

Technology Forecasting and Social Change

Call for Papers

Special Issue on "Social Change through Healthcare Quality Innovation" Short Title: Healthcare Quality

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Healthcare quality is a major driver of innovation, growth, and competitiveness, through which social changes can be achieved. Healthcare quality and its relevant associated businesses are, particularly for the managerial perspective, a key source of business dynamism, innovation, and improvements in the social ecosystem. However, today, healthcare quality performance is lagging behind.

The implementation of meaningful advances in social changes through healthcare quality innovation will require a number of initiatives, including promoting new quality paradigm in the healthcare industry, synthesizing expertise on ways of preventing social vulnerability, proposing a commitment to the systematic practice of innovation, and providing ways to facilitate access to resources by people who need the goods and services.

The main objective of this special issue is to advance the field of healthcare quality and innovation management. Thus, papers submitted for the special issue should address the valuable implications of social change through healthcare quality innovation.

Important Dates

- The First Date to Submit: March 31, 2015
- Paper Submission Due Date: September 31, 2015
- Expected Publication Date: September 31, 2016

Subject Coverage

Examples of topics appropriate to the theme of social changes and healthcare quality innovation include:

- Practices aimed at fostering social change and healthcare innovation mindsets
- The impact of government regulations and policies on healthcare quality creation and growth
- Healthcare business development
- Strategic alliances and other joint activities for new healthcare quality paradigm
- The role of advanced technologies in healthcare, such as electronic medical records, pharma e-pedigrees, and RFID and real-time location systems

- Strategic alliances, cases studies, global collaboration in biopharmaceutical R&D.
- Global collaboration in healthcare quality improvement
- Technology forecasting and commercialization strategies and new business creation through healthcare product development
- Access to healthcare delivery systems, especially with respect to emergency preparedness
- Healthcare supply chain management and operational perspectives
- Case studies of social changes and healthcare quality innovation
- Other related topics

Notes for Intending Authors

Submitted papers should not have been previously published nor be currently under consideration for publication elsewhere. All papers are refereed through a peer review process.

All manuscripts should follow the format guidelines:

- a) Abstracts must not contain references.
- b) All references must be sequentially numbered in the order cited in the text.
- c) There must be biographical endnotes for each author (4 to 8 lines).
- d) The title page must identify the corresponding author and his/her e-mail address.
- e) The length of a paper should be 10,000 to 20,000 words.
- f) The "Research Highlights" should be phrased suitably for a press release for a non-specialist audience. The Highlights should NOT be a condensation of the paper's academic abstract.

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