

PATIENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HTA THE BRAZILIAN EXPERIENCE

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INTRODUCTION

The National Committee for Health Technology Incorporation (CONITEC) was created in 2011, when the participation of civil society in the HTA process was formalized in Brazil. According to the legislation, patient and public involvement (PPI) in HTA occurs through:



PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS



**REPRESENTATION OF SUS*
USERS IN THE PLENARY OF CONITEC**



PUBLIC HEARINGS
(in relevant cases)

METHODS

- Case study about PPI strategies developed
- Analysis of documents and official records from Brazilian Ministry of Health

RESULTS

The innovations of CONITEC regarding PPI were: creation of specific PC form to reproduce or represent the perspectives of patients and caregivers; summarized versions of technical reports written in a plain-language to improve users' involvement; surveys prior to elaborating clinical guidelines, bi-weekly educational program, the recent launch of an HTA Users Guide and a mobile app. There was an increase in annual contributions, from 2,584 in 2014 to 13,619 in 2015. Most participants were patients, family members or caregivers. Surveys concerning clinical guidelines received about 3000 contributions. There were published 37 society reports until December 2016. The publication of the HTA Users Guide and other related actions increased the number of accesses to the CONITEC website and its subsection for social participation. The educational program had more than 800 online accesses in five months.

CONCLUSIONS

These actions allowed expanding and qualifying PPI beyond what is legally defined, and it is possible to predict an increasingly favorable scenario regarding to patient and public participation in HTA in Brazil.

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