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## Widespread adoption

**Widespread adoption** refers to the process by which a technology, technique, or clinical practice becomes commonly used across multiple institutions, settings, or professional communities. It implies a transition from early experimentation or pilot use to **routine integration** in standard workflows.

In neurosurgery, widespread adoption of an innovation typically depends on:

- Demonstrated **clinical effectiveness** through peer-reviewed studies
- Reproducibility of results across diverse patient populations
- Cost-effectiveness and resource feasibility
- Training accessibility for surgeons and staff
- Inclusion in clinical guidelines or standard-of-care protocols

Without these elements, a new tool or approach—such as 3D virtual reality or 3D printing—may remain confined to experimental or showcase settings and fail to impact real-world practice.

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