Purpose of this guidance
This guidance provides a five-step-process for the assessment of socio-cultural aspects of health technologies. It can be used to
• Identify and prioritize important socio-cultural aspects/ discourses and heterogeneous perspectives related to a health technology,
• Identify and involve various stakeholders and stakeholder groups, to determine research agendas on socio-cultural aspects, and
• Assess socio-cultural aspects linked to a certain technology in a culturally sensitive way.

Overview of the socio-cultural aspects represented in the socio-cultural framework

Added value of this guidance
Although part of most HTA-definitions socio-cultural aspects related with health technologies are rarely assessed. This guidance offers
• a process and a framework to identify and assess socio-cultural aspects,
• an overview of methods that can be applied, and
• an option to capture the heterogeneous perspectives of different social groups.
• The guidance can be applied as part of the INTEGRATE-HTA-model (see the guidance on integrated assessment) and as a stand-alone.