

**Acronym:** HTA

A multidisciplinary process that uses explicit methods to determine the value of a health technology at different points in its lifecycle. The purpose is to inform decision-making in order to promote an equitable, efficient, and high-quality health system.

**Note 1:** Definition of [health technology](#).

**Note 2:** The process is formal, systematic and transparent, and uses state-of-the-art methods to consider the best available evidence.

**Note 3:** The dimensions of value for a health technology may be assessed by examining the intended and unintended consequences of using a health technology compared to existing alternatives. These dimensions often include [clinical effectiveness](#), safety, costs and economic implications, ethical, social, cultural and legal issues, organisational and environmental aspects, as well as wider implications for the patient, relatives, caregivers, and the population. The overall value may vary depending on the perspective taken, the stakeholders involved, and the decision context.

**Note 4:** HTA can be applied at different points in the lifecycle of a health technology, i.e., pre-market, during market approval, post-market, through to the [disinvestment](#) of a health technology.