

EFFECTIVENESS IN HTA

A useful tool for selecting appropriate methods for study design inclusion and evidence synthesis

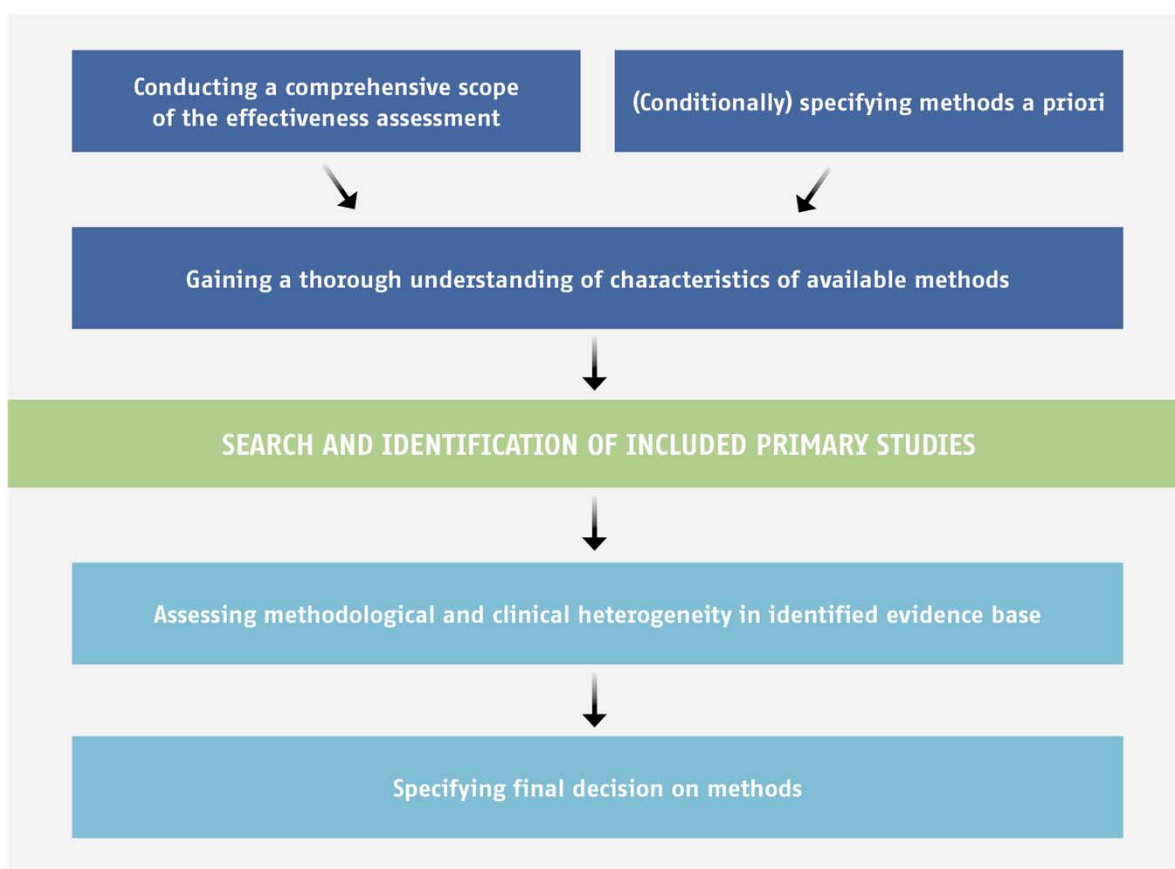
Purpose of effectiveness guidance

- Summarise existing methods and provide further guidance for dealing with heterogeneous study designs in effectiveness reviews, especially those of complex interventions
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The guidance for assessing effectiveness, economic aspects, ethical aspects, socio-cultural aspects and legal aspects in complex technologies can be downloaded from: <http://www.integrate-hta.eu/downloads/>

Steps to facilitate choosing appropriate methods for study design inclusion and evidence synthesis.



Added value of guidance

- Provides a summary of methods for dealing with heterogeneous study designs and synthesizing evidence.
- While recognizing that there is no one-size-fits-all solution, the guidance helps the reviewer in choosing appropriate study design inclusion and evidence synthesis methods.
- Argues that some flexibility in choosing methods may allow reviewers to utilize the most appropriate methods using the best available evidence
- This guidance can be applied in a stand-alone assessment of effectiveness, but may be of most value as part of an integrated assessment.

