



EVOLVE Partnership and Principles

The aim of the EVOLVE initiative is to support a high quality, safe and sustainable health system, by reducing unnecessary, inappropriate or ineffective clinical interventions.

EVOLVE is a partnership between specialty societies and the College.

- The primary role of the College is that of the umbrella body, coordinating and actively managing the initiative; developing common frameworks; helping coordinate across and between specialties; connecting EVOLVE with other associated initiatives; communicating and advocating on the initiative with government; coordinating engagement where required of other key stakeholders, especially consumers and other health professionals; identifying and advocating for the removal of systemic barriers to the success of the initiative.
- The primary role of the specialities is driving the development of the lists; engaging with their members; providing feedback to the College on systemic barriers that will specifically impact the initiative.
- Primary areas for collaboration include communication and dissemination strategies; driving culture and behavioural change; supporting system changes relevant to EVOLVE's aim; developing and implementing an evaluation strategy.

EVOLVE will be based on the following principles:

1. Consumer engagement and awareness is fundamental, ensuring this initiative supports a patient-centred health system.
2. Development of lists is led by practising physicians and based on the use of a transparent, robust methodology that combines research evidence and consultative feedback from specialty members and other relevant clinicians.
 - a. The priority will be items where there is evidence of no benefit (rather than no evidence of benefit) or evidence of harm
 - b. The process will include identification of areas where there is no or insufficient evidence, and highlight the need for more research to fill these gaps.
3. The priority will be items that are currently in common clinical usage or are growing in use, however high impact items of lower volume may be included where justified.
4. Specialties will focus on items that are within or significantly impact their domain of practice, with cross-specialty collaboration/consultation where appropriate.
5. Culture and behaviour change will be the focus for a wide range of communication and change management strategies to support the uptake of the recommendations in the lists.

6. It is recognised that different clinical situations and patient needs may mean the recommendations do not always apply, and the final decision lies with the treating doctor.
7. Evaluation of the processes and effects of this initiative will be built in from the start.