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HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT IN A BRAZILIAN PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANY

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Brazilian National Health System

SUS - Public System – universal coverage but...



Difficulties in access



Brazilian National Health System

Supplementary Health



Supplementary Health

High and growing costs

New technologies

Limited funding and resources





Supplementary Health

Regulation / Fiscalization

Normatives / Ethical Issues

Administrative rules

Litigation / Conflicts



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Sustainability

- Rational use of resources
- Processes improvement
- Combating fraud and corruption
- MINIMIZING CONFLICTS





Legal issues in health

– Lawsuits – Contracts

Timing for use

Contractual exclusions

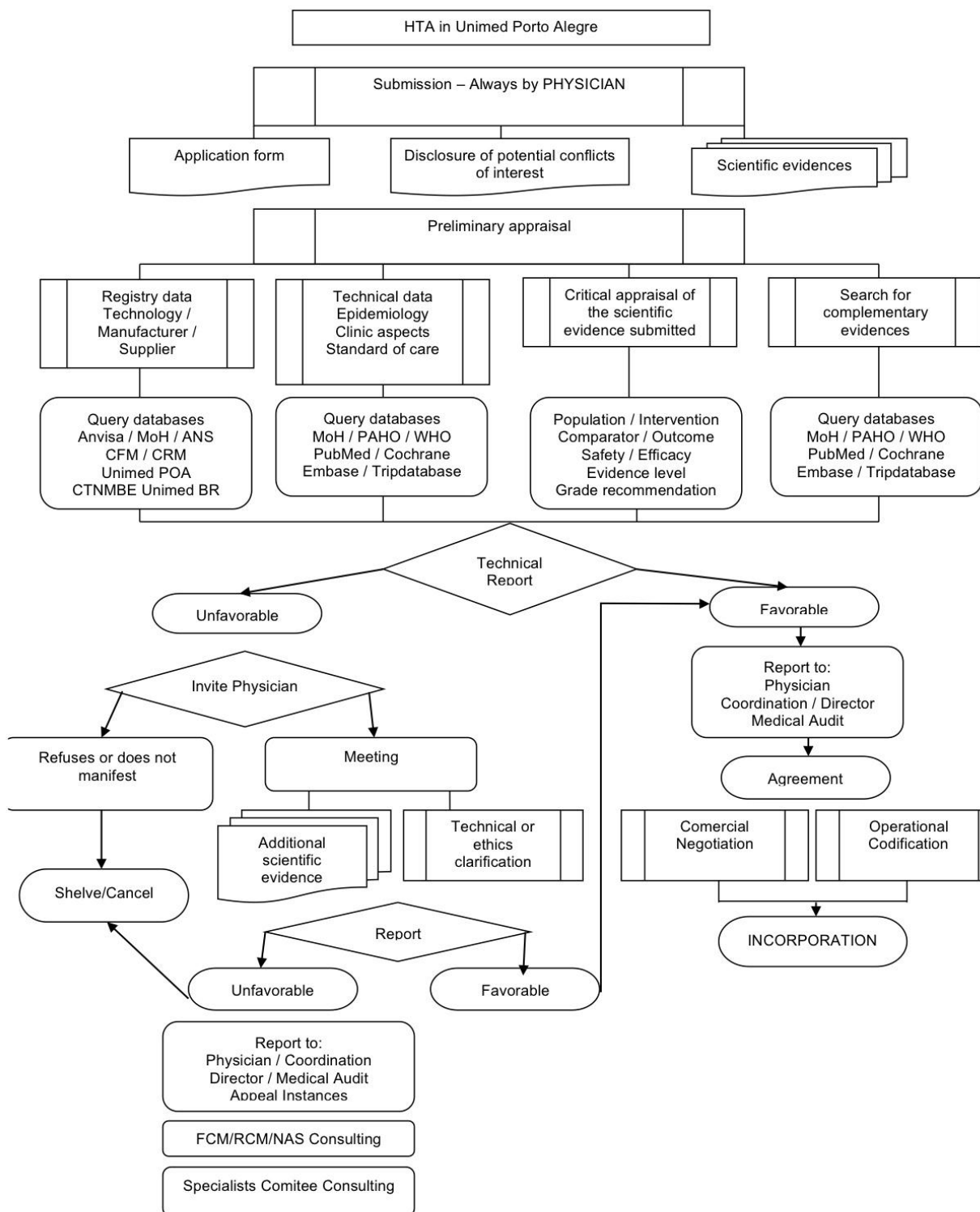




Legal issues in health

- Lawsuits – Medicine
 - Health technologies
 - Medical reports





HTA in Unimed Porto Alegre

– Problem

- Lawsuits
- Characteristics
- Are the HTA actions useful?



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HTA in Unimed Porto Alegre

- Transparency on methods and criteria
- Mapping and monitoring processes
- Emphasis on communication
- Disclosure of potencial conflicts of interests
- Critical appraisal of the scientific evidence
- Awareness and educational actions
- Autonomy with accountability



Results:

Last 3 years:

103 appraisals with only 3 related lawsuits

2 court decisions favorable to Unimed





Results:

- Progressive qualification of the submissions
- Medical education
- Improvement of the quality of health care
- Evidence Based Practice
 - **Minimizing Conflicts!!!**



**“In the End, we will remember
not the words of our enemies,
but the silence of our friends.”**

Martin Luther King, Jr.





Thanks!

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