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INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT IN HEALTH CARE

History and Purpose

In the modern medical world of rapidly diffusing technologies, the International Society of Technology Assessment in Health Care (ISTAHC) was organized to encourage research, education, cooperation and the exchange of information concerning the clinical and social implications of health care technologies, and to foster their optimal utilization. The term *technology* in this context includes the drugs, devices, and medical and surgical procedures utilized in health care as well as the varied organizational and supportive systems within which health care is provided.

Organized in May 1985, the Society's initial meeting was held in Copenhagen with 60 participants from 16 countries. Society membership is now over 540 with worldwide representation providing global perspectives on technological issues. The ISTAHC 7th Annual Meeting will be in Helsinki, Finland, on 24-26 June 1991.

The Society is primarily concerned with emerging medical technologies as they are developed, produced, disseminated, applied and costed. Major issues of concern include:

- safety and efficacy
- cost and cost-effectiveness
- ethics
- quality of care

- access to health care
- appropriateness of application
- legal and regulatory considerations
- competing technologies

Society Activities

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