

ETHICAL ASPECTS IN HTA

A stepwise procedure for assessing complex health technologies

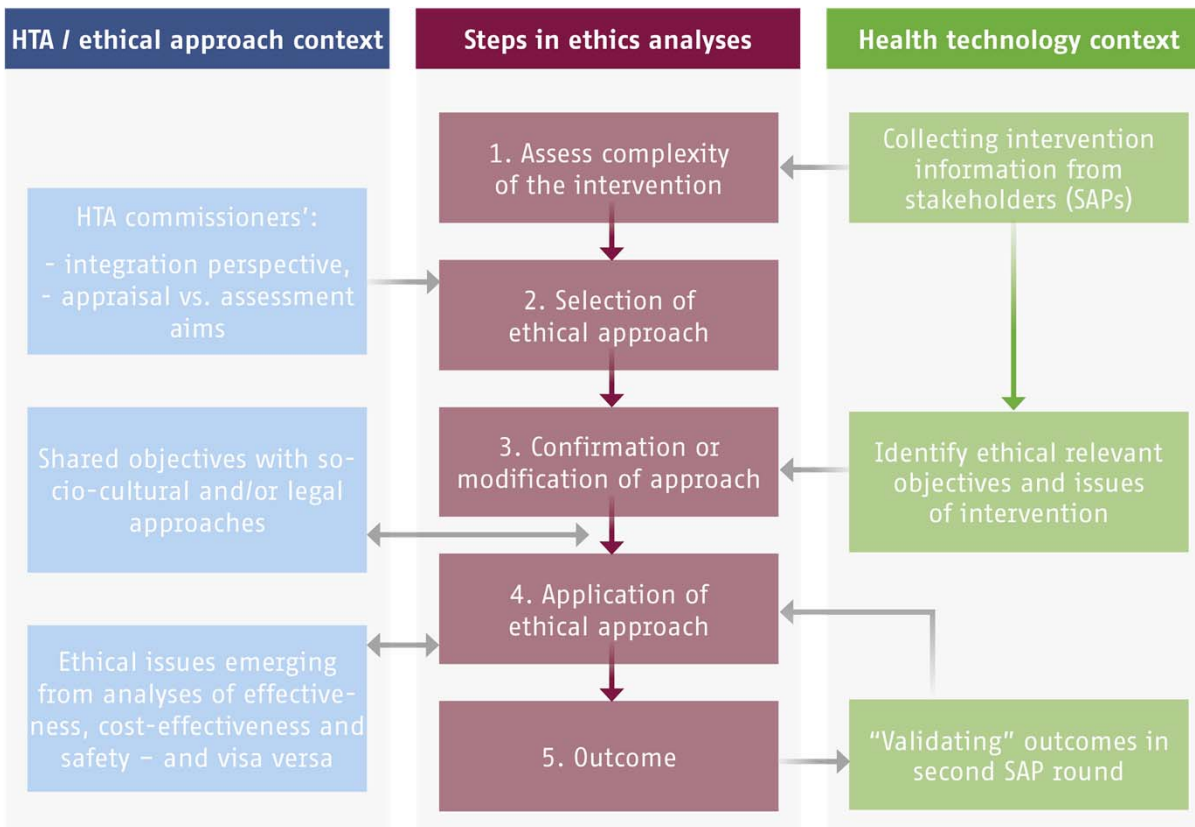
Purpose of ethical guidance

- Clarify aspects of complexity relevant for ethical analyses, on which the complexity of the technology can be assessed
- Present existing approaches for ethical assessment within HTA (Principlism, Casuistry, Wide reflective equilibrium, Social Shaping of Technology, Interactive, participatory HTA approaches, The triangular model, The HTA Core Model, The Socratic approach), and their applicability for complex technologies, as the basis for the selection of approaches
- Guide on how to adjust existing ethical approaches for handling complex technologies
- Guide on how to take the HTA context into account in the ethical analyses.



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/>

Framework for ethical analyses in HTA of complex technologies



Added value of ethical guidance

- Structure the selection among existing ethical approaches, and assist in how to modify and/or expand methods, in order to fit the requirements of complex health technologies when delivered in the local context
- The guidance can be applied as part of the INTEGRATE-HTA model (see the guidance on integrated assessment) and as a standalone.

