Senior Vice President for Health Economics

The Institute for Clinical and Economic Review (ICER) is an innovative, independent non-profit health care research organization dedicated to improving the application of evidence throughout the health care system. ICER produces influential public reports evaluating the clinical effectiveness and value of new treatments, tests, and delivery system interventions. These reports have strongly influenced US drug pricing policy and have been used by a wide variety of public and private insurers to guide price negotiation and formulary decision-making. ICER also convenes independent appraisal committee meetings at which public deliberation occurs to ensure that all perspectives are heard, and that scientific and ethical values are addressed transparently for the benefit of the public and all policymakers. In everything we do, our organization seeks to foster an honest public dialogue about the evidence on effectiveness and value, and to translate this evidence into action to improve patient care.

Because of the role it plays in the US health care system, ICER has become a leader in the methods of cost-effectiveness analysis as it is applied within a broader health technology assessment framework. We are already known within the international HTA community as leaders in specific areas such as the methods for evaluating treatments for ultra-rare disorders, as well as methods for addressing distinctive assessment challenges of cell and gene therapies that represent potential cures. ICER also is a leading innovator in methods to integrate traditional cost-effectiveness analysis with empiric and qualitative measures of broader dimensions of value and contextual considerations.

Within this context of growth and impact, ICER is seeking to add to its Senior Management Team a Senior Vice President for Health Economics. This person will serve as the senior voice for ICER in national and international health economics organizations. She or he will oversee all of ICER’s cost-effectiveness work, coordinating the work of the Health Economics Council that represents the external academic network of decision scientists who perform most of our cost-effectiveness analyses. And the Senior VP for Health Economics will also lead the evolution of the assessment and appraisal methods that form the backbone of all our work. Details on the specific responsibilities and minimum qualifications are provided below.
Job Summary

Reporting to the President of ICER, and serving on the executive Senior Management Team (SMT) for ICER, the position requires a senior and accomplished individual of exceptional caliber. The ideal candidate will be recognized as a senior figure in health economics at the national and, preferably, international level. Candidates must have doctorate-level training in health economics, decision sciences, or operations research. All candidates must have a compelling personal record of engagement with the methodological issues central to the field of health technology assessment. Given the leadership role envisioned for this position, it requires a person of unquestionable integrity, exceptional communication and presentation skills, and an ability to engage with and influence a broad range of stakeholders.

The Senior VP for Health Economics will be responsible for guiding the future evolution of ICER’s methods for the conduct and presentation of evaluations of the cost-effectiveness, cost-benefit, and budgetary impact of drugs, devices, health-system interventions, and other technologies. She or he will interface with key external organizations, including life science industry companies, other HTA bodies, ISPOR, Health Technology Assessment International (HTAi), the Society for Medical Decision-Making, and others, ensuring that ICER continues to play a leadership role in the evolution of HTA across the globe. The Senior VP for Health Economics will be encouraged to perform research, including collaborative research with external research partners, to advance ICER’s methods. If desired, an academic appointment in conjunction with one of the medical institutions in the Boston area can be explored.

Internally, the person in this position will have responsibility for coordinating all of the health economics work that supports ICER’s evidence reviews. The Senior VP for Health Economics will not be responsible for developing specific economic models but will oversee ICER’s program of commissioning cost-effectiveness research from external academic groups. This individual will institute mechanisms to ensure the validity and transparency of all externally commissioned models, and will work with the President of ICER and other senior staff to continue our efforts to create a user interface through which stakeholders can work with ICER models to explore alternative assumptions and tailor the results as needed.

Educational Requirements

As noted, a doctoral degree is required in health economics, decision sciences, or operations research.

Basic Qualifications
• Minimum 10 years of activity conducting cost-effectiveness analyses and/or formal health technology assessments
• Recognition of senior level accomplishment through commensurate academic appointments (e.g. Full Professor) and/or by senior positions in HTA organizations or within health economics departments in the life science industry
• Leadership in methodological development within applied health economics or health technology assessment as evidenced by lead authorship of high-impact articles in academic journals, editorial roles, and participation in high-profile conference sessions
• Substantial experience in the critical evaluation of evidence, including the ability to critique the research methods and statistical findings of published economic studies
• A strong track record of mentorship of junior staff
• Efficiency, collaboration, candor, openness, results orientation and a commitment to a consultative approach to decision-making
• The highest levels of personal initiative, attention to detail, and independent work

ICER offers a competitive salary and benefits package.

It is not intended that the above listed duties reflect every job duty, responsibility or task that the employee may be called upon to perform. The employee is expected to perform all job-related duties and tasks assigned by his/her supervising manager or other authorized manager.

Interested candidates should e-mail resume and cover letter to careers@icer-review.org; please also include contact information should we wish to schedule an interview.