Supporting the use of research evidence (SURE) for policy in African health systems

Workshop materials

7. Deciding on and describing options to address the problem

Objectives
To be able to systematically and transparently consider
- What options should be presented
- What is known about their impacts
- How confident can we be about the likely impacts
- How to summarise information about the likely impacts

Pre-workshop tasks
Read SURE guides for preparing and using policy briefs: 4. Deciding on and describing policy options. Available at: www.evipnet.org/sure

Reading
The SURE Collaboration. SURE guides for preparing and using policy briefs: 4. Deciding on and describing policy options. Version 2.1 [updated November 2011]. Available at: www.evipnet.org/sure

Presentation
Deciding on and describing options (SURE 06 deciding on and describing options.pptx)

Additional resources
Lavis JN, Wilson MG, Oxman AD, Grimshaw J, Lewin S, Fretheim A. SUPPORT Tools for evidence-informed health Policymaking (STP): 5. Using research evidence to frame options to address a problem. Health Res Policy Syst. 2009, 7(Suppl 1):S5.

Notes
Time required: 30 to 45 minutes

Format: Interactive presentation

Tips:
- This workshop provides an introduction and overview of how to prepare the section of a policy brief describing options to address a problem.
- Several elements that are introduced in this workshop are dealt with in more detail in subsequent workshops.
- If combined with other workshops (e.g. Finding systematic reviews, Deciding how much confidence to place in a systematic review, Judgements about the quality of evidence and summarising findings, Finding and using research evidence about resource use, Costs and cost-effectiveness) the interactive presentation can be shortened.

From the SURE Guides for Preparing and Using Evidence-Based Policy Briefs. Version 2.1 [updated November 2011]
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