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September - December 2025

Graduations



Tzujung Lai

In December, we celebrated PhD graduates Tzujung Lai and Mhairi Campbell, as well as MSc Health Economics and Health Technology Assessment graduates Mohamed Abdelbaky, Mahmoud Ammar and Khaled Shehata, who travelled a great distance to Glasgow to graduate in person! Congratulations, everyone!



Mohamed Abdelbaky, Mahmoud Ammar & Khaled Shehata with supervisors

Viva Success

Septiara Putri and Sansanee Seetangkhom successfully defended their theses at the end of 2025. Everyone at HEHTA is very proud of them and we wish them all the best for the future!



Sansanee Seetangkhom with examiners & supervisors



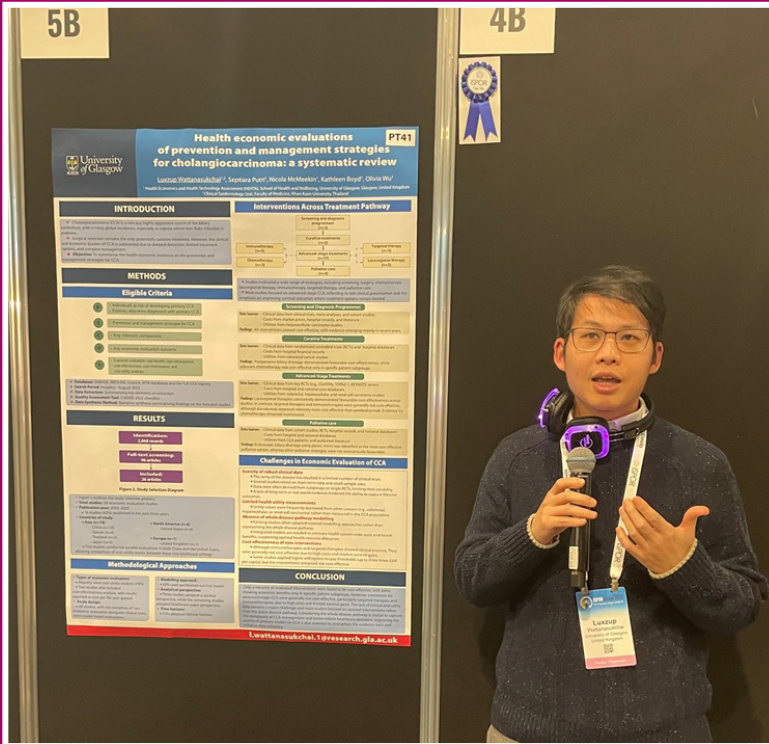
Septiara Putri & Team

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HEHTA @ ISPOR 2025



Luxzup Wattanasukchai presenting his poster

HEHTA represented strongly at ISPOR, which was held in our home city of Glasgow, 9-12 November 2025. They had the following presentations and posters:

Evi Germeni - Panel: *Patient preference evidence in HTA: what do we really know?*

Martin Taylor-Rowan – Talk: *Preferences in frail and older patient populations*

Nicola McMeekin - Poster: *Approaches used in assessing the environmental sustainability of digital health tech*

Olivia Wu – Panel: *How could patient-centric HTA evolve in the changing global pricing landscape*
Neil Hawkins – Panel: *Integrating capacity-enhancing innovations in healthcare systems*

Beatriz Goulao – Talk: *Seeking patient and public's opinions to determine target differences in clinical trials*

Kathleen Boyd - Educational Symposia: *Beyond good intentions: keeping patient-centricity patient-centric*

Luxzup Wattanasukchai – Poster: *Systematic review of economic evaluations of interventions for CCA*

Neil Hawkins – Panel: *Mind the gaps: managing missing PRO data in the era of JCA for HTA submissions*

Yuantao Huang – Poster: *The role of qualitative research in randomised controlled trials and medical devices*

HEHTA Away Day

In November, the team got together for a productive strategic away day - a chance to reflect, collaborate, and plan for the future!

Professors Emma McIntosh, Vittal Katikireddi, Jim Lewsey and David McAllister, delivered sessions focusing on our research priorities and the diverse skillset within the team.

Highlights included updates on HEHTA's research themes, our new Skills Matrix, an overview of the teaching portfolio, and contributions from the Professional Services Staff (PSS) team. We finished with an activity curated by Emma Steel, Dikshyanta Rana and Andrew Baxter, which stimulated valuable discussions on teamwork, inclusivity, and shared purpose.



Visit from HEHTA Alumni

During ISPOR, we had a visit from former HEHTA PhD student Ping Hsuan Hsieh, who is now an Assistant Professor in Health Economics at the School of Pharmacy, National Defense Medical Center in Taipei, Taiwan. We were delighted to meet his students, all of whom presented at ISPOR in Glasgow.



Research

Tackling Food Inequality in Glasgow



HEHTA is proud to be part of a UKRI-BBSRC-funded project bringing together researchers, local government, and food organisations to address poor diet and ill health in some of Glasgow's most deprived communities.

Led by Dr Ada Garcia, University of Glasgow, School of Medicine, Dentistry and Nursing, this £1M+ research collaboration will:

Work with local communities to understand barriers to healthy eating

Launch weekend food markets offering affordable, culturally appropriate produce

Provide cooking advice, food education, and creative activities to promote engagement and healthier food environments

Evaluate the impact and potential to scale this approach

HEHTA's Eleanor Grieve and Samuel Owusu Achiaw will assess the project's value for money, exploring cost-effectiveness, affordability, and wider social benefits.

Demonstrating the economic and social case for locally run markets will be key to ensuring sustainability and long-term impact.

Housing Quality & Health



Kathleen Boyd attended the Scottish Rural and Islands Housing Association Conference 2025 as a panelist on the plenary session 'Funding Healthy Homes'.

Kathleen opened the plenary sharing results from the recently concluded 'Housing Quality and Health' study which reviewed outcomes and economic evidence on housing quality and undertook an exploratory analysis to estimate the annual NHS costs associated with poor housing conditions in Scotland.

This project was a six-month collaboration between HEHTA health economists (Kathleen Boyd, Francesco Manca & Nishant Jaiswal), and housing economist, Professor Ken Gibb, from the UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence (CaCHE).

The research broadened HEHTA's remit into the field of housing economics and was a foundational step to developing a Scottish-based value case for investing in good quality housing. It showed that a value case can deliver better health and wellbeing outcomes for occupants, while offering significant co-benefits in addressing government objectives on public health, inequalities, and environmental/climate change policy.

Mic Mac Study Links Income Support Policies and Health Outcomes

The University of Glasgow is leading a new research project to assess which government income support policies can improve population health across the life course, with a focus on reducing child poverty.

The MicMac project will use simulation modelling to link economic and health outcomes, evaluating the long-term impact of policies such as the living wage and basic income. The goal is to identify measures that are both effective and publicly acceptable.

Researchers highlight that poverty - especially in childhood - plays a major role in shaping health outcomes, yet evidence on which policies work best remains limited. MicMac aims to fill this gap and provide actionable insights for policymakers.

The study is funded by the NIHR and involves collaboration with the University of Essex, University of Manchester, NIESR, and The Poverty Alliance.



NEW STAFF & STUDENTS

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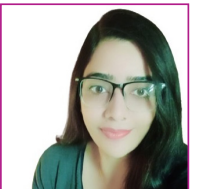
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