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Authors' conclusions
Despite the young age of the discipline and the interdependencies between various sub-disciplines, HTA can be considered as a methodology which is properly defined in its methodological fundaments. There are clear roots in evidence-based medicine, health economics, public health and other fields, and the literature is quite consistent about how these disciplines contribute to HTA. Concerning the different domains in HTA, most detailed standards are available for the clinical assessment of technologies. When it comes to economic analyses and evaluation of legal, ethical or social issues manuals are much less congruent and vary in methodological details provided. Manuals deal only to a small extent with standards on modelling. Even though there are references and the issue of modelling is often mentioned, the degree of standardisation is lower than in the fields of literature search, clinical effectiveness and economic evaluation. Only a few documents identified were dealing with standards in the evaluation of vaccination programmes. Perspectives are very different and vary from simple data collection to the question of systematic differences between modelling in vaccination programmes and other fields of healthcare decision making.

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