EVOLVE draft principles:

The aim of the EVOLVE initiative is to support a high quality, safe and sustainable health system, by reducing unnecessary, inappropriate or ineffective clinical interventions. It will be based on the following principles:

- Physician-led initiative, developed in partnership with the medical specialties, with the Royal Australasian College of Physicians providing policy and research assistance
- Development of lists are led by practising physicians and based on the use of a transparent, robust methodology that combines research evidence and observational data with clinical experience and expert opinion
- Items identified are currently in common clinical usage, or are growing in use
- Medical specialties will focus on items that are within or significantly impact their domain of practice
- The development of the lists will involve rounds of consultative feedback from practising physicians with provisional lists developed by small groups of representatives circulated for comment and input from wider samples of practising physicians before final endorsement
- Evaluation of the processes and effects of this initiative will be built in from the start
- Use of a wide range of communication and change management strategies to support the uptake and implementation of recommendations
- Acknowledgement of the primacy of the doctor-patient relationship and the need for nuanced application of recommendations according to context of individual patient needs and management
- Consumer engagement and awareness is fundamental, ensuring this initiative supports the move to a more patient-centred health system