

Highland Health Economics Symposium

June 22-25, 2026, Oban, Scotland, UK

Greetings from the HHES Organizers:

We are pleased to invite you to submit a paper for the third Highland Health Economics Symposium (HHES) to be held June 22-25, 2026 at [The Drury](#), Oban, Scotland. The conference will provide a global forum for path-breaking health economics research critical to public policy, financing and technology innovation. Up to five papers will be selected by the organizing committee for presentation. Up to two presenters for each paper will be eligible for travel and lodging honorarium. Brief panel discussions with medical industry experts will be woven into the program. Additional attendees not presenting papers will be invited to participate in the program and sponsored activities such as the whisky sampling and evening [Cèilidh](#).

Now Accepting Papers – 15 March 2026 Submission Deadline. Please submit abstracts (one page), and/or complete paper drafts if available.

Papers may cover any topic from the field of health economics. Presentation format will be a discussion of the paper by author(s) followed by participant discussion and questions. Full papers will be required in advance of the meeting. For an illustration of paper quality see last year's [HHES 2025 program](#) here. Topics of interest this year (and most) would include (but are not limited too):

- *Impact of growing market concentration on insurance markets*
- *Abuse effects on drug availability and costs for patients*
- *Intellectual property on medical technology & pharmacy innovation*
- *Impact of most favored nation drug policies*
- *Declining drug prices through global or national competition*
- *Evidence of medical price transparency policy on cost for patients*
- *Impact of Vertical Integration with Insurers*
- *Investing in futures cures without certainty*
- *Price setting and its impact on competition*

Submission Requirements:

- Papers/Abstracts must be submitted by 15 March, 2026 (midnight, Hawaii time)
- Full paper or extended abstract (one page)
- Include names and organizations of up to two presenters
- Submit papers to: HHES@terramedica.co.uk

Presenters will be notified by 15 April, 2026

Honoria

Honoria will be available for up to two presenters for papers selected for presentation. Scholarship will include lodging (double occupancy) for up to three nights (nights June 9 to 11) and airfare to the UK (up to \$1,000 for travel). As of January 31, 2026, non-stop round-trip airfare from New York City airports to Glasgow was under \$1,000 for travel dates June 22 to 25.

The Location



Conference Logistics

When: June 22 to 25

Where: The Drury, Oban, Scotland, UK

Major activities in The Highlands

- Bridge to Hogwarts and the real Hogwarts Express (The Jacobite)
<http://www.westcoastrailways.co.uk/jacobite/jacobite-steam-train-details.cfm>
- Distillery tours (like Sonoma wine tours, but wetter and with whiskey) - Oban's distillery is one of the [six classic malt whiskies of Scotland](#).
- Serious highland hiking

- Ben Nevis (summit is highest point in UK)
- Whale watching
- Outlander TV series site safari
- Isle of Skye & the Small Isles
- Loch Ness

If you choose to self-pay, other hotels in the area are available. Oban is easily accessible by rail or coach directly from Glasgow.

If you have a travel budget governed by US travel rules: The max US Department of State per diem rate is: \$384 and max lodging is \$257. AirBnB is possible too with many local houses for rent.

International airport closest with coordinated symposium travel transfers is Glasgow (Airport Code: GLA) which can be reached directly from several major US cities including New York, Philadelphia, Orlando as well as Asia city access through Emirates airlines. Great airfares (and possibly a volcano visit as well) via Icelandair.

Thanks for your consideration. If you have any questions, please email HHES@terramedica.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you at HHES in June, 2026.

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