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Message from the Guest Editors

Health technology assessment (HTA) is a multidisciplinary process that summarizes information about the medical, social, economic, and ethical issues related to the use of a health technology in a systematic, transparent, unbiased, and robust manner. A health technology is defined by the WHO as “the application of organized knowledge and skills in the form of medicines, medical devices, vaccines, procedures and systems developed to solve a health problem and improve quality of life”. (EunetHTA.2016; WHO 2007). HTA aims to inform policy in order to improve the performance of health systems using robust evidence-based approaches to make clear, consistent recommendations about which health technologies to use and for which patients. This supports quality improvement and efficiency throughout healthcare services (EUPATI, 2016). The role of HTA is presently becoming more and more important in helping to prioritize the need for the sustainability of health systems and for the assessment of innovative medical technologies like telemedicine or gene therapy.





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