Introduction: At the national level, the introduction of the health technology assessment in the health services is in course over last ten years, bringing a new challenge of enhancement for this strategy, and aiming to facilitate the gain of local efficiency in the resources allocation. The presente study aims to evaluate the implementation of an HTA-based process at a public health service.

Methods: Since the HTA unit was created at a public health service in 2009, a management process for health Technologies was implemented in 2018, inspired by examples from hospitals in Brazil, Canada and also by the good practices from the AdHopHTA initiative (Adopting Hospital-Based Health Technology Assessment). The remarkable points have involved: I. Creation of internal committees by category of product; Investment for the HTA unit; III. Improved organizational governance; IV. Process design with HTA methodology linked to the decision making.

Results: From January to July 2019, twenty five applications have been received, from which 60% with gaps in the electronic form. The Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (CFT) and the Health Products and Devices Incorporation Committee (CIPES) have already received seven rapid reviews to support their evaluation, two received favorable recommendation and were incorporated by the executive board, two had unfavorable deliberation and three remain under analysis. The mean time for rapid review formulation is about twenty days.

Conclusions: As na example of the relevance of this strategy for sustainability, It was possible to evaluate the restriction on the inclusion of medicines with an impact of more than five million on the institution's budget. The shown innovation was put in place by the alignment of a qualified staff and an organizational environment favorable to the inclusion of technical tools to support decision processes.