The first summit gives a start to the activities of the new Study Group. The members of the Study Group will be introduced and there will be the opportunity to discuss their role. We encourage participants to exchange ideas about the study group’s research area and its vital elements. The activities for next year will be planned – participants are encouraged to discuss further cooperation projects, to arrange follow-up meetings and to talk about the accomplishments already achieved.

We welcome participants who are interested in health services research and/or health economics to join the discussion about the directions of the group for the future.
At the end of 2017, the EASD Executive Committee endorsed the proposal to initiate a new EASD Study Group “Health Services Research and Health Economics”. The group is currently “in statu nascendi” and will be officially established during the 54th EASD Annual Meeting (EASD 2018) in Berlin in October 2018.

Despite the importance of health services research and health economics in diabetes care, there is no study group in the EASD addressing this topic. The group is aiming at consolidating already existing research initiatives in economic aspects of clinical- and cost-effectiveness in routine care, efficiency of clinical research studies or interventions with emphasis on patient-centeredness.

At the first stage, the group will focus on health care processes and patient-relevant outcomes in people with diabetic foot - one of the most frequently occurring complications. Later on, we are planning to widen the list of topics, following suggestions of the members of the study group.

Also, diabetes models combining existing knowledge from observational and intervention studies for the evaluation of clinical and cost-effectiveness of diabetes prevention and care are targeted as the first priority. Patients’ preferences is a further topic, which is considered to be of central importance in patient-centered care. We intend to evaluate and advance methods used in Europe and worldwide. Based on this kind of partnerships, the group is going to establish joint research projects in an effort to further develop the link between basic science, clinical science and health services research studies.

The EASD Study group “Health Services Research and Health Economics” invites clinicians, health services researchers, economists and all scientists of related areas with an interest for the topic to the study group to participate in the kick-off meeting.

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