

HTA as a governance mechanism

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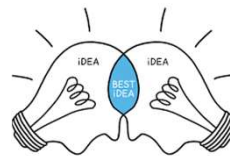


Health Technology Assessment (HTA) is

“systematic evaluation of the properties and effects..., addressing the direct and intended effects....,indirect and unintended consequences, and aimed mainly at informing decision making regarding health technologies” (INAHTA)

.....to inform decision-making in health systems at different levels by producing information on the clinical, economic, organizational, patient, social and ethical impacts of health technologies (Battista, 2006).

...summarises information in a systematic, transparent, unbiased, robust manner. Its aim is to inform the formulation of safe, effective health policies that are patient focused and seek to achieve best value. Despite its policy goals, HTA must always be firmly rooted in research and scientific methods. (Danish HTA)



Governance mechanism

UN argues that a country has good governance when its public sector operates according to principles of transparency, accountability, predictability, responsiveness and participation (Welch and Nuru 2006)

Governance indicators project clusters them to *voice and accountability*, government effectiveness, control of corruption, *regulatory quality*, rule of law, political stability and absence of violence (World Bank 2018)

“Stronger and braver governance is required to ensure that responsible decisions about risk management emerge for areas such as screening which have potentially enormous individual and societal consequences. These decisions must be based on sound research and proper partnerships” (Thornton and Dixon-Woods, 2002)



Responsibility and accountability

- Relevant and reliable health-care research must exist and be disseminated
- Decision makers and patients must have access to reliable and relevant evidence synthesis
- Patients, clinicians, and policy makers must be encouraged to ask for and to use evidence synthesis
- To improve patient outcomes, recommendations and decisions must be put into action and be implemented in practice and policy

To achieve well informed health-care decisions – a challenge for all

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WHAT DO YOU NEED TO GET, BE AND STAY HEALTHY?

CAN YOU GET HELP FROM A WELL-TRAINED HEALTH WORKER?



CAN YOU GET TREATMENT THAT HELPS YOU GET BETTER, AND IS SAFE?



CAN YOU GET THE MEDICINES AND OTHER HEALTH PRODUCTS YOU NEED?



WHO WILL PAY FOR IT?



ARE THERE POLICIES IN PLACE TO MAKE QUALITY SERVICES AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE, EVERY TIME?



DOES YOUR GOVERNMENT HAVE THE INFORMATION IT NEEDS TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS ABOUT THE WHOLE SYSTEM?

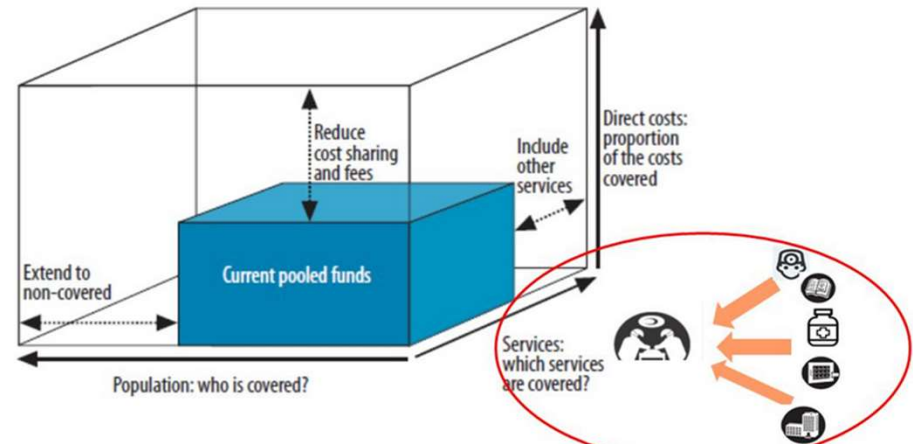


THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION IS WORKING AROUND THE WORLD SO THAT ALL PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES RECEIVE THE QUALITY SERVICES THEY NEED, AND ARE PROTECTED FROM HEALTH THREATS, WITHOUT SUFFERING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP.

THAT'S WHAT WE CALL UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE

WWW.WHO.INT/UHC

Three Dimensions to Consider When Moving Towards Universal Coverage



Use of HTA for sustainable UHC

(Life cycle approach)

Early HTA/ Early dialogue/Early advice

Horizon scanning/ Early Warning

Priority setting

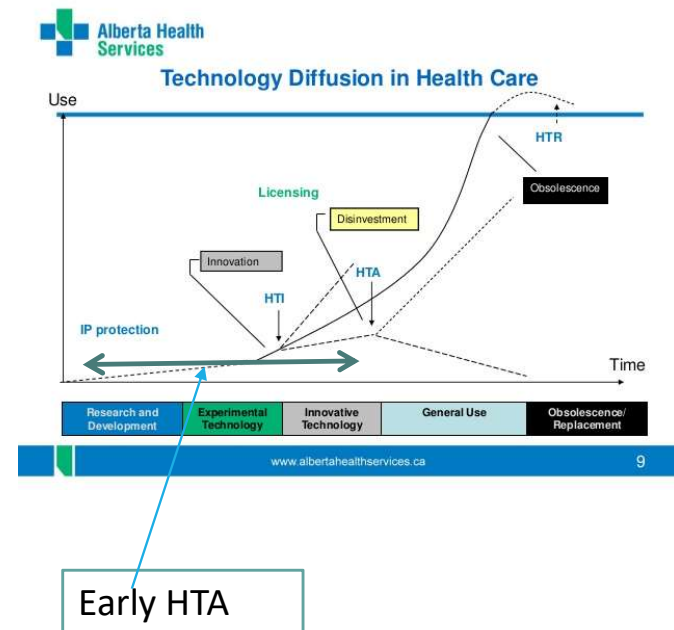
Resource allocation

Reimbursement

Disinvestment (appropriateness/re-assessment)

Systems/service

Public health

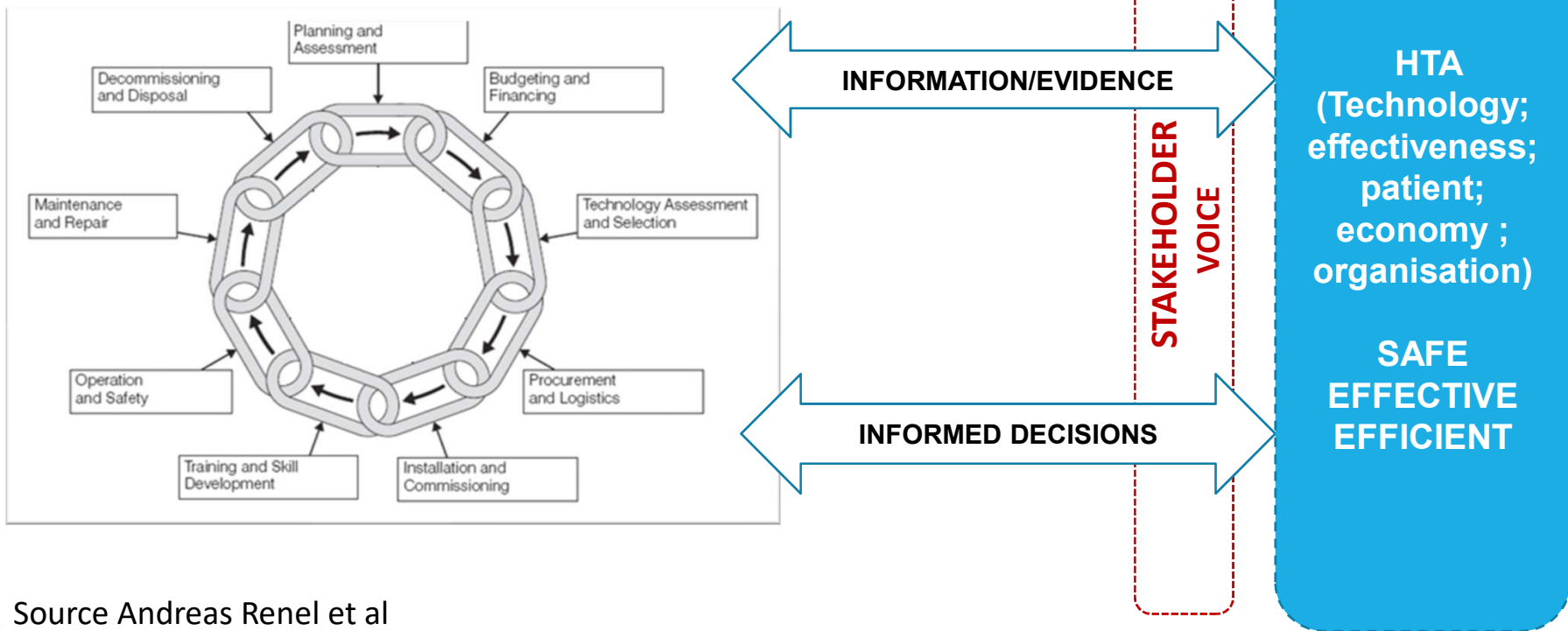


Linkages between HT Regulation, Assessment and Management

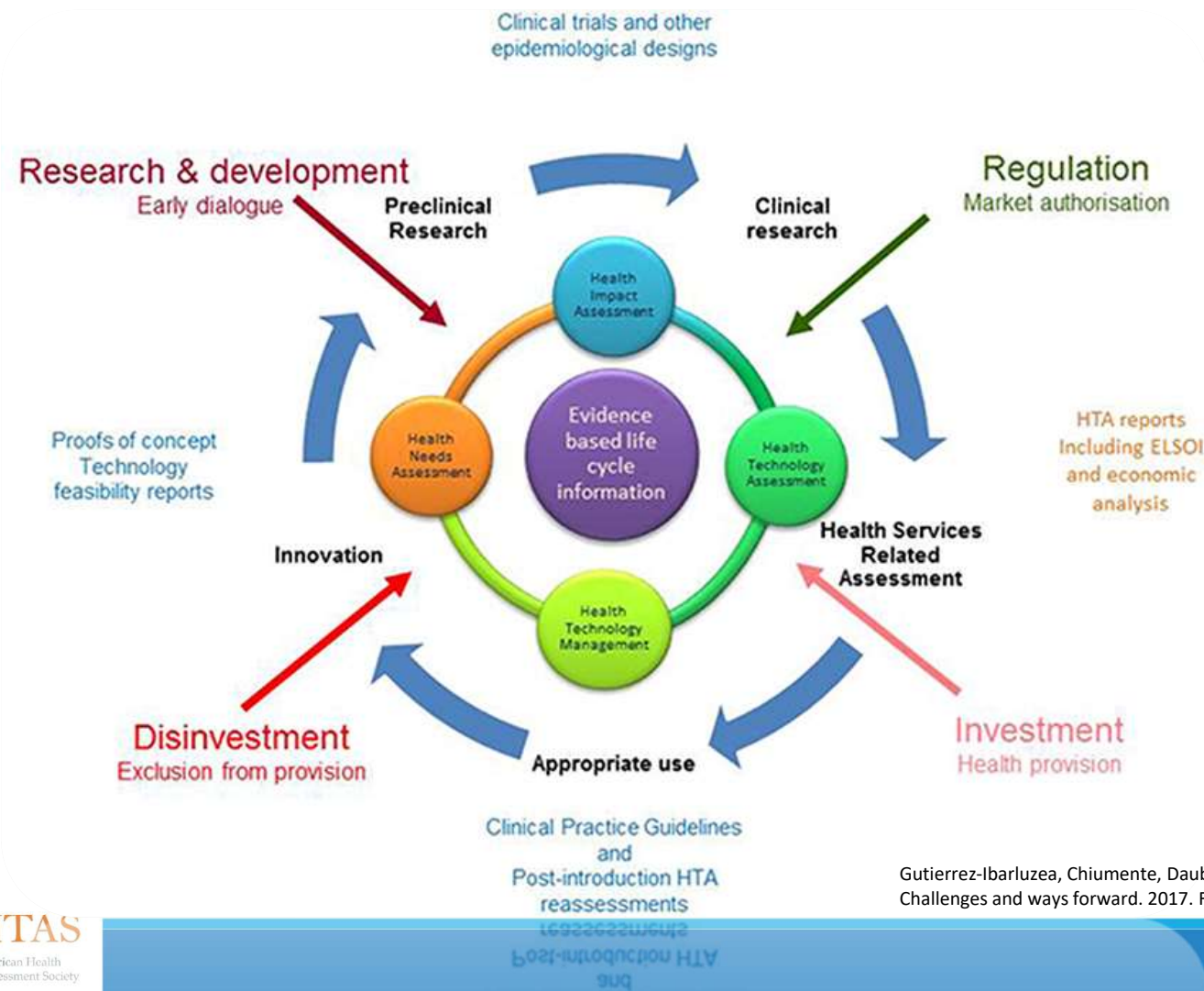


Courtesy: Health Technology Assessment of Medical Devices. WHO

HTA linkage to HTM



Source Andreas Renel et al



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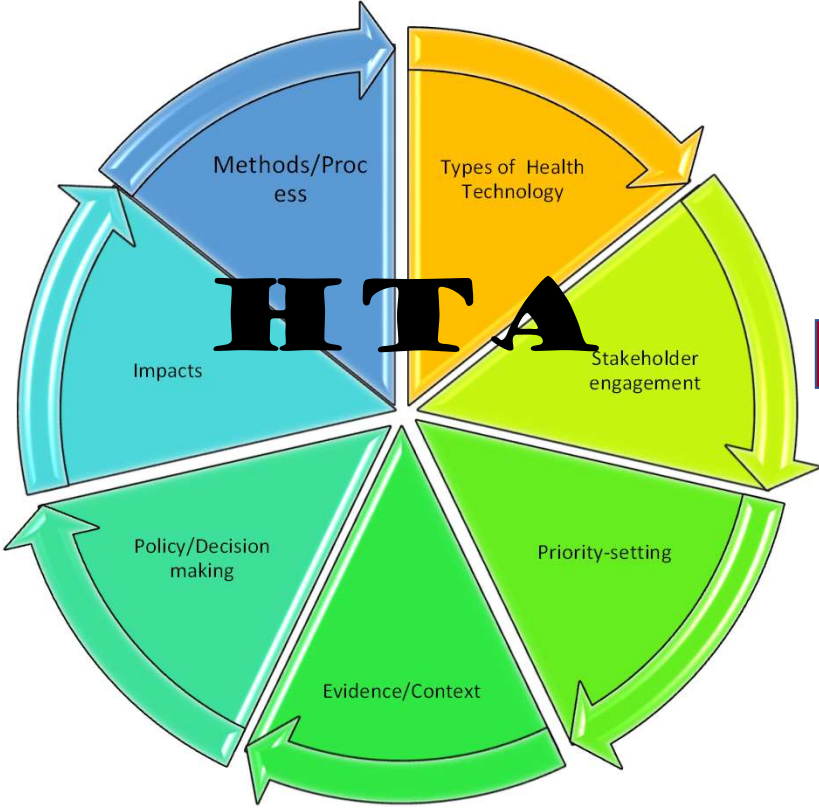
GOVERNANCE

FINANCING

MDGs & SDGs

Social Determinants of Health

Health in all Policies



UHC

CAPACITY BUILDING

COLLABORATION

Discussion

- Find ways to lower the cost of establishing and sustaining HTA functions and capacities
- Inadequate financial resources – selection of “best” technology fit to each system considering appropriate criteria
- Involving stakeholders at all stages – increase of quality and value of care offered.
- HTA closely linked to the health system (fit to the context) to generate appropriate demand

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