

USING HTA REVIEWS TO IMPROVE QUALITY

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Abstract

Health technology assessments can cover a wide range of topics, from comparing the effectiveness of two drugs to evaluating an extensive public health program. HTAs are often requested as a basis for health policy decisions, which is perhaps their most influential arena. For individual clinicians, HTAs are typically relevant as input into clinical guidelines. An HTA may help health care producers (hospitals, health centres) to select technologies for use in major care pathways. Examples of the use of technology assessments in decisions at each of the three levels will be given in the presentation.