

Making Smart Decisions about Best Practices

Twelve Questions to Ask Before Adopting a Best Practice		
The Best Practice:		
1.	Relevance. Does it directly address our need?	
2.	Credibility. Is it supported by a credible person, institution, or evidence base?	
3.	Compatibility. Is it compatible with our existing values, culture and structure?	
4.	Clarity. Do we clearly understand it?	
5.	Simplicity. How simple or complex is the practice?	
6.	Advantage. Does it have a relative advantage over what we are already doing and other options?	
7.	Trialability. Can we try it on a limited basis prior to full-scale adoption?	
8.	Observability. Will we be able to observe the results within a reasonable period of time?	
9.	Transferability . Can we adopt it as is, or will it need refinement?	
10.	Organizational Change. How much change will it require to organizational policies, procedures, practices, culture and relationships?	
11.	Affordability. Can we implement it at an affordable cost?	
12.	Value . Are the potential benefits worth the potential costs?	
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