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# **Plain Language Summary of the National Guidelines for the Economic Evaluation of Health Technologies in Ireland**

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## Plain language summary

In Ireland, Health Technology Assessments (HTAs) are used to help decide what health technologies (such as drugs, medical tests, medical devices, surgeries, healthcare reorganisation) should be used and funded in our public healthcare system. A HTA looks at the effectiveness, safety and cost of different health technologies. An economic evaluation is often done as part of a HTA, and it compares the costs and benefits of different choices to see which one is the best use of resources.

These national guidelines explain how economic evaluations in HTA should be done in Ireland. The guidelines were developed with the support of a HTA Scientific Advisory Group brought together by the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA). The group includes patients, researchers, policy-makers, people from industry, doctors and other experts. Their input is important to make sure that the guidelines are fair and of high quality, and help inform healthcare decision-making and support safer, better healthcare. These updated national guidelines for the economic evaluation of health technologies in Ireland underwent public consultation to gain feedback from a broad range of stakeholders.

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