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The methodological framework for incorporating evidence in health policies: the example of ECBIC as a neutral and collaborative platform

Declarations

- My unit receives funding from National Institute of Health research for three randomised controlled trials in breast cancer
- My unit receives funding from Bayer for one trial in breast cancer
- I am chair of NICE accreditation advisory committee for which I receive an honorarium



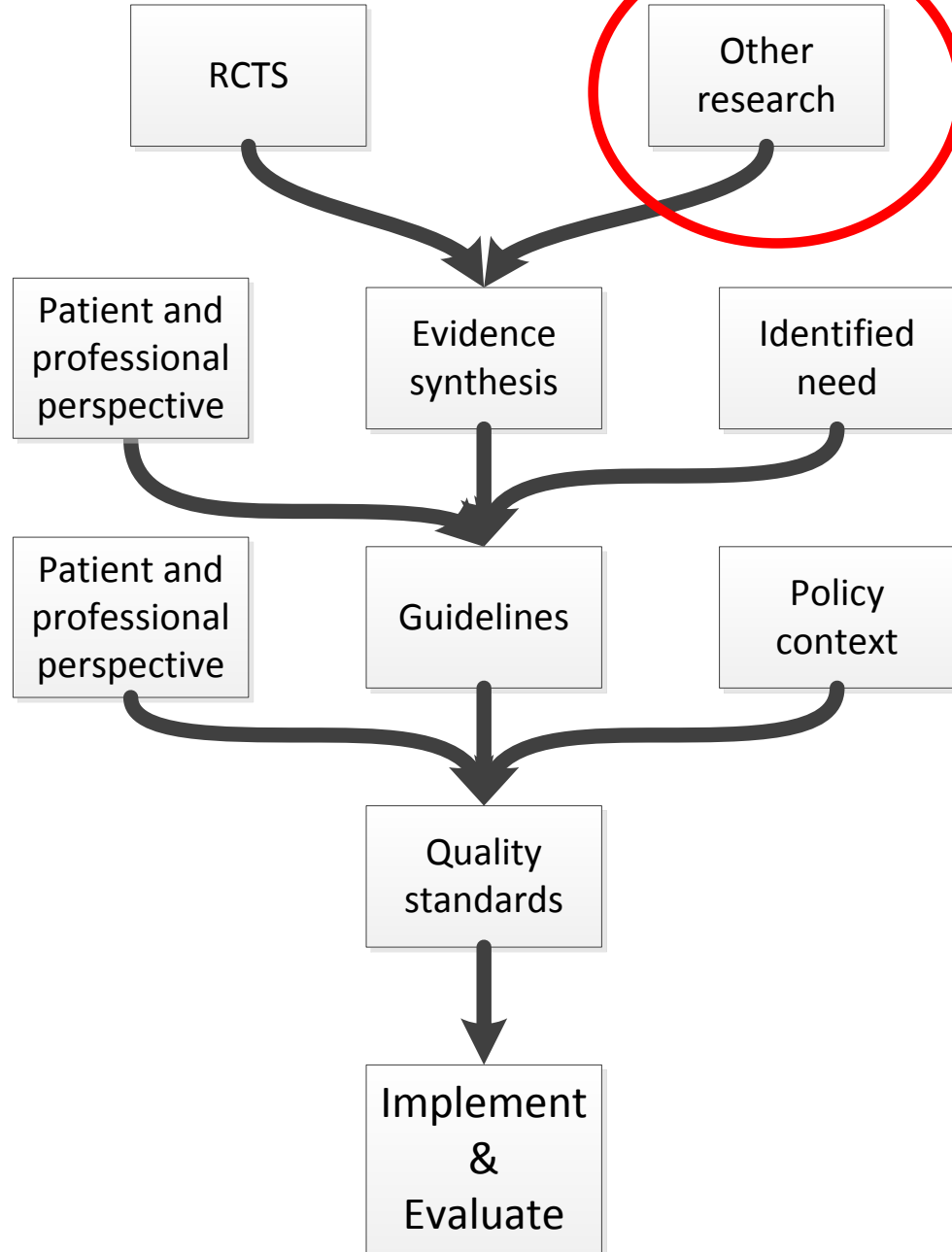
Headlines

- Nothing breast cancer specific
 - Messages could apply to any disorder
- Everyone needs help from time to time
 - What does this mean for CEN?
 - Supportive vs. challenging
 - Main output of this meeting?

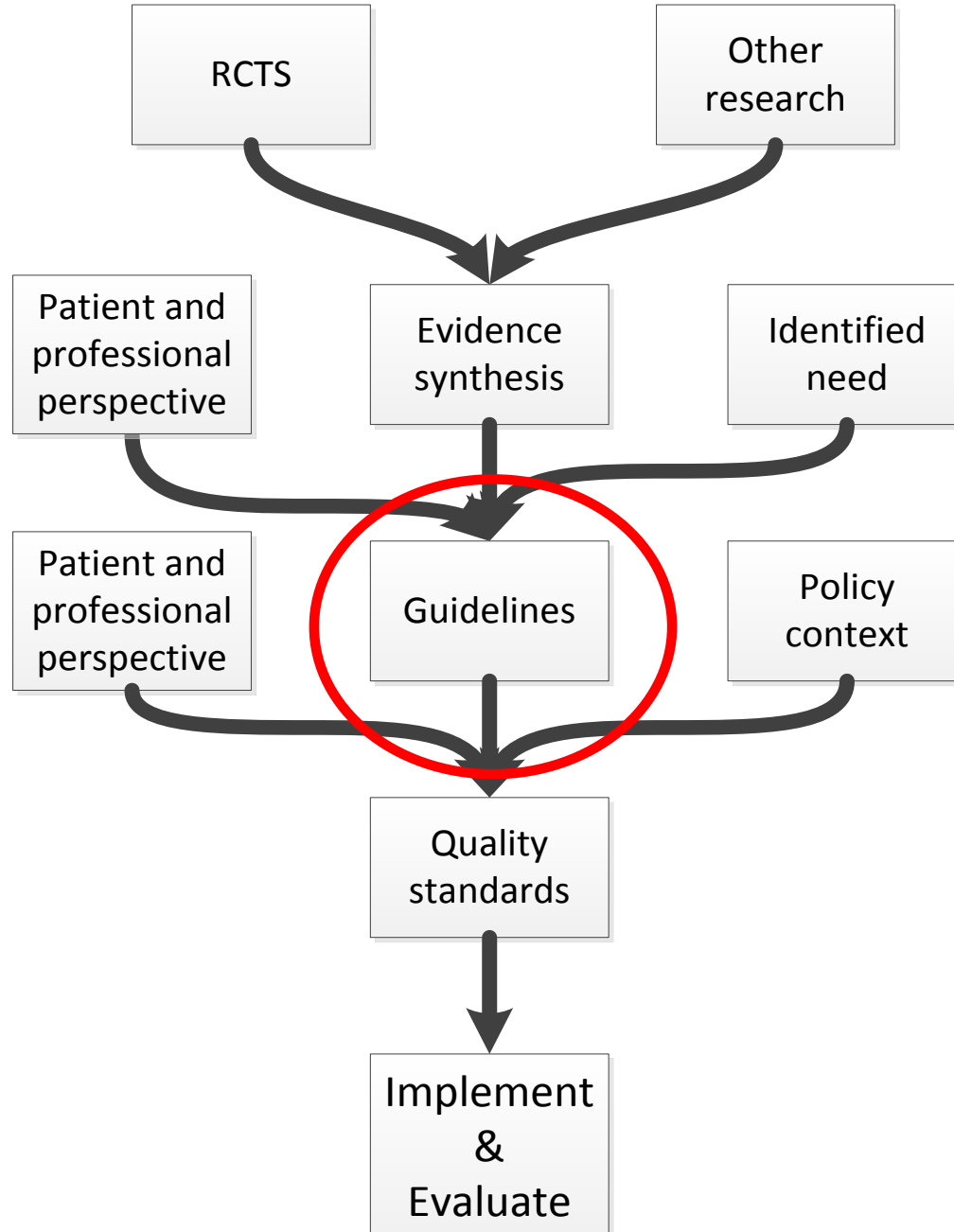
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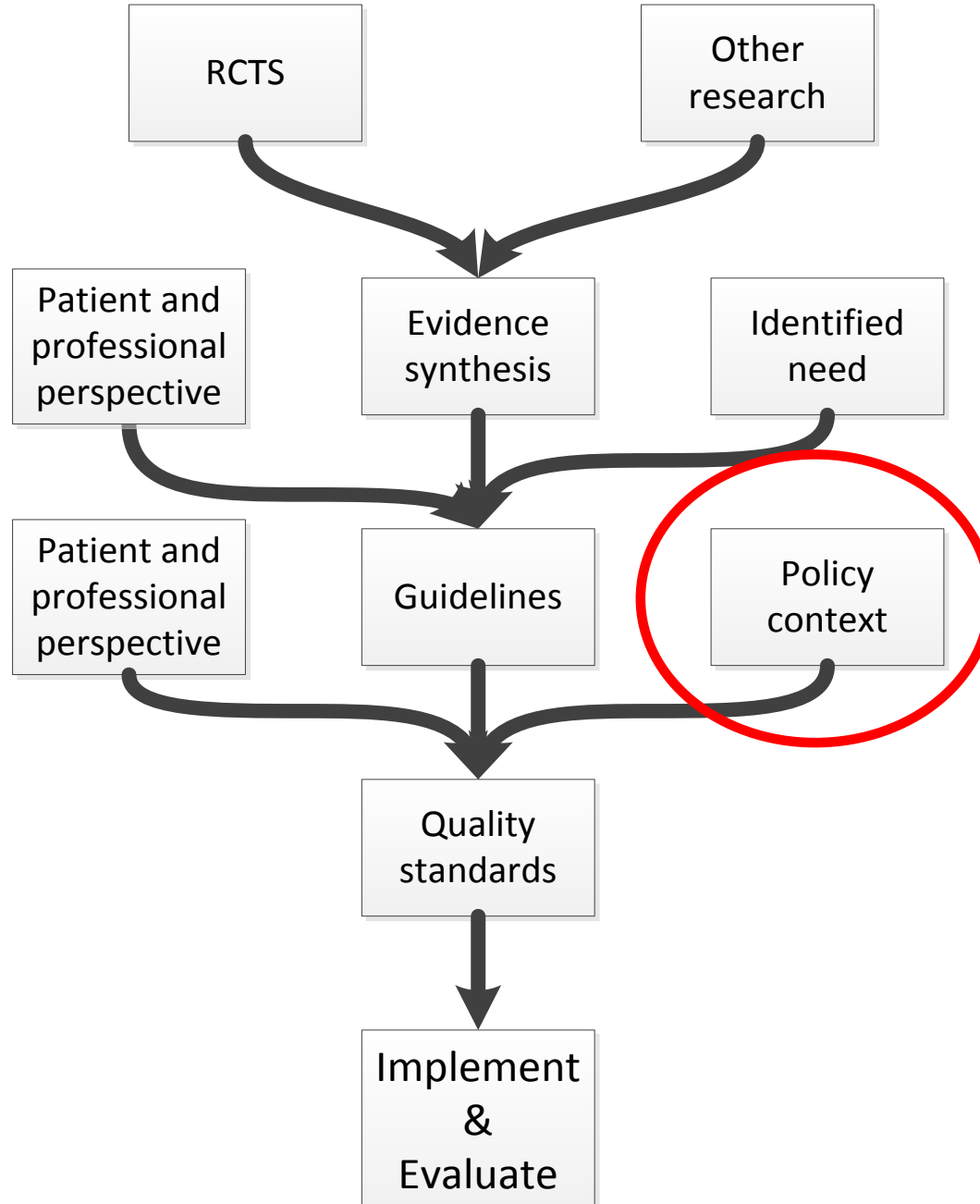
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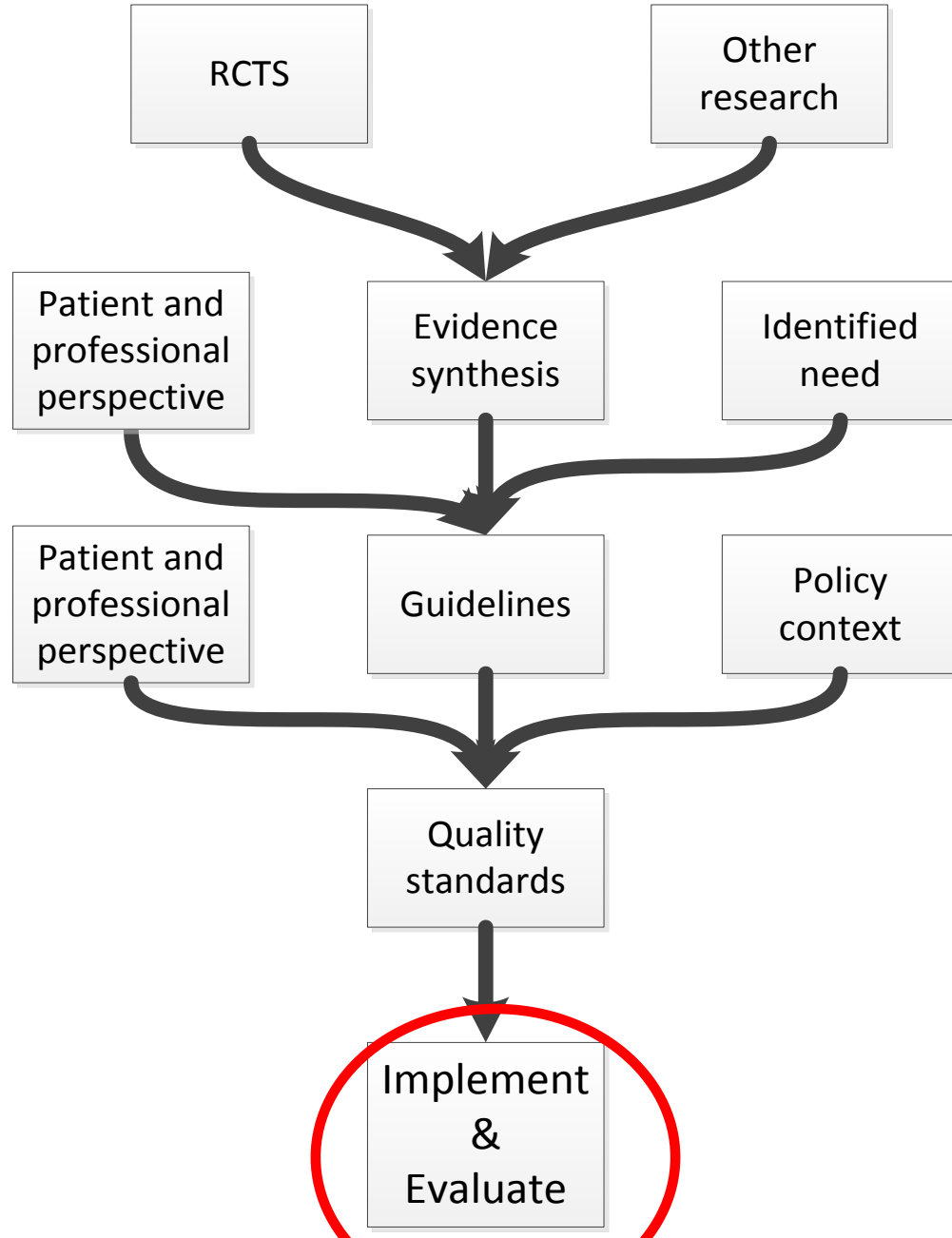
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Issues

- **Evidence other than RCTs**
 - All agree it is important
 - Hard to do for trials of screening/diagnostic processes
 - How to weight it is a challenge
 - Weak evidence used when RCT data not available?
 - Strong evidence from a different paradigm?
 - You can't do an RCT of values, beliefs and principles
 - "Patient experience is as important as EBM"
- **Multiple small sub groups**
 - Too few patients to do trial (improve trial technology?)
 - Develop personal decision aids
 - Genotyping may come in ahead of trial results



TIPs

- Clinical trials can become de facto standard care
- GRADE useful tool to assess evidence
 - May be a useful tool for guideline development
 - PICO based – (but are they the right PICOs?)
- Treatment choices function of; patient, tumour/patient characteristics, country/health system, hospital/medical team
- Set quality standards where potential for health gain is greatest
 - This may not be where the evidence is best



Tribalism

- Health care regulators
- Generators of health care consensus
- Professional regulators

- Standards for standards.
 - Tribes need to come to come together.
 - Definitions, evidence, drafting & consultation, pilot and field test, evaluate and feedback, publication & public access, review and revisions

- Support proposal to develop a national '*standard for healthcare standards*' compatible with evidence-bases medicine, regulatory requirements and ISO systems.

- ***ECBIC as a neutral and collaborative platform?***