

INTEGRATED HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT FOR EVALUATING COMPLEX TECHNOLOGIES (INTEGRATE-HTA)

An introduction to the guidances

Why this series of guidances?

With changing disease patterns, complex health technologies have gained massive importance. To avoid misleading conclusions, health technology assessment (HTA) should take the complexity of a technology, its means of implementation, its environment, and its varying effects on different individuals into account and offer an assessment that integrates these dimensions.

For whom is this series of guidances useful?

The main audiences for the guidances are producers and users of health technology assessments (e.g. agencies, organizations, institutions, and the interested public as well).

How were the guidances developed?

Six guidances were developed in the course of the project *Integrated Health Technology Assessment for Evaluating Complex Technologies* (INTEGRATE-HTA). Taken together they aim to support an integrated assessment of complex health technologies. The guidances have been tested in a case study on palliative care.



The introduction to the guidances can be downloaded from: <http://www.integrate-hta.eu/downloads/>



Purpose of this introduction

In this introduction

- we give a brief overview on the rationale, the goals and the products of the INTEGRATE-HTA project
- we highlight the importance of complexity in assessing complex technologies and
- we present a brief summary of each guidance.

