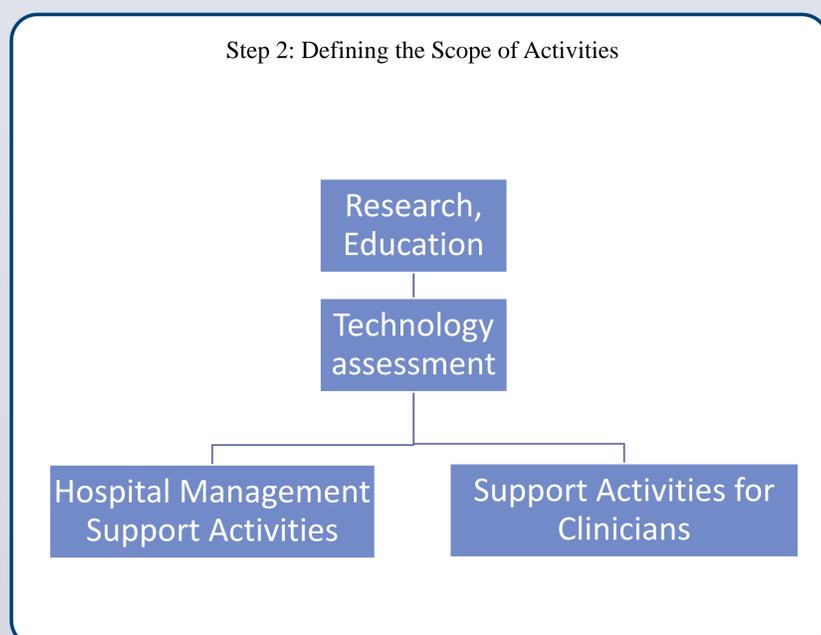
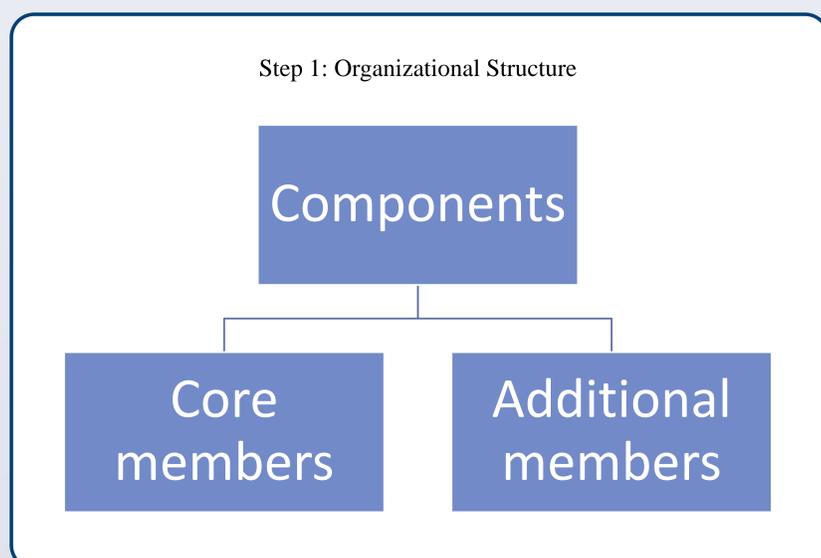


OBJECTIVES

To shape the implementation process of a hospital HTA Unit for the Motol University Hospital in Prague.

RESULTS

The recommended model represents a synthesis of experience with HTA Units in hospitals worldwide, while taking into account the available qualifications as well as already well established departments that could cooperate with and use services and support from the future HTA Unit of the Motol University Hospital. Suggested steps of the implementation process have been carefully formulated in a general way, so that the process could be applied also to other teaching hospitals in the Czech Republic, requiring only minor adjustments to the specificity and individuality of each hospital.



METHODS

The methodology consists of data collection from hospitals that have recently successfully established HTA Units, organization of their recommendations into comprehensive schemes that serve not only for the purpose of a comparison of these hospitals/countries, but also as a tool to find out key factors needed to model and recommend the implementation scheme and process elements for the HTA Unit in the Motol University Hospital.

CONCLUSION

Hospital-based HTA is the concept, whose main goal is to inform hospital management in situations when they have to make choices or prioritize. Another reason why health technology assessment (HTA) is being performed at the hospital level is that costs, benefits and impacts of used technologies can be directly assessed. Even though, since the concept is new and there is relatively small amount of evaluations containing quantitative data released, it is more than interesting to compare different hospital-based HTA approaches and try to evaluate their impacts on the hospitals as well as health care systems they are being implemented in.



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