The National System for Managed Introduction of New Health Technologies within the Specialist Health Service in Norway

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Agenda

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Norway

• Population of Norway
  – 5 millions

• Ministry of Health and Care Services
  – Norwegian Directorate of Health
  – Norwegian Radiation Protection Authority
  – Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services
  – Norwegian Medicines Agency
  – Additional agencies

• Health Care Services
  – Primary health care
  – Specialist health care
    • 4 Regional Health Authorities
A broad definition of health technologies

• Health technologies at any level in the patient pathways may be relevant for HTA
  – Prevention of disease
  – Diagnostics
  – Treatment
  – Rehabilitation
  – Organizational models for health care

• Examples
  – Medical devices
  – Medical, surgical procedures
  – Medicines
  – Organization of «Stroke units»
## Three categories of HTAs

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<th>Mini Health Technology Assessment (Mini-HTA)</th>
<th>Single Technology Assessment (STA)</th>
<th>Full Health Technology Assessment (Full HTA)</th>
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<td>• Limited assessment at hospital level. Published in national database to share knowledge</td>
<td>• Assessment at national level focused on a single health technology</td>
<td>• Broad assessments at national level</td>
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<td>• Used for medical devices, procedures, organization</td>
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<td>• Performed by clinicians and supporting units</td>
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Background

- A system for introduction of new health technologies in the specialist health care services is implemented in Norway:
  - The background is differences in practices for introduction and decision making
  - Health Technology Assessments (HTA) have not been used routinely to inform decisions

National health and care plan (2011-2015)
White paper to the Parliament: Quality and Patient Safety
Start of Bestillerforum RHF 2013 and Beslutningsforum 2014
Nyemoder.no (2015)
Prioriteringsmeldingen (2015-2016)
The overall objective

• Managed introduction to meet health needs and sustainability
  – To ensure that new technologies meet health needs and sustainability of the health care system, managed introduction and prioritization offer important tools
Nye metoder – a prioritization tool

- Prioritizing was set on the political agenda in the 90s
- There was a growing mismatch between what was medically possible and available resources
  - 1987 – NOU - Nasjonale retningslinjer for prioriteringer i helsetjenesten
  - 1999 – NOU - Prioritering på ny
  - 2014 – NOU - Åpent og rettferdig
«Beslutningsforum for nye metoder» prioritize by the following criteria:

• Severity
• Utility
• Cost Effectiveness

• Neutrality in relation to diagnosis
• Neutrality in relation to age
• Neutrality in relation to the size of the patient group
• Neutrality across health technologies and patient groups
• Legitimate not to impose effective, but not cost-effective diagnosis and treatment
The main components of the system

- Proposal / Horizon scanning
- Health Technology Assessment (HTA)
- Priority setting decisions
- Implementation
You can find information about health technologies that are in the national system at nyemetoder.no, both on an overall level as well as the process for each health technology.
International aspect

• The Swedish model
  – Nationell process för ordant införande av nya läkemedel (2015)

• WHO
  – Access to new medicines in Europe: technical review of policy initiatives and opportunities for collaboration and research (WHO, 2015)
Main success factors for the system

- Coordination and cooperation
- Transparency
Questions?

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