



Program Overview

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Program Updates

Today: **Screening & Monitoring Tests
for Osteopenia/ Osteoporosis**

- Next Meeting:** • Functional Neuroimaging for Primary Degenerative
January 16, 2015 Dementia or Mild Cognitive Impairment
- Appropriate Imaging for Breast Cancer Screening in Special Populations



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Background

- The Health Technology Assessment Program (HTA) is located within the Health Care Authority (HCA)
- 2006 legislation designed HTA program to use evidence reports and a panel of clinicians to make coverage decisions for certain medical procedures and tests based on evidence of:
 - Safety
 - Efficacy/ Effectiveness
 - Cost-Effectiveness

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Background

- Multiple state agency programs participate to identify topics and implement policy decisions:
 - Health Care Authority
 - Uniform Medical Plan
 - Medicaid
 - Labor and Industries
 - Corrections
- Implementation:

Agencies implement determinations of the HTA program within their existing statutory framework.

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Purpose: Pay for What Works

Ensure medical treatments, devices and services paid for with state health care dollars are safe and proven to work.

- Provide resources for state agencies purchasing health care
- Develop scientific, evidence-based reports on medical devices, procedures, and tests.
- Facilitate an independent clinical committee of health care practitioners to determine which medical devices, procedures, or tests meet safety, efficacy, and cost tests.

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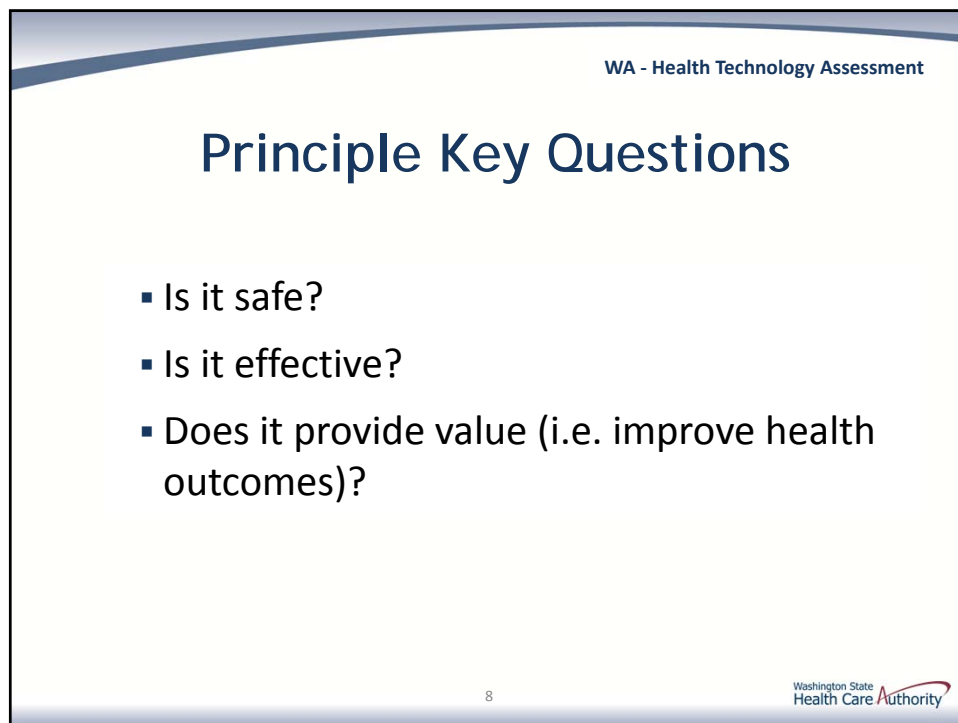
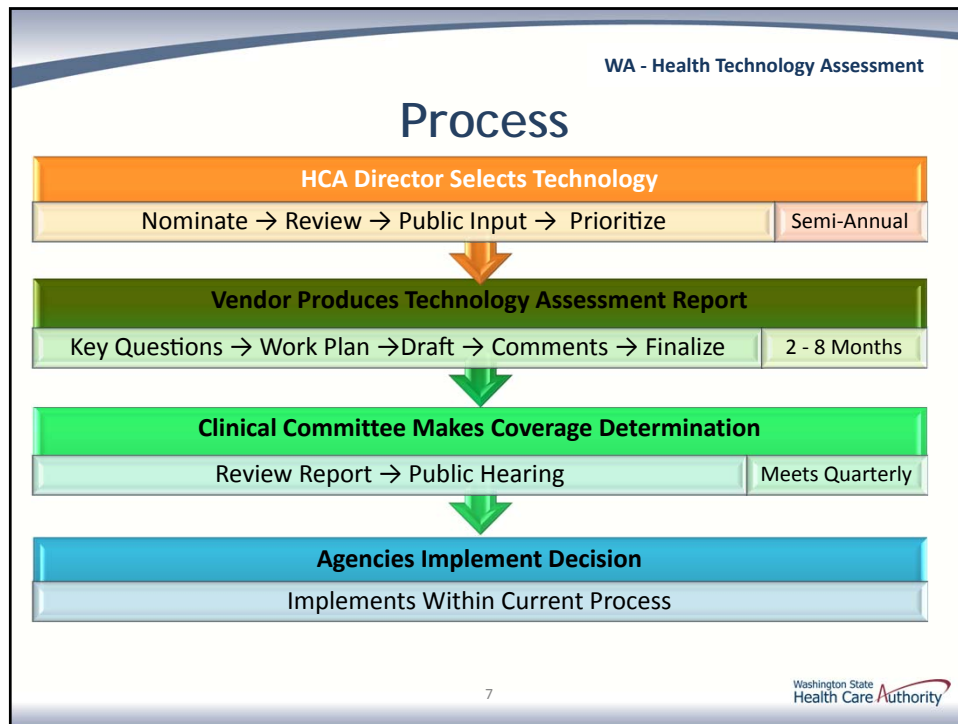
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Objectives

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graph TD; A[Minimize Bias: Independent decisions considering evidence from all] --> C((Better Health for Washington Citizens: Proven Healthcare)); B[Consistency: Single source of scientific evidence] --> C; D[Evolving & Flexible: Keeps pace with technical innovations] --> C; E[Transparency: Published process open to public input] --> C; F[Cyclic: Regularly assess new evidence on reviewed technologies] --> C;
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Values

Transparency: Publish topics, criteria, reports, conduct open meetings

Best Evidence: Formal, systematic process for review of selected health care technologies.

Independent Decisions:
Committee of practicing clinicians make decisions that are scientifically based, transparent, and consistent across state health care purchasing agencies.

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Decision Basis

Clinical Committee decisions must give greatest weight to most valid and reliable evidence.

- **Objective factors for evidence consideration**
 - Nature and source of evidence
 - Empirical characteristics of the studies or trials upon which evidence is based
 - Consistency of outcomes with comparable studies
- **Additional evaluation factors**
 - **Recency** (date of information)
 - **Relevance** (applicability of information to the key questions presented or participating agency programs and clients)
 - **Bias** (conflict of interest or political considerations)

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Technology Topics 2015

- **Screening & Monitoring Tests for Osteopenia/ Osteoporosis**
- Neuroimaging for Primary Degenerative Dementia & Mild Cognitive Impairment
- Functional Neuroimaging for Primary Degenerative Dementia or Mild Cognitive Impairment
- Appropriate Imaging for Breast Cancer Screening in Special Populations
- Testosterone Testing
- Imaging for rhinosinusitis
- Bariatric Surgery for Overweight and Obese

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How To Participate

- Visit the HTA Web site: <http://www.hca.wa.gov/hta>
- Join the HTA stakeholder distribution list: shtap@hca.wa.gov
Stakeholders notified of all program publications and meetings.
- Comment on:
 - Proposed topics
 - Key questions
 - Draft & final reports
 - Draft decisions
- Attend HTCC public meetings.
All meeting materials posted on the web.
- Present comments at Clinical Committee meetings.
- Nominate health technologies for review.

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Health Technology Clinical Committee

Date: July 11, 2014

Time: 8:00 am – 9:30 am

Location: By phone, webinar and at Cherry Street Plaza, Pear conference room

Adopted:

Meeting materials and transcript are available on the HTA website at:

<http://www.hca.wa.gov/hta/meetingmaterials/Forms/ExtMeetingMaterials.aspx>

HTCC DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present: C. Craig Blackmore, MD, MPH; Marie-Annette Brown, PhD, RN; Joann Elmore, MD MPH; Carson E. Odegard, DC, MPH; Richard C. Phillips, MD, MS, MPH; Seth Schwartz, MD, MPH; Michelle Simon, PhD, ND; Michael Souter, MB, Ch-B, DA, Christopher Standaert, MD; Kevin Walsh, MD

HTCC FORMAL ACTION

- 1. Call to Order:** Dr. Blackmore, Chair, called the meeting to order. Sufficient members were present to constitute a quorum.
- 2. May 16, 2014, Meeting Minutes:** Chair referred members to the draft minutes; motion to approve and second, and adopted by the committee.

Action: Nine committee members approved the May 16, 2014 meeting minutes. Two members were absent.

- 3. Proton Beam Therapy Draft Findings & Decision:** Chair referred members to the draft findings and decision and called for further discussion. Three comments were received on the draft decision. Committee discussed and clarified decision language based on the previous meeting discussion and public comments received addressing the draft language.

Action: Ten committee members approved the Proton Beam Therapy Draft Findings & Decision document. One member was absent.

The Chair called for further comments.

- 4. Meeting adjourned.**

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