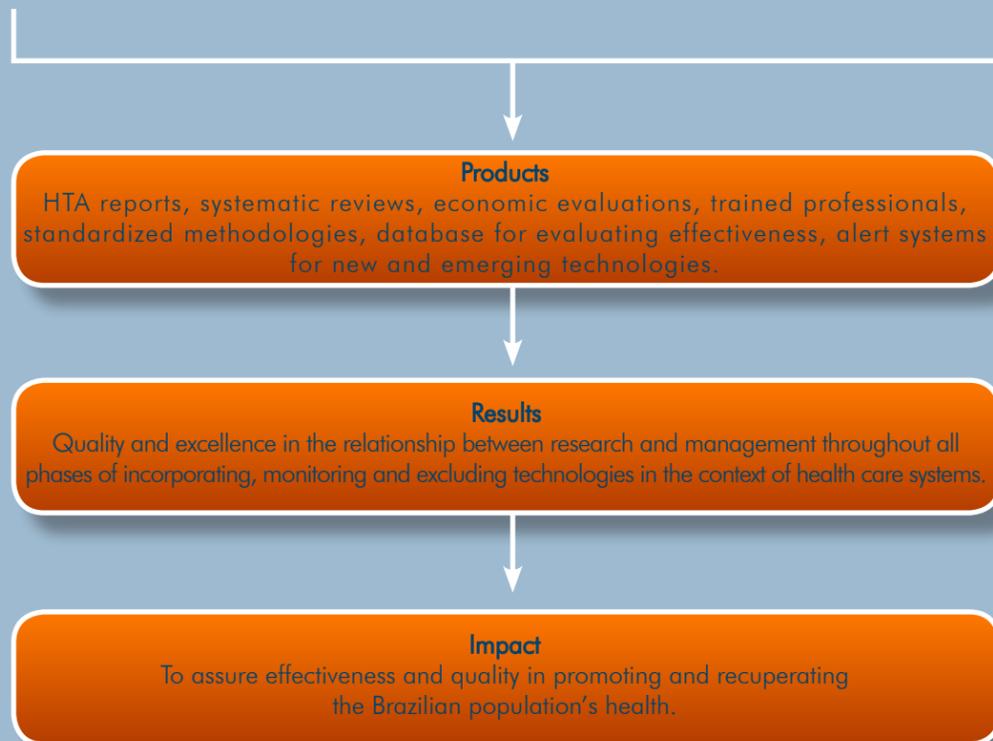
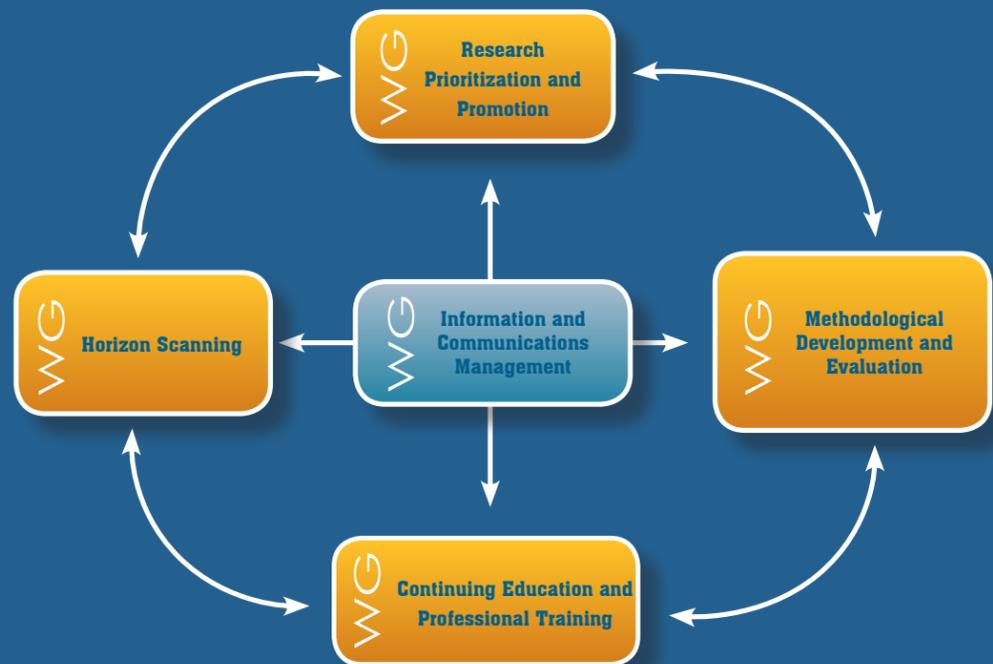


Rebrats Activities



Website

Through the Rebrats website www.saude.gov.br/rebrats, you can access current and secure information on HTA. Among them:

- The Rebrats database (Sisrebrats);
- Notices to support HTA research and development promoted by the Ministry of Health and its partners;
- Methodological Guidelines for developing quality studies in HTA;
- Reports, newsletters and publications on HTA;
- Information on Rebrats member institutions and HTA centers in teaching hospitals;
- Courses, conferences and other events in the HTA area taking place in Brazil and worldwide.



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The Brazilian Network for Health Technology Assessment

Inaugurated in August of 2008, Rebrats aims to promote and disseminate the Health Technology Assessment (HTA) field in Brazil. The network serves as a bridge between research, policy-making and management and it assists in the decision-making process with regards to the adoption, monitoring and exclusion of technologies in the context of their use within health care systems.

The network is a strategy for making the elaboration and dissemination of HTA studies viable, studies that are essential to the Brazilian health system, and thus contributing to on-going education and training in the area.

Its aims are to establish general guidelines for the development and standardization of HTA research; to contribute to the quality certification of all studies, and to offer the methods and instruments needed for the horizon scanning.

Rebrats management is carried out by the Ministry of Health, through the Department of Science and Technology from the Secretariat of Science, Technology and Strategic Inputs (Decit/SCTIE).

Database – Sisrebrats

The Rebrats information system is a free database providing access to Systematic Reviews, Economic Assessments, Rapid HTAs and other studies related to HTA.

Researchers in the area may also register their studies for dissemination on the network.

The studies are submitted to a methodological quality evaluation by ad hoc consultants whose analyses serve in formulating the comments emitted by the Rebrats editorial committee.

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Organization:

Mission:
 To establish a link between the assessment, adoption and management of health technologies.

Vision:
 Quality and excellence in the connection between research, policy-making and management in order to facilitate the decision-making process during the phases of adopting, monitoring and excluding technologies in the context of their use in the health system.

Rebrats Work Groups

In order to implement the operationalization of Rebrats's goals, five Work Groups (WG) were created:

- 1) WG Research Prioritization and Promotion;
- 2) WG Methodological Development and Evaluation;
- 3) WG Continuing Education and Professional Training;
- 4) WG Horizon Scanning;
- 5) WG Information and Communications Management.

These groups bring together strategic agents who establish the specific objectives and relevant activities according to the selected priority themes.

In the chart on the right you will find the objectives, expected results and participants of each Work Group.

Rebrats member institutions:

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| 1 - Agência Nacional de Saúde Suplementar - ANS | 21 - Hospital das Clínicas da Faculdade de Medicina de Ribeirão Preto da USP |
| 2 - Agência Nacional de Vigilância Sanitária - Anvisa | 22 - Hospital das Clínicas da Unicamp |
| 3 - Centro Cochrane do Brasil da Unifesp | 23 - Hospital das Clínicas da UFMG |
| 4 - Centro de Ciências da Saúde da UFPE | 24 - Hospital das Clínicas de Porto Alegre |
| 5 - Centro de Desenvolvimento Tecnológico em Saúde da Fiocruz | 25 - Hospital de Base do Distrito Federal |
| 6 - Centro Paulista de Economia da Saúde da Unifesp | 26 - Hospital de Messejana Dr. Carlos Alberto Studart Gomes |
| 7 - Complexo Hospitalar da UFRJ | 27 - Hospital Geral de Fortaleza |
| 8 - Complexo Hospitalar Universitário Professor Edgard Santos | 28 - Hospital Universitário da UFMA |
| 9 - Conselho Nacional de Secretarias Municipais de Saúde - Conasems | 29 - Hospital Universitário de Brasília |
| 10 - Conselho Nacional de Secretários de Saúde - Conass | 30 - Hospital Universitário Getúlio Vargas |
| 11 - Departamento de Ciência e Tecnologia - Decit/SCTIE/MS | 31 - Hospital Universitário João de Barros Barreto |
| 12 - Departamento de Farmácia Social da Faculdade de Farmácia da UFMG | 32 - Hospital Universitário Onofre Lopes |
| 13 - Departamento de Medicina Preventiva da Faculdade de Medicina da USP | 33 - Hospital Universitário Oswaldo Cruz |
| 14 - Departamento de Medicina Preventiva e Social da Faculdade de Medicina da UFMG | 34 - Hospital Universitário Walter Cantídio |
| 15 - Escola Nacional de Saúde Pública Sérgio Arouca da Fiocruz | 35 - Instituto de Avaliação de Tecnologias em Saúde da UFRGS - IATS |
| 16 - Faculdade de Ciências da Saúde da UnB | 36 - Instituto de Ensino e Pesquisa do Hospital do Coração |
| 17 - Grupo Hospitalar Conceição | 37 - Instituto de Medicina Social da UERJ |
| 18 - Hospital das Clínicas da UFG | 38 - Instituto de Patologia Tropical e Saúde Pública da UFG |
| 19 - Hospital das Clínicas da Faculdade de Medicina da USP | 39 - Instituto de Saúde Coletiva da UFBA |
| 20 - Hospital das Clínicas da Faculdade de Medicina de Botucatu da Unesp | 40 - Instituto Fernandes Figueira da Fiocruz - IFF |
| | 41 - Instituto Nacional de Câncer - Inca |
| | 42 - Instituto Nacional de Cardiologia - INC |
| | 43 - Instituto Nacional de Traumatologia e Ortopedia - InTo |
| | 44 - Programa de Engenharia Biomédica do Instituto Alberto Luiz Coimbra de Pós-Graduação e Pesquisa de Engenharia da Coppe/UFRJ |

Work Groups

Work Groups	Objetives	Results	Participant Profile
Research Prioritization and Promotion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To structure the prioritization and promotion of HTA research. To promote the ample and inclusive participation of diverse segments of society. To create and improve articulation mechanisms with the state and municipal health secretaries responsible for the evaluation and incorporation of products. To improve the Rebrats information system in order to accommodate the flow of the identification, prioritization, promotion, scanning and dissemination of HTA research. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Definition of HTA prioritization methodology and research promotion. Involvement of diverse segments of society and the Ministry of Health technical areas in priority workshops. Articulation with state and municipal managers. Monitoring research financed by Decit. Ample access to the Rebrats information system. Standardization of the criteria for adopting technologies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Health, Ministry of Science and Technology, Regulatory Agencies, Educational Institutions, HTA Centers, National Institutes of Science and Technology, Conass, Conasems, Executive, Legislative and Judiciary Powers, Class Societies, Social Control Organizations, State and Municipal Health Secretaries, CNPq, Datasus.
Methodological Development and Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To establish a methodological standard for conducting HTA studies within the Rebrats sphere. To evaluate the quality of results coming from studies and/or reference terms submitted for inclusion in the Rebrats database. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update of the Methodological Guidelines for Health Technology Assessment Appraisals - 3rd edition. Update of the Guidelines for Economic Evaluation. Initial phase of elaborating the Guidelines for Systematic Reviews. Elaboration of the Guidelines for Budgetary Impact (in elaboration phase). Implementation of the flow of research evaluation in the Rebrats system. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizations with activities in HTA, Biostatistics, Epidemiology, Health Economy, Bioethics, Health Information and others sharing an affinity for the subjects to be discussed.
Continuing Education and Professional Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To identify the professionals and academic units with HTA experience in Brazil to help in creating human resources. To introduce HTA culture into the academic sphere, into research and into governmental management. To promote the creation of NATS (HTA Centers) in teaching hospitals. To identify under-used technologies in the system. To re-evaluate indications and uses of established technologies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of professionals from diverse areas of knowledge working on HTA-related projects to help in creating human resources. Financing of NATS (HTA Centers) training projects. Articulation with post-graduate students of health technologies management. Promotion of refresher courses employing resources such as distance learning. Promotion of strategic projects for monitoring the effectiveness of the technologies used in health care. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research and Educational Institutions. Health Managers. Educational Managers. HTA in Teaching Hospitals.
Horizon Scanning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To develop a structure for Horizon Scanning aligned with the HTA structure present in Brazil. To adapt and develop Horizon Scanning methodologies. To evaluate areas with technological potential. To develop measures to identify the strategic value of new technologies for health systems. To anticipate for future technological needs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of networks and groups with Horizon Scanning experience, in Brazil and throughout the world, along with the methods and tools they employ. Partnerships with research centers and managers with Horizon Scanning experience. Definition of the necessary and most adequate methodologies and tools for Horizon Scanning in Brazil. Elaboration of a document with Horizon Scanning guidelines for Rebrats (elaboration phase). Partnership with hospitals of distinction in order to carry out a pilot project to monitor new technologies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research and Educational Institutions acting in Epidemiology and Biomedical Engineering. University and Teaching Hospitals. Regulatory Agencies. Federal Administrative Organs of the SUS and of Science, Technology and Innovation. Hospitals of Distinction Serving SUS.
Information and Communications Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To identify and characterize strategic subjects for Rebrats. To diagnose the principal limits and potential of Rebrats. To support the dissemination of Rebrats measures and products throughout the country. Promote the use of active and participative methodologies for increasing the network's activity throughout the country. To stimulate the development of studies and research in information, education and communications within the HTA field. To raise awareness of Rebrats activities throughout the country. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of information coming from research, together with strategic subjects, as an aid to developing other Rebrats products and measures. Diversification of communication media utilized by the network for content dissemination. Raise the awareness of SUS managers and the civil society to use HTA as an aid in the decision-making process and as an aid in the social appropriation of knowledge. Increase in the number of studies and research directed towards information, education and communications in the HTA field. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SUS Managers, Communication Theorists, Health Professionals, IT Professionals, Librarians, Educators and Researchers. Professionals from the areas of Health, Communications, Education, Bibliotechnology, Knowledge Management and Information Technology. SUS User-Representatives. Learning and research institutions directed at knowledge management and/or information, education and health communication.