



# Innovation Observatory: Industry's gateway to NICE



## What We Do

NIHRIO is an independent horizon scanning centre based at Newcastle University UK who track health innovation from patent to patient.

Part of our remit is to notify NICE on health technologies **3-5 years before UK licence** that may be suitable for NICE topic selection and ultimately NICE Technology appraisal (TA) or Highly Specialised Technologies (HST) evaluation.

**Companies cannot access the NICE TA process without contacting NIHRIO first.**

NIHRIO collates information on pipeline drugs using horizon scanning techniques. Once a new or repurposed technology is approximately 3 years prior to licence, the NICE topic selection team are notified. We work with companies to ensure that the information we pass on to NICE is accurate and timely.

In order for this process to run smoothly and without delay **we rely on pharmaceutical companies providing us with regular updates on estimated regulatory and marketing authorisation plans.** NIHRIO respects confidential and commercially sensitive information and will only share this information with selected policymakers in accordance with our confidentiality agreement. So please contact us with details about your innovative products at:

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