



The HTA Core Model ®

Terms of Use

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Introduction and definitions

The HTA Core Model ® (later "The Model") is a methodological framework for shared production and sharing of HTA information. This enables effective collaboration and sharing of information. These terms of use cover any use of the Model including, but not limited to,

- a) production and publishing of HTA information and
- b) use of the Model and its information structure in other tools.

Following its initial development in the EUnetHTA Project 2006-2008 and EUnetHTA Joint Action 2010-2012, the Model is subject to further development and piloting by the EUnetHTA Collaboration and EUnetHTA Joint Action 2 (2012-2015). Interested parties are encouraged to participate in the piloting, provided that the terms of use indicated here are met.

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As of July 2013, the use of the HTA Core Model is always subject to either a non-commercial or commercial license, depending on the nature of the use. *Commercial use* in this context is defined as any use that is intended for or directed toward commercial advantage or private monetary compensation, while anything else is regarded as *non-commercial use*. Users of the HTA Core Model should select the appropriate license and agree to the terms defined in the license. When in doubt which license to use, please contact eunetha@thl.fi.

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- Commercial use (commercial license must be used)

Use within the EUnetHTA Collaboration is mostly non-commercial. If a EUnetHTA member agency uses the Model in activities that can be defined as commercial according the aforementioned definition, the appropriate commercial license should be used.

More information regarding policies that steer the utilisation of the HTA Core Model can be found in a separate document “Policy for the HTA Core Model and core HTA information”, available at www.htacoremodel.info and www.eunetha.eu.

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Using this license requires that the Model is used **for non-commercial purposes only**. For definitions of commercial and non-commercial, please see the Introduction of this document. Detailed terms for different types of non-commercial use are provided below.

This license applies to all applications and versions of the HTA Core Model. The name and version of applications are available in the relevant documents. The license is valid until the 30th of September 2015 after which a new license version will be available.

Production and publishing of HTA information using the Model

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- a) The Model is used unaltered and in its most recent version available through www.htacoremodel.info. If the Model is updated during on-going work, users of the Model may choose to finalize their work using the version they started with, or to adjust their work to the updated version.
- b) Further distribution of the Model is permitted only for parties and sites defined by EUnetHTA. These are disclosed at www.htacoremodel.info and/or www.eunethta.eu.
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- h) Registration is recommended but not obligatory for *producing information* using the HTA Core Model for non-commercial purposes.
- i) Users are encouraged to provide feedback on their experience with using the Model.

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The Model and its information structure can be utilized in academic, governmental and other non-commercial tools that are built for production and publishing of HTA information, provided that the aforementioned conditions a)-g) are met. Additionally, any use as part of an information system requires registration through an online form available at www.htacoremodel.info.

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- The Model must be used unaltered and in its most recent version available through www.corehta.info. If the Model is updated during ongoing work, users may choose to finalize their work using the version they started with or to adjust their work to the updated version.
- The user must not distribute the Model to any third parties. Further distribution of the Model is permitted only for parties and sites defined by EUnetHTA. These are disclosed at www.htacoremodel.info and/or www.eunethta.eu.
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- Use of the HTA Core Model, including information on its version, must be disclosed in the final product(s), such as reports, articles or other documents, or in any information systems, by including the following text in the final product(s): *"The HTA Core Model ®, developed within EUnetHTA (www.eunethta.eu), has been utilised when producing the contents and/or structure of this work. The following version of the Model was used: [include name and version here]. Use of the HTA Core Model does not guarantee the accuracy, completeness, quality or usefulness of any information or service produced or provided by using the Model."*
- EUnetHTA or THL will not be liable for any loss, damage or inconvenience arising as a consequence of any use of the HTA Core Model. Users of the HTA Core Model and users of any information or product made using the Model do so at their own risk.

- Commercial use must be registered at www.htacoremodel.info.
- Users are encouraged to provide feedback on their experience with using the Model.

Production and publishing of HTA information using the Model

You are allowed to

- Produce information on health technologies using the Model.
- Publish, copy, distribute and transmit information you produced.
- Exploit the information you produced commercially for example by combining it with other information, or by including it in your own product or application

You may not

- Place advertisement(s) in the final product (e.g. a research report) on the page or double-page (spread) showing information produced using the HTA Core Model, if the advertisement(s) deal with the health technology or technologies considered in the product.
- Claim or even indirectly imply that the use of the HTA Core Model or EUnetHTA methodologies would guarantee the quality of your information.

Use of the Model within information systems (including computer software and online services, databases and web sites)

You are allowed to

- Use the whole HTA Core Model, or parts of it (e.g. the HTA ontology) as part of your information system. When building your system, you should use the most recent version as defined in general terms (see above).
- Exploit commercially the information system you produced using the Model.

You may not

- Place advertisement(s) in any contents of the final product too close to information you produced using the HTA Core Model, if the advertisement(s) deal with the health technology or technologies considered in the product. The design of your product should make it easy for users to distinguish between scientific, professional and other non-promotional material from advertising and other promotional material.
- Claim or even indirectly imply that the use of the HTA Core Model or EUnetHTA methodologies would guarantee the quality of your product.