Introduction

- The evaluation of medicines on the basis of cost-effectiveness criteria is one of the key principles of CatSalut's 2011-15 Pharmaceutical Services Strategic Plan.
- As a result, in 2014 CatSalut's Commission for Economic Evaluation and Budget Impact Analysis (CAEIP) published a guide (named GAEIP) of methods and recommendations to undertake and present economic evaluations and budget impact analyses.

Methodology

- Review of EE and AIP procedures used by other countries and international agencies to develop a draft proposal applicable to the context of CatSalut.
- Creation of working groups for each of the PHFs: Primary and community care (PHF-APC), Hospital medicines of ambulatory dispensing (PHF-MHDA), High Complexity Treatments (PASFTAC).
- Undertaking of pilots for each of the three PHF to test the draft proposals. Therapeutical areas: mental health (PHF-APC), oncology (PHF-MHDA), and respiratory (PASFTAC).

Results

- The SMC (Scotland) and NCPE (Ireland) run simplified NICE models which are more suitable for the Catalan model.
- Pilots identified areas of improvement which need to be tackled in order to integrate full economic evaluations into the existing HTA processes: strategic, operational and structural gaps.
- Processes and tools were designed anew, as shown in the following examples:

Conclusions and Next Steps

- The Commission (CAEIP) continues to make progress towards the deployment of EE and BIA, supporting CatSalut's PHFs in the methodological context established in the GAEIP.
- The results from the pilots provided an agenda of future actions, which include next steps such as: optimising resources and processes; establishing fluent communication with companies to exchange confidential information; establishing a cost-effectiveness threshold; and framing the economic evaluation information in ways that can be useful for decision making.

References


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