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# Incorporating Socioeconomic Evidence into Guidelines

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## **NHMRC toolkits for developing clinical practice guidelines:**

- *How to review the evidence: systematic identification and review of the scientific literature (2000)*
- *How to use the evidence: assessment and application of scientific evidence (2000)*
- *How to put the evidence into practice: implementation and dissemination strategies (2000)*
- *How to present the evidence for consumers: preparation of consumer publications (2000)*
- *How to compare the cost and benefits: evaluation of the economic evidence (2001)*



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# Why start with CPGs?

- Socio-economic inequalities a HAC priority for 2000-2003 Triennium
- CPGs a large part of HAC work program
- Remove disparities exacerbated by CPGs
- Improve outcomes for socially disadvantaged groups
- Additional handbook to assist developers to address issues of SEP



# The Toolkit

- 1 Rationale
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- 3 Research framework
- 4 Recommended strategies
- 5 Four case studies



# The Rationale

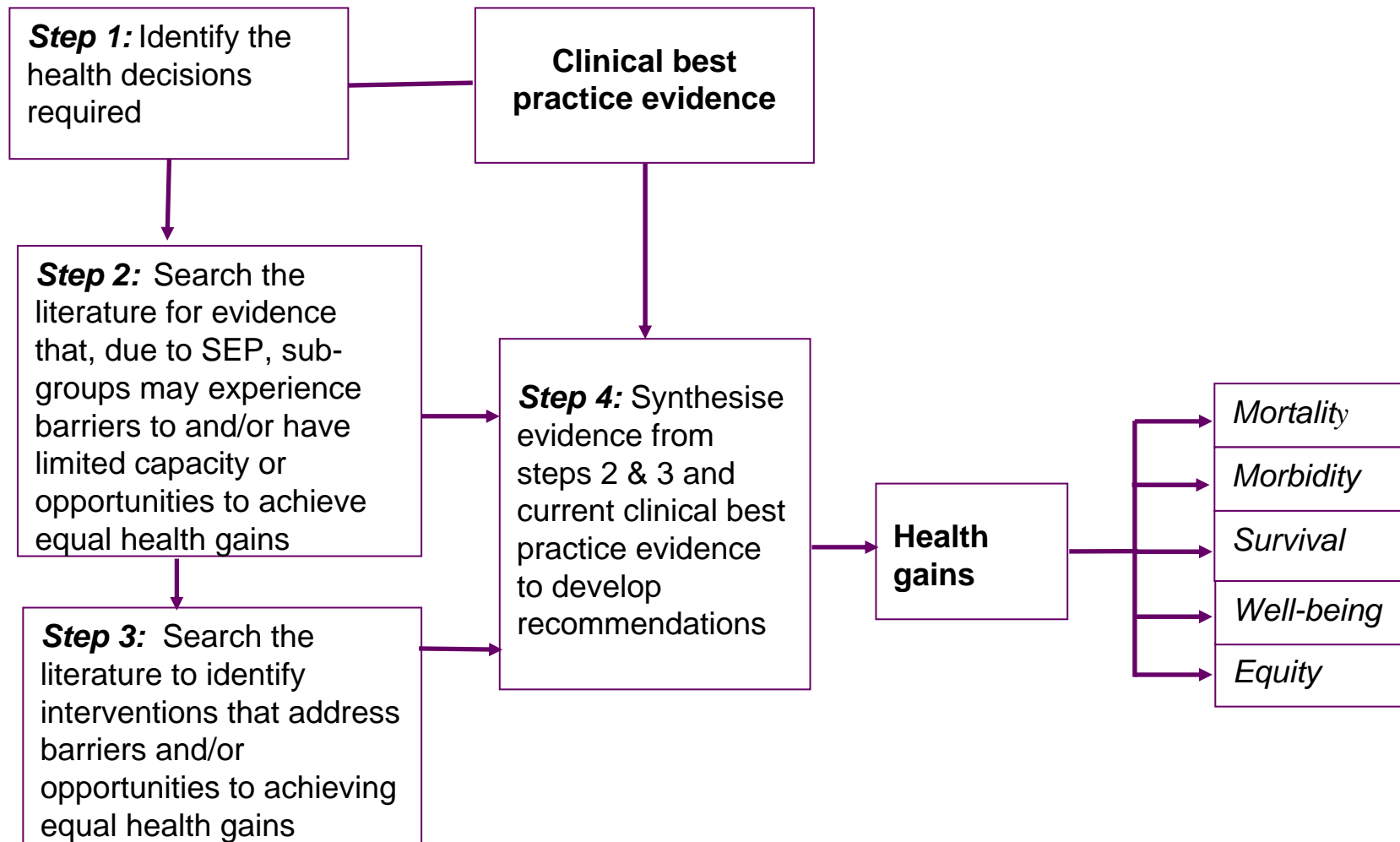
- The socioeconomic gradient of health
- The markers of socioeconomic disadvantage
- The role of the health system
- The role of CPGs in bringing about change



# How to access and interpret relevant SEP evidence



# The Research Framework







# 4-Step Framework

Will help to ensure that health inequalities are addressed in CPGs



# Recommended strategies

- Broaden the search strategy
- Broaden the search scope
- Apply generic principles to promote health equity



# Four case studies

- asthma - risk factors and preventive measures
- type 2 diabetes - diagnosis
- breast cancer - treatment choices
- cardiovascular rehabilitation - risk factor modification



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