HTA and CPG or quality standards in the same institution. The Basque experience

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Introducing the Basque Country

Basque Country/Euskadi
Key facts and figures about the Basque Country

- 2.1 million population, in 7.235 Km2
- 2 official languages, Spanish and Basque
- Fiscal and financial autonomy: Fiscal legislation, tax collection and administration powers.
- Highest Human Development Index (HDI, United Nations) in Spain –taking into account a mix of social welfare indicators.
- Wealthiest region in Spain
- European average in R&D (>2% of GDP)
- Export-oriented economy, ca 30% GDP is industry-derived

Source: “Euskadi in Figures,” Lehendakaritza, EUSTAT
Key facts and figures about the Basque Country Health System

- Universal health system
- Financed by taxes on the basis of the Beveridge model
- Governed by the principles of universality, equity, solidarity, quality and participation
- Free access to the system for residents in the Basque Country
- Each citizen is attached to a doctor in his or her place of residence
- Active workforce > 34,500 (>25,800 structural staff)

Source: "Euskadi in Figures," Lehendakaritza, EUSTAT
Some health indicators

**Life expectancy at birth:** 2nd world place for women 85.3 y. 7th for men 79 y.

**Birth rate:** 9.7 per 1,000 inhabitants 21,000 live births per year

**Child mortality rate:** 4 per th. births. Lower than UK, Germany, Denmark, etc.

**Mother’s mortality:** 0

**Causes of mortality in general population:** similar to western countries

**Ageing population:** 20% ≥ 65 years of age (2020 estimations: 24-26%)

In first places for donations of organ transplants

Donation rate 2011: 45.8 / PMP (per million population)

Average donations in the past 10 years: 40/PMP threshold (maximum possible donors per million population, according to WHO)
Department of Health (Basque Government): structure

Minister for Health

- Head of Legal, Economic and General Services
- Vice minister of Health
- Head of Minister’s cabinet

- Healthcare Planning, Management and Evaluation
- Health Research and Innovation
- Territorial Administrations

- Public Health and Addictions
- Hiring and health assurance
- Pharmacy
MISION

Support the decision making process, so that the introduction, adoption, diffusion and use of health technologies is done according to scientifically proven safety, efficacy, effectiveness and efficiency criteria.
Values

- Thoroughness
- Transparency and responsibility
- Cooperation and collaboration
- Team working
- Efficiency
- Innovation
- Tailored to the needs of the client
Who we are...

- 4 people staff (including head of Unit)
- 6 senior researchers
  - one information specialists
  - One expert in ICTs
- 2 administrative and project management officers
- Part of the Basque Ministry of Health
Who is our customer?

• Mainly the Ministry of Health and Consumer affairs Basque Country
• But....
  – Basque Health Service (27,000 professionals)
  – Basque population (2 M inhabitants)
  – Spanish Ministry of Health Social Policy and Equity
    • Coordinators of the Spanish Horizon Scanning network GENTecS
    • Informing the Spanish common benefit package of health services
  – European market
    • Partners of EUnetHTA project and other similar EU based projects
  – International information
    • EuroScan, INAHTA, HTAi
What we do

HTA reports:
• In house
• Commissioned
• Spanish Ministry for Health agreement

Mini-HTA (2-3 months)

Osteba answers (2 weeks)

Clinical Practice Guidelines (24 months)
• Osakidetza (BHS)
• Agreement with the Spanish Ministry for Health

Osteba berriak (three monthly newsletter)

Other reports and projects (FIS, EUnetHTA, DG SanCo, FP7..) (1 to 3 years)
Journal articles 2000-2017
Impact on programs and Health Plans

• Population based programs
  – Breast cancer
  – Down syndrome and other congenital pathologies
  – Newborn deafness detection
  – Colo-rectal cancer screening

• Other plans and programs
  – Paliative care
  – Coagulometry implementation in Primary Care
  – Telemedicine
  – CPGs implementation
  – Chronicity
  – Laboratory tests
  – Genetics
  – Variability in practice
Where is our work published and distributed

- **CPGs**
  - GuiaSalud (ClearingHouse SNS)
  - NGC (American Guidelines ClearingHouse)

- **New and emerging technologies reports**
  - GenTecS
  - EuroScan

- **Evaluation reports**
  - Cochrane Plus
  - REDETS
  - CRD
Advantages of CPGs and HTA in same institution

• Closer to clinicians
• Closer to decision-makers
• Knowledge on the system
  – Standards of care
  – Clinical pathways
  – Interactions among professionals and system
In terms of methods

• Implementation of GRADE methods faster
• Stakeholders involvement
• Establishment of recommendations
In terms of impact

- Closer to key opinion leaders
- Change in clinical practice
- Acceptance
- Involvement
- Credibility
- Recognition
- Example... MAPAC programme
Difusion and dissemination
Where we are

• OSTEBÁ (Ed. Lakua)
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  Tel. 945019250
  http://www.osakidetza.euskadi.eus/osteba
  https://www.facebook.com/pag es/Osteba/365563420144977
Other locations

• Osteba (Territorial Bizkaia)
  Osasun Saila – Departamento de Salud
  Errekalde Zumardia 39ª,
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Q&A
You have Questions We have Answers