

Why is methodology important?

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Focus on the goal!



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HTA Methodology Conference

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Welcome to an inspiring conference on HTA methodology in Stockholm, Sweden. The focus of the conference is to exchange experience on how to produce HTAs with high quality, transparency and transferability.

Health Technology Assessment (HTA) is one of the cornerstones for achieving high quality health care on equal terms for all European citizens. Under the Swedish EU Presidency, the Swedish Council on Technology Assessment in Health Care (SBU) invites all members of the EUnetHTA Collaboration 2009 to a 1-day HTA methodology conference in Stockholm.

Following a successful completion of the EUnetHTA project, the EUnetHTA Collaboration is further developing tools and methods facilitating a transparent and efficient high quality HTA process. With the aim of contributing to development of common standards and methods, the Stockholm conference will be a forum for exchange of experiences on the processes of making high quality systematic reviews and HTAs.

Experiences on how to synthesize and grade evidence within fields of research that contribute to HTA will be presented and discussed.

Welcome to the conference!

Preliminary Program

8:00	Conference Registration and Coffee	
9:00	Welcome Address Why is methodology important? The importance of European collaboration	MÅNS ROSÉN, Professor, Director, SBU, Sweden FINN BØRLUM KRISTENSEN, Professor, Chair of EUnetHTA, National Board of Health, Denmark
9:10	Common Core Elements of an HTA How can we continue to build on the work from the EUnetHTA Core Model? Adaptation, transferability, and toolkit What are the methodological challenges in trying to adapt a report from another setting for your use?	KRISTIAN LAMPE, MD, FinOHTA, National Institute for Health and Welfare, Finland ANDREW COOK, NETSCC, UK
10:00	What Evidence to 1 GRADES approach to	
11:00	Coffee	
11:30	What Evidence to 1 Considering resource GRADES approach for to action How does GRADE m	
12:40	Lunch	
14:00	Assessing and Synthesising the Clinical Evidence: Under what conditions can we use observational studies in systematic reviews and HTA? Experiences from evidence gained through well-designed observational studies Managing the information explosion: a practical approach to Qualitative Research Synthesis	JON NICHOLL, Professor of Health Services Research, University of Sheffield, England MÅNS ROSÉN, Professor, Director SBU, Sweden MAGGI SAVEN BADEN, Professor, Director Learning Innovation, Coventry University, UK
15:40	Coffee	
16:00	Aspects of Health Economics in HTA Choice of perspective: Health-service vs payors vs societal vs patient, and threshold values in cost effectiveness in different European countries	JOAKIM RAMSBERG, PhD, SBU Scientific Advisory Committee, Sweden
16:40	The Ethical and Patient Perspective in HTA Ethical considerations with and within HTA Patient perspectives and issues in HTA – What a challenge!	BJØRN HOFMANN, PhD, NOKC and University of Oslo, Norway HELLE PLOUG HANSEN, Professor, Institute of Public Health, University of Southern Denmark
17:20	Towards the Future Where should we concentrate transnational efforts during the coming years?	FINN BØRLUM KRISTENSEN, Professor, Director of EUnetHTA, National Board of Health, Denmark
17:30	Reception at SBU Welcome to a cocktail reception at the new SBU office (Same building, 6th floor)	

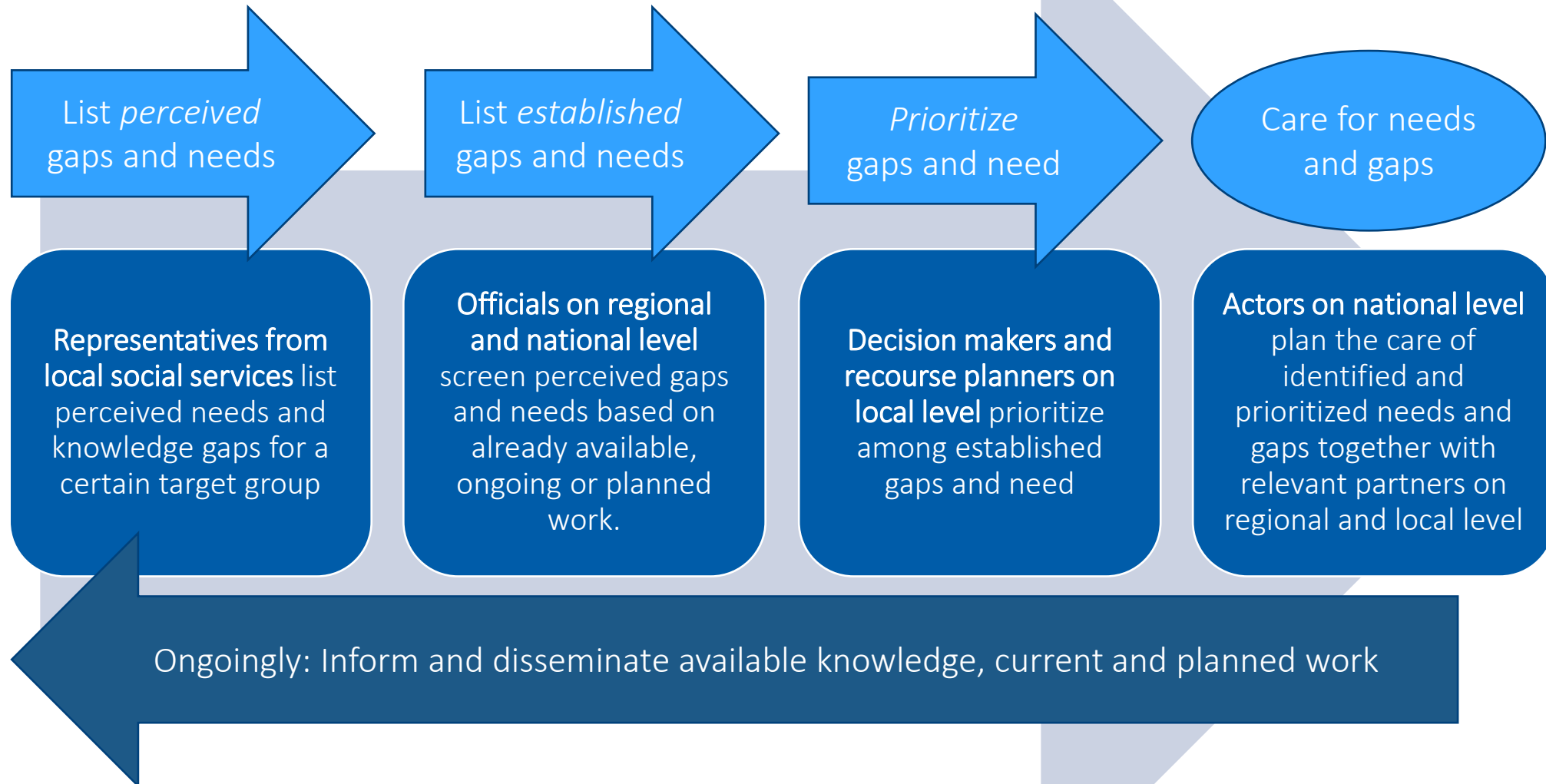
Why is methodology important?

- Possibility to synthesise results – increase the value invested in the individual studies
- Possibility to scrutinize results – transparency
- Possibility to collaborate and transfer results – i.e. re-use

Why is evaluating economic aspects important?

- Our common resources are limited – cost-effectiveness will be crucial for equality in allocating resources to everyone in need of intervention/support
- The chosen interventions should therefore be the ones with maximum benefit for the invested means
- Challenging to set the value of quality of life in the social context, but methods are being developed to facilitate

Identifying needs on local level and caring for them efficiently on national level



Thank you!

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