

Norwegian EPOC satellite priority topics for low and middle-income countries

Topic	Definition	Comments
Delivery arrangements		
1.	Health and safety systems for health workers	Systems for protecting or promoting the health and safety of health workers
2.	Health information systems	Health record and health management systems
3.	Procurement and distribution of supplies	Systems for procuring and distributing drugs or other supplies
4.	Quality monitoring and improvement systems	Systems for monitoring and improving the quality of health care
5.	Safety monitoring and improvement systems	Systems for monitoring and improving the safety of health care
6.	Transportation services	Arrangements for transporting patients from one site to another
Financial arrangements		
7.	Caps and co-payments for health services	Direct patient payments for part of the cost of health services
8.	Financing of insurance	General tax revenues versus employer payments versus direct payments
9.	Incentives for career choices	Financial or material rewards for career choices; for example, choice of profession or primary care
10.	Voucher schemes	Provision of vouchers that can be redeemed for health services at specified facilities
Governance arrangements		
11.	Community monitoring	Monitoring of health services by individuals or community organisations

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12. Drug information	System-wide requirements for drug information or patient education regarding drug use	One of a series of pharmaceutical policy reviews: Patient information : System-wide requirements for drug information or patient education regarding drug use.
13. Drug patents and profits	Policies that regulate patents or profits of drug manufacturers	One of a series of pharmaceutical policy reviews: Patent and profit policies : Policies that regulate patents for drugs and the profits of drug manufacturers.
14. Policies that regulate marketing of drugs to consumers	Under: Policies that regulate marketing of commercial products	One of a series of pharmaceutical policy reviews: Marketing policies : Policies that regulate marketing by drug manufacturers, including direct-to-consumer advertising.
15. Policies that regulate what drugs are reimbursed	Processes for deciding what drugs are reimbursed by health insurance	One of a series of pharmaceutical policy reviews: Policies that determine which drugs are eligible for third-party payment. Included in this category are "positive lists" (formularies) that specify which drugs are eligible versus "negative lists" that specify which drugs are not eligible, system-wide policies requiring Drugs and Therapeutic Committees, rules for determining which drugs are included or excluded (e.g. based on economic analyses), and rules for reassessment after a specified period.
16. Policies that regulate what services are reimbursed	Processes for deciding what services are reimbursed by health insurance	
17. Public versus private for-profit versus private not-for-profit ownership of health services	Under: Ownership - Policies that regulate who can own health service organizations	
18. Registration of drugs	Procedures for registering or licensing drugs	One of a series of pharmaceutical policy reviews: Registration and classification policies : Policies that affect decisions about the registration or licensing of drugs. Registration (licensing) is defined as mandatory approval by a government agency before a drug can be sold, offered for sale, distributed or possessed for the purposes of sales, distribution or other use. Included in this category are policies regarding the registration of new drugs, deregistration, restrictions on registered drugs, essential drug lists and changes in classification (e.g. from prescription to over the counter).
Implementation strategies		
19. Maternal and child care		Including prenatal, perinatal, neonatal and child care
20. Traditional healers		