**Study Protocol**

**Harmonizing health technology assessment practices in university hospitals**

**Aims**

* To explore topics evaluated in French UHs for evaluating new and costly medical devices for individual patient use and to compare the topics identified to those from mini-HTAs

**Methods**

**Data sources**

* PubMed, Embase, HTA database
* Hand searching : Google Scholar
* Gray literature: websites of HTA organizations, congress papers

**Search terms**

* **Medline/HTA database :**

(((decision support tool) AND ((hospital-based HTA) OR hospital-based health technology assessment))) OR ((decision support tool) AND ((local HTA) OR local health technology assessment))) OR (((hospital-based HTA) OR hospital-based health technology assessment)) AND decision making[MeSH Terms])) OR ((((hospital-based HTA) OR hospital-based health technology assessment)) AND decision support techniques[MeSH Terms])) OR ((decision making[MeSH Terms]) AND (("local health technology assessment") OR "local HTA"))) OR ((decision support techniques[MeSH Terms]) AND (("local health technology assessment") OR "local HTA"))) OR ((mini-HTA) OR mini-health technology assessment)

* **Embase :**

(((decision support tool) AND ((hospital-based HTA) OR hospital-based health technology assessment))) OR ((decision support tool) AND ((local HTA) OR local health technology assessment))) OR ((((hospital-based HTA) OR hospital-based health technology assessment)) AND decision making[Emtree Terms])) OR ((((hospital-based HTA) OR hospital-based health technology assessment)) AND decision support system[Emtree Terms])) OR ((decision making[Emtree Terms]) AND (("local health technology assessment") OR "local HTA"))) OR ((decision support system [Emtree Terms]) AND (("local health technology assessment") OR "local HTA"))) OR ((mini-HTA) OR mini-health technology assessment)

**Limitations**

* Language : English and French
* Date of publication : 01/01/1990 to 14/12/2013

**Inclusion process**

* Screening based on titles and abstracts mentioning a decision support tools (forms or checklists) related to medical devices
* Two independent reviewers

**Exclusion criteria**

* Not hospital-based HTA
* Decision support tool not still in use
* Decision support tool not designed for a local or regional setting
* Drugs only
* No full text available

**Data extraction**

* Source
* Country of origin
* Institution
* HTA domains
* Topics