



European Global Oral Health Indicators Development

Comments on indicators – health policy
requirements and decision makers
expectations

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Limitations – commonly observed

- Limited geographic coverage
- Limited coverage of population
- Data access limitations

Comments regarding the criteria to select indicators

1. Importance of what is being measured

- Impact on health
- Policy importance
- Susceptibility to being influenced by the oral health care system

Comments (cont'd)

2. Scientific soundness of the measure

- Validity
- Reliability
- Explicitness of the evidence base

Comments (cont'd)

3. Feasibility of using the measure

- Existence of prototypes
- Availability of required data across the system
- Cost or burden of measurement

Expectations for future work

The work should continue

- Identifying the most promising indicators in the respective area
- Discuss their policy relevance
- Discuss their scientific soundness

Expectations (cont'd)

Short list

- Agreement on validity
- Agreement on importance
- Comparable data available?

Expectations (cont'd)

Long list

- Agreement on validity
- Agreement on importance
- Not necessarily including specific information on data availability

Swedish Annual Report on the Performance of the Health and Dental Care Systems of the Nation

- Focus on the quality and accessibility of services
- Special emphasis on policy-relevant trends and changes
- Four main dimensions of healthcare and dental care quality
 - responsiveness
 - accessibility
 - medical effectiveness
 - safety



**Thank you for your
attention**