidelines
- Key topics of strategic interest to the EuroQol Group
- Timelines
- Participation and registration procedure

Your participation and support are very welcome. We look forward to receiving your abstracts.

## Organizing Committee

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# The Meeting

The meeting will begin with a keynote presentation by a senior EuroQol member. This will be followed by paper and poster discussion sessions.

In the paper discussions, each paper will be discussed by a volunteer discussant (who is not an author of the paper). The discussant is given up to 10 minutes for their presentation. As all (draft) papers are made available in advance of the meeting, the discussant can focus on the strong and weak points of the paper. The author of the paper is then asked for a quick response, followed by an audience discussion.

In the poster discussions, the lead author of each poster is given a five-minute presentation slot to briefly introduce themselves and their study. This will be followed by an open discussion session in which participants interested in a given study have the opportunity to follow up with the author in front of their poster.

The meeting will conclude with parallel sessions (with each session led by a senior EuroQol member, focusing on a different theme of EuroQol-related research). The final meeting agenda will depend on the number and quality of the submitted abstracts.



# Abstract Submission Guidelines

**DEADLINE:  
NOVEMBER 22,  
2019**

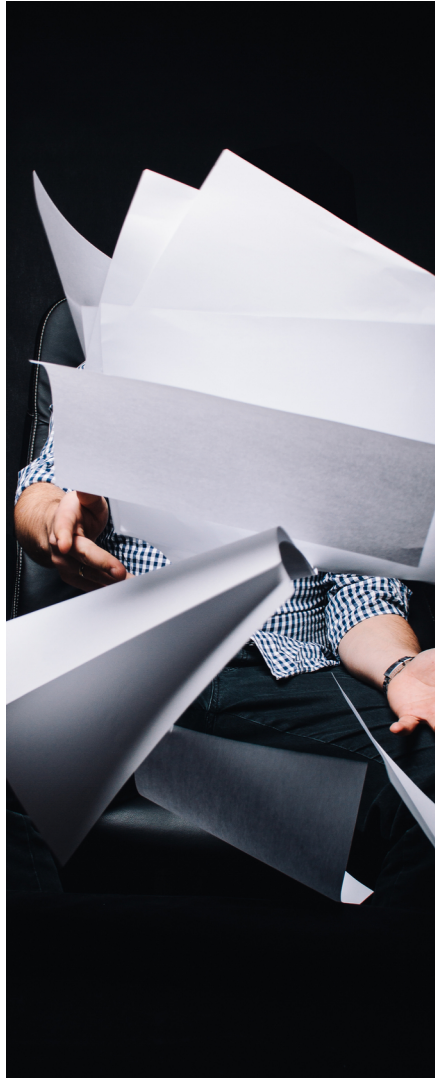
We kindly invite you to submit an abstract electronically at this link: [abstract submission form](#)

Each abstract should be 400 words or less and be composed of the following sections:

1. Background
2. Objectives
3. Methods
4. Results
5. Conclusions

Please refer to the key topics of strategic interest to the EuroQol Group (next page) while preparing your abstract.

If you have problems with submission or questions regarding the meeting, please email Ruixuan Jiang at [ruixuanjiang@gmail.com](mailto:ruixuanjiang@gmail.com)



# Key Topics of Strategic interest to the EuroQol Group



The EuroQol Group's Executive Committee has established several Working Groups, each charged with specific objectives relating to the scientific agenda of the EuroQol Group. A summary of each Working Group's activities and research priorities is provided below.

Those intending to submit abstracts are encouraged to consult these summaries as they indicate the topics and issues of greatest interest to the EuroQol Group and inform you about planned or ongoing activities that may be relevant to the work you intend to present.

Papers that report only on clinical or economic applications of the EQ-5D in specific sub-populations or disease areas, e.g. economic evaluations, are usually not accepted unless they contain methodological innovations that have wider relevance to the Group. These could include, for example, broader perspectives in using EQ-5D products in clinical settings and for decision-making in health care, and the conceptual basis for generic-based health-related quality of life measures.

Submitted abstracts will be evaluated by a minimum of three reviewers. Priority will be given to less experienced researchers.

Note that you do not have to send in a full draft paper at the first deadline, but only an abstract. If the abstract is accepted, a draft paper is expected at the next deadline, shortly before the meeting.



## EQ-5D

# EuroQol Working Groups



## Descriptive Systems Working Group

**Aim 1:** to explore the conceptual basis for generic preference-based HRQL measures (i.e., descriptive and measurement work)

**Aim 2:** Investigate the conceptual basis and develop a framework to rationalize the development of various bolt-ons and bolt-offs

## Valuation Working Group

**Aim 1:** To initiate RFPs and PAs that investigate new approaches to valuing health (including approaches within scope of the QALY framework, as well as methods not necessarily associated with the conventional QALY paradigm).

**Aim 2:** Support the development and dissemination of EQ-5D-5L value sets in key countries. To stimulate interest in producing EQ-5D (3L and 5L) value sets in key countries across the world and assist the Executive in prioritising value sets requesting support.

**Aim 3:** To support methodological research examining the basis/rationale for value sets for patient groups.

**Aim 4:** To provide scientific guidance and support for existing protocols related to valuation studies.

**Aim 5:** To collaborate with other WGs or approved groups that work on conceptual and practical issues concerned with valuation of EQ-5D technologies.

**Aim 6:** To appraise the methodological reporting rigor of published value sets for approval by the Executive that the Business Office can post as guidance for users/user support.

**Aim 7:** To provide scientific guidance and support for valuation of bolt-on studies.

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## Large-scale Applications Working Group

**Aim 1:** To initiate RFPs and PAs that promote and examine large-scale health systems applications for EQ products.

**Aim 2:** To stimulate methodological and applied research relating to the use of EQ-5D in measuring local and system-wide performance, as well as its use in assessing population health.

**Aim 3:** To focus on applications inside healthcare systems, as well as in other non-health sectors.

**Aim 4:** To explore the development and use of new and existing EQ-5D products for large-scale applications in conjunction with the Business Office and Interface Development WG.

## EQ-5D in Younger Populations Working Group

**Aim 1:** To develop EQ-5D instruments suitable for use in younger populations of various age ranges. This includes the validation of the EQ-5D-Y in younger age groups (using the proxy version).

**Aim 2:** To promote research to explore the validity of the EQ-5D-Y as a measure of health status in younger populations.

**Aim 3:** To work closely with WG on Valuation in developing a work programme for the valuation of EQ-5D-Y states.

**Aim 4:** To promote research in the field of application studies. This might include studies comparing EQ-5D-Y to other instruments, and doing some basic research in paediatric disease areas in need.

**Aim 5:** To update the user guide for the 5-level Youth version.

# Timelines



**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION**

November 22, 2019

**REVIEW & SELECTION OF  
ABSTRACTS**

November 23 - December 5  
2019

**ABSTRACT ACCEPTANCE  
NOTIFICATION**

December 6, 2019

**PAPERS & POSTERS  
SUBMISSION**

**No requests for extensions please**

January 31, 2020

**REVIEW OF SUBMITTED  
PAPERS & POSTERS**

February 3 - 7, 2020

**PAPERS & POSTERS MADE  
AVAILABLE TO ALL  
PARTICIPANTS**

February 10, 2020



# Participation and Registration

## Registration

All lead authors of accepted papers and/or posters will be invited to register for the meeting. Some ECRs who have not had abstracts accepted for paper or poster presentations may also be invited to register, subject to the availability of meeting room space. There is no registration fee.

## Travel

Lead authors of accepted papers and/or posters will be expected to book and pay for their flights or other transport in advance. The EuroQol Research Foundation will reimburse economy class travel costs of up to EUR €250 for participants based in Europe, and up to EUR €1,000 for participants based outside of Europe. It is expected that all travel to the meeting is booked in an economical way.

## Hotel

Accommodation in single occupancy rooms will be arranged at the hotel where the meeting is being held. The EuroQol Research Foundation will cover accommodation costs (including breakfast and city tax) for one night for participants based in Europe, and for two nights for participants based outside of Europe.

