

# Health Technology Assessment (HTA): a European perspective

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## Abstracts

The bottom line: For payers facing tough financial crunches across Europe, Health Technology Assessment (HTA) is becoming increasingly important. Not only is HTA influencing reimbursement, it is having an impact on price and market access.

And it's not surprising. With greater scrutiny over the clinical and financial value of drugs, medical devices and procedures, HTA is increasingly being accepted around the world. The European situation is somewhat different: existing across multiple borders, the 'Europeanisation' agenda of HTA has sparked debates about European-wide standards, the possibility of a single agency governing HTA and the need for formalized cooperation.

## Scope

In *Health Technology Assessment (HTA): a European perspective*, FirstWord examines the current role of HTA in Europe, from its impact on reimbursement and pricing to market access. The report focuses on the experiences of five European nations, reviewing the history of HTA and the key agencies in each. Written by an expert health economist and with insight from experts from NICE, EUnetHTA, the EMA and leading pharmaceutical companies, the report reveals the problems, pitfalls and—most importantly—the potential of a harmonized approach to HTA in Europe.

## Highlights

Detailed examination of the role of HTA in European pricing, reimbursement and market access

An overview of the role of HTA in Germany, France, Italy, Spain and the UK

Country-by-country breakdown of key agencies

Expert insight into the 'Europeanisation' of HTA and its key challenges

Review of the potential and pitfalls

### **Purchase Reasons**

Full overview the role of HTA in Europe

Insights from experts in the European Medicines Agency, the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence and leading pharmaceutical companies

Comprehensive references to key literature

### **Key Questions Asked**

What role does HTA play in pricing, reimbursement and market access?

What is the current state of play with HTA across Europe?

What changes are happening in HTA and what is their impact?

Does one size fit all in terms of transferability and adaptability?

What are the pitfalls, problems and potential of HTA in Europe?

### **Who Should Read This Report**

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Health Economics professionals

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Health Outcomes / Outcomes Research professionals

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Health Policy professionals

Pricing & Reimbursement teams

Government and regulatory affairs analysts

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## **Key quotes**

“HTA is not the only game in town.”

– Keiron Sparrowhawk of PriceSpective

“There is the situation of the UK, where the whole pricing and reimbursement system is experiencing a change. The idea is to integrate the HTA system, particularly NICE, into an overarching pricing system more explicitly, much more explicitly than at present.”

– Gunter Harms, Market Access & Public Affairs Director, Shire Human Genetic Therapies

“There is a lot of difference in the governance across Europe, which ultimately leads to quality of HTA. An important aspect is of course the independence of the assessment from the appraisal and ultimately the decision on a certain price. That's very, very different country by country and region by region.”

– Ansgar Hebborn, Global Head, Payer and HTA Programme Policy, Roche

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