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Coordination of institutional stakeholders for HTA

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In the fourth 2019 issue of your journal there is an interesting editorial *“Implementing health technology assessment (HTA) in Greece. Myths, reality and cautionary tales”* by P. Kanavos and colleagues.¹

After reading it very carefully, I would like to raise one particular point, which is that the Ministry of Health has already devoted a specific study to this important issue.

Just before the conclusion of this editorial, it puts forward an issue of considerable importance, with the title *“Coordination and inter-operability across institutional stakeholders”*.

This is, without doubt, a very important issue, not only in terms of the collaboration between the organizations “connected” with the HTA, but for the whole public sector in Greece.

The Ministry of Health has already published a study, quite lengthy, on how this issue should and can be solved. This study is the National Catalog of Pharmaceutical Products (Εθνικός Κατάλογος Φαρμακευτικών Προϊόντων, ΕΚΦΟ), which was conducted by e-Government Center for Social Security (IDIKA) and Foundation for Research and Technology-Hellas (ITE). Below is a link to a copy, at the

Ministry of Health site, of the final ΕΚΦΟ report.²

If the Ministry of Health proceeds with ΕΚΦΟ, it will not only solve the HTA coordination problem, but it will set up a transformational example for the public sector in general.

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