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Message from the Guest Editor

The number of publications in healthcare is increasing every year. However, there is still insufficient evidence for rational decision making in the healthcare community. As innovative approaches and interventions are introduced, new evidence is also necessary. The role of the researcher is to continuously produce such new evidence. While novel medical technologies and approaches can create problems that were not previously considered, they can also alleviate them. Economic concerns, such as cost, burden, efficiency, can always be one of the most important considerations. In the healthcare field, decision making is necessary from time to time. This issue focuses on the following topics: economic evaluation of a smart hospital, cost-effectiveness of non-pharmaceutical interventions in healthcare, alternative approaches in economic evaluations in healthcare, economic implications of hospital operations during the COVID-19 pandemic, etc.

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Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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