

## **How to meet hospital decision makers expectation in using HTA: the experience of the Scientific Italian Society for Hospital Pharmacists (SIFO)**

Marco Marchetti, Laura Fabrizio, Simona Creazzola, Piera Polidori, Valeria Cacciato, Marco Oradei

### **BACKGROUND**

The Scientific Italian Society for Hospital Pharmacists (SIFO) established in 2014 an HTA Lab to improve HTA culture among NHS pharmacists.

### **OBJECTIVES**

Objective of the SIFO HTA Lab is to support pharmacists in improving their capability to apply HTA tools in their NHS organizational context.

In particular HTA Lab have to provide educational activities and methodological guidelines to support hospital pharmacist HTA activities with specific regard to drugs and medical device.

### **METHODS**

The Laboratory HTA SIFO in 2015 will provide educational and research activities involving more than 300 pharmacist all over Italy.

SIFO HTA Lab is based on a well-known Hospital Based HTA Center in Italy and it is using its resources through a specific contract. Further to this SIFO has also funded a pharmacist contract to support activity of the HTA Lab.

### **RESULTS**

Results expected in 2015 from the HTA Lab will be: 1. an Operative HTA Manual addressed to Hospital Pharmacists able to support them in their daily practice; 2. nine educational courses all over Italy to introduce pharmacist to HTA; 3. the activation of a forum/blog to share opportunities and/or criticalities in the daily application of HTA; 4. An institutional research project on the evaluation and governance of MD with the highest impact on the expense of the NHS.

### **CONCLUSIONS**

Through HTA Lab SIFO want to favor the growth of skills and applications of HTA between pharmacists creating synergies and "bridges" between the professionals and stakeholders working in health care.