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The effect of the intervention on health	
Q1: Health: How does the intervention effect patients' health in terms of quality of life and life-length (including adverse effects)?	
Q2: Knowledge gaps: If there is lack of scientific evidence for the effect of the intervention, are there ethical and/or methodological problems with future research in order to strengthen this evidence.	
Q3: Degree of severity: What degree of severity has the condition the intervention is supposed to treat?	
Q4: Third parties: How does the intervention affect the health of third parties?	
Summary: How is the benefit/risk – ration for the intervention (given the answers of Q1-Q4)?	
Q5: Equality and justice: Is there a risk that access to the intervention violates the Human Dignity principle or the Swedish Discrimination Act?	
The compatibility of the intervention with ethical values	
Q6: Autonomy: Can the intervention affect patients' and significant others participation in decisions and their ability to make informed and relevant decisions about the intervention?	
Q7: Privacy: How does the intervention affect patient's and significant others' physical and personal privacy?	
Q8: Cost effectiveness: Is the balance between the cost and effects of the intervention reasonable?	
Summary: Is the use of the intervention compatible with ethical values (given the answers of Q5-Q8)?	

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Structural factors that can affect the use and consequences of the intervention	
Q9: Resources and organisation: Are there resource- or organizational limitations that can affect who will get access to the intervention or that can lead to less access to other care if the intervention is used?	
Q10: Professional values: Can values within the affected care professions influence the use of the intervention and thereby lead to unequal access?	
Q11: Stake holder interests: Are there stake holder interests that can influence the use of the intervention and thereby lead to unequal access?	
Summary: Are there reason to believe that an equal access to the intervention (or other care interventions) can be affected (given the answers to Q9-Q11)?	
Long-term ethical consequences	
Q12: Long-term consequences: Can the use of the intervention result in more long-term consequences?	
Overall summary	
How can the ethical aspects regarding the intervention be summarised? Does this summary indicate that the intervention should be modified or that there should be special requirements associated with offering the intervention?	