

# Health Economics

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# Objectives

In a highly changing context (*increase of innovation, rising costs, higher financial constraints, etc.*), this Uplift course in health economics aims to detail:

- the evaluation tools to be mobilized to assess the efficiency of health innovations;
- to show how these new conditions contribute making regulatory processes / pricing mechanisms more complex;

# Specificity of the Health Care Market

- Health care: collection of services, products, institutions, regulations...
- Uncertainty/asymmetric knowledge: how well individual treatments works? Large difference in knowledge between doctors and patients...
- Government interventions: formal certification process before to practice. Minimum level of health insurance coverage; rules determining access to health care...
- Technical change...
- Lack of pricing transparency...

# Specificity of the Health Care Market

- Growth on medical prices

“The USA spent \$99 billion on orally administered and clinician-administered anticancer therapies (*excluding supportive care*) in 2023 and spending is projected to increase to \$180 billion by 2028”.

Source Jazowski SA et al. The high costs of anticancer therapies in the USA: challenges, opportunities and progress. Nat Rev Clin Oncol. 2024 Oct 4. doi: 10.1038/s41571-024-00948-1. Epub ahead of print. Erratum in: Nat Rev Clin Oncol. 2024 Oct 30. doi: 10.1038/s41571-024-00958-z. PMID: 39367130. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/39367130/>

“Between 1995 and 2023, the combined direct and indirect costs of cancer across all (31 *European countries*) countries increased by 43% from EUR 159 billion to EUR 228 billion”

Source: Andrea Manzano et al. The development of the cost of cancer in 31 European countries.. J Clin Oncol 43, 1596-1596(2025).DOI:[10.1200/JCO.2025.43.16\\_suppl.1596](https://doi.org/10.1200/JCO.2025.43.16_suppl.1596)  
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# Specificity of the Health Care Market

The French National Academy of Medicine makes the following recommendations:

– **To the health authorities to:**

- Improve the design of clinical trials, in order to better assess the improvement in the medical benefit provided, particularly concerning rare cancers;
- Significantly shorten the time required to obtain authorization to start a phase 1 clinical trial and, for ATMs, in requiring the Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) file only at the time of the request marketing authorization;
- Limit the use of the accelerated approval procedure to unmet clinical needs;
- Strengthen European cooperation in clinical trials, analyze the causes of the very high cost of some treatments and the process of price setting, and encourage the involvement of the academic sector, particularly in the production of CAR-T Cells (4), in order to exert downward pressure on the price level;
- Develop medico-economic evaluations based on real-life cohort studies;
- Ensure access to treatments for all patients, regardless of where they live.

– **To the pharmaceutical industry:**

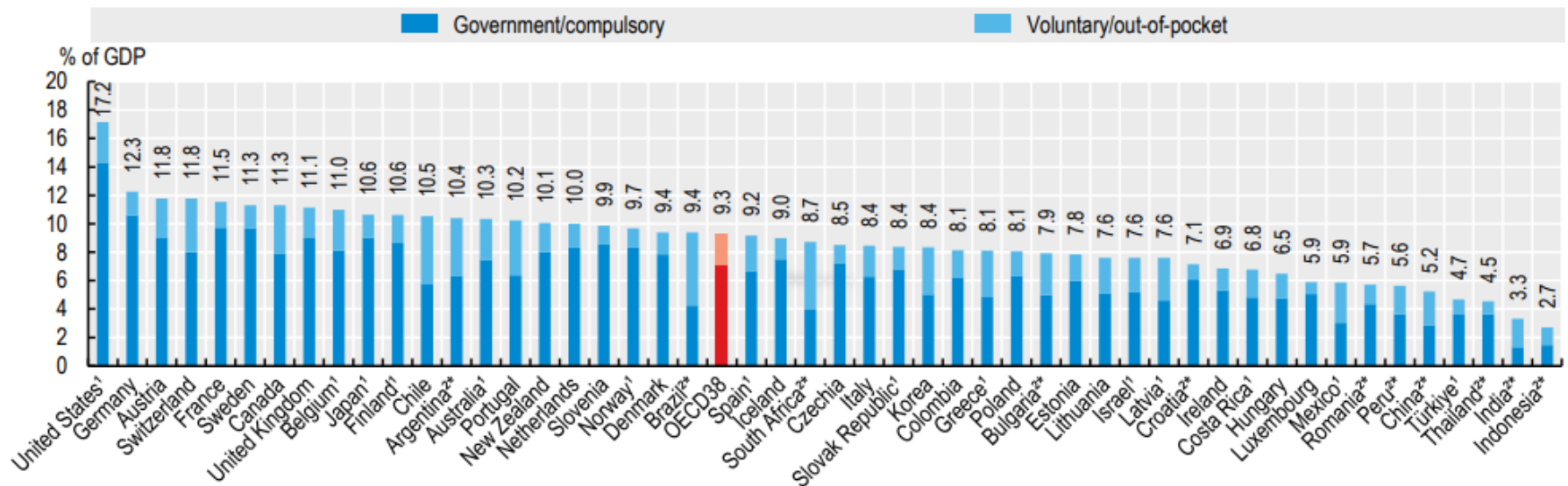
- Ensure the rigor of post-authorization or post-listing studies, for example on the monitoring of side effects, particularly in the auto-immune field.

– **To prescribers:**

- Exercise an extreme rigor in prescribing these treatments and in monitoring patients in the short, medium or long term;
- Offer patients the opportunity to participate in therapeutic cohort studies.


# Health spending

Figure 7.1. Health expenditure as a share of GDP, 2024 (or nearest year)



1. OECD estimate for 2024. 2. 2022-2023 data. \* Accession/partner country.

Source: OECD Health Statistics 2025; WHO Global Health Expenditure Database.

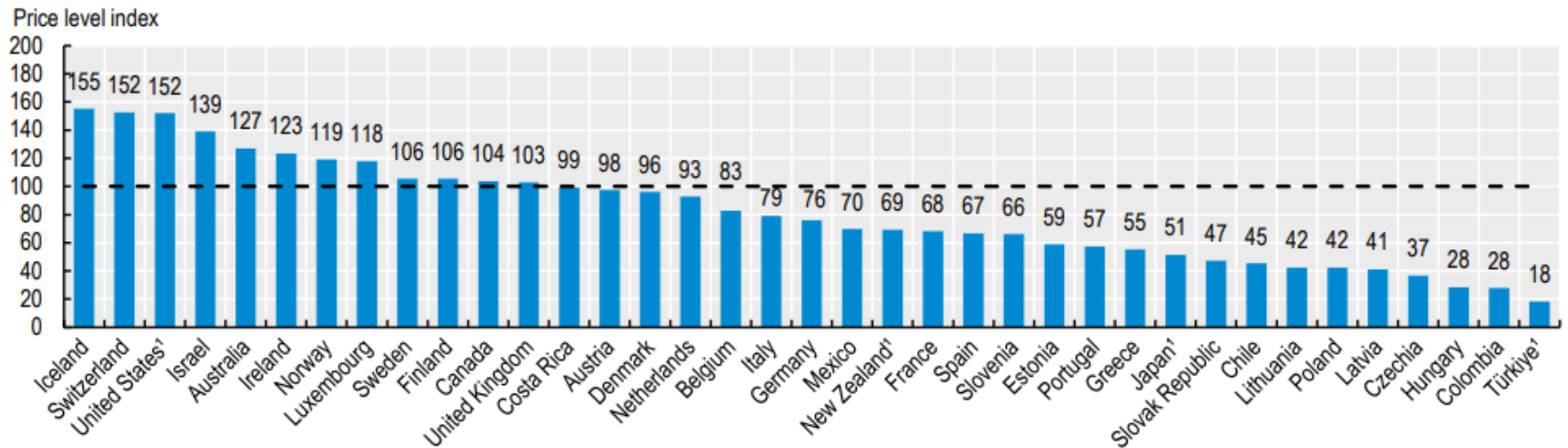
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Source: [https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/health-at-a-glance-2025\\_8f9e3f98-en.html](https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/health-at-a-glance-2025_8f9e3f98-en.html)  
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# Health spending

**Figure 7.6. Comparative price levels in the health sector, 2023 (OECD average = 100)**



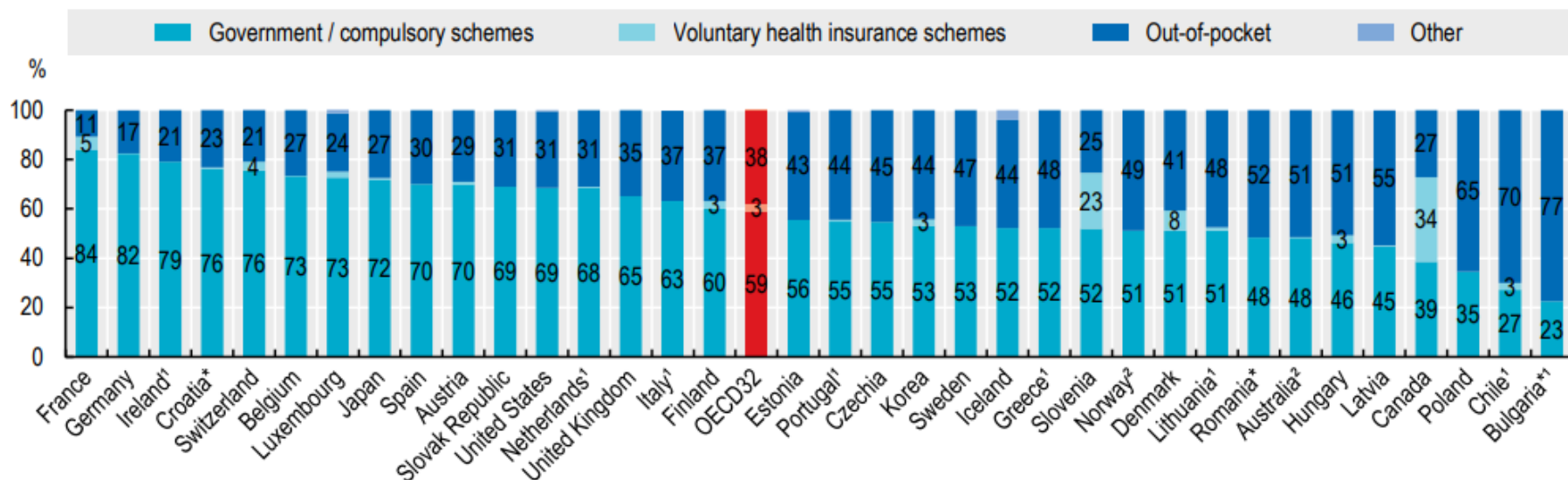
1. For hospitals, PPPs are estimated predominantly by using salaries of medical and non-medical staff (input method).

Source: OECD Statistics 2025.

StatLink  <https://stat.link/zw0b9d>


# Health spending

Figure 9.2. Expenditure on **retail** pharmaceuticals by type of financing, 2023 (or nearest year)



1. Includes medical non-durables. 2. 2022 data. \* Accession/partner country.

Source: OECD Health Statistics 2025.

StatLink  <https://stat.link/gq278w>

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OECD Indicators



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**Cost analysis** of three-dimensional **radiation therapy** versus intensity-modulated chemoradiotherapy for locally advanced cervical cancer in Peruvian citizens.

Díaz JFR.  
Ecancermedicallscience. 2023 Apr 20;17:153  
PMID: 37138970      **Free PMC article.**

**Cost-effectiveness** of intraoperative **radiation therapy** versus intensity-modulated **radiation therapy** for the treatment of early breast cancer: a **disinvestment analysis**.

Muñoz-Montecinos C, González-Browne C, Maza F, Carreño-Leiton D, González P, Chahuan B, Quirland C.  
BMC Health Serv Res. 2024 Apr 3;24(1):417. doi: 10.1186/s12913-024-10739-0.

> Clinicoecon Outcomes Res. 2024 Jun 6;16:483-492. doi: 10.2147/CEOR.S461798. eCollection 2024.      **rticle.**

## Cost-Effectiveness and Budget Impact Analyses of Selective Internal Radiation Therapy versus Atezolizumab Plus Bevacizumab from a German Statutory Health Insurance Perspective

Bjoern Schwander <sup>1</sup>, Katharina Klesper <sup>2</sup>, Siegbert Rossol <sup>3</sup>, Ken Herrmann <sup>4</sup>, York Francis Zoellner <sup>5</sup>

**Cost-Utility Analysis** of Stereotactic Body **Radiation Therapy** Versus Surgery for Patients With Stage I Non-small Cell Lung Cancer in Japan.

Igarashi A, Onishi H, Shioyama Y, Matsumoto Y, Takayama K, Matsuo Y, Yamashita H, Miyakawa A, Lee DW, Ito K.

**Cost-benefit** analysis of advanced CBCT imaging: Incremental costs and savings.

Larrotta-Castillo DA, Blommestein HM, Kunnen B, Penninkhof JJ, van de Schoot AJAJ, Hoogeman MS, Petit SF.

Radiother Oncol. 2025 Oct;211:111106. doi: 10.1016/j.radonc.2025.111106. Epub 2025 Aug 14.

PMID: 40818490      **Free article.**

Advanced CBCT systems can replace separate CT scans · higher investments costs compared to conventional CBCT

**A value-based approach to prostate cancer image-guidance in a regional radiation therapy centre: a cost-minimisation analysis.**

Robards S, Brown A, Pain T, Patel D, Tan A, Carter H.  
Tech Innov Patient Support Radiat Oncol. 2022 Dec 2;24:131-136. doi: 10.1016/j.tipsro.2022.11.002.  
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PMID: 36561985      **Free PMC article.**

# Methods for the Economic Evaluation of Health Care Programmes

Fourth Edition

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Drummond, M., Sculpher, M.J., Claxton, K., Stoddart, G.L., Torrance, G.W., Askews & Holts Library Services, 2015. Methods for the economic evaluation of health care programmes. Oxford university press

*Are both costs and outcomes of health care programmes examined?*

*Is there a comparison of two or more health care programmes?*

	<b>No</b>		<b>Yes</b>
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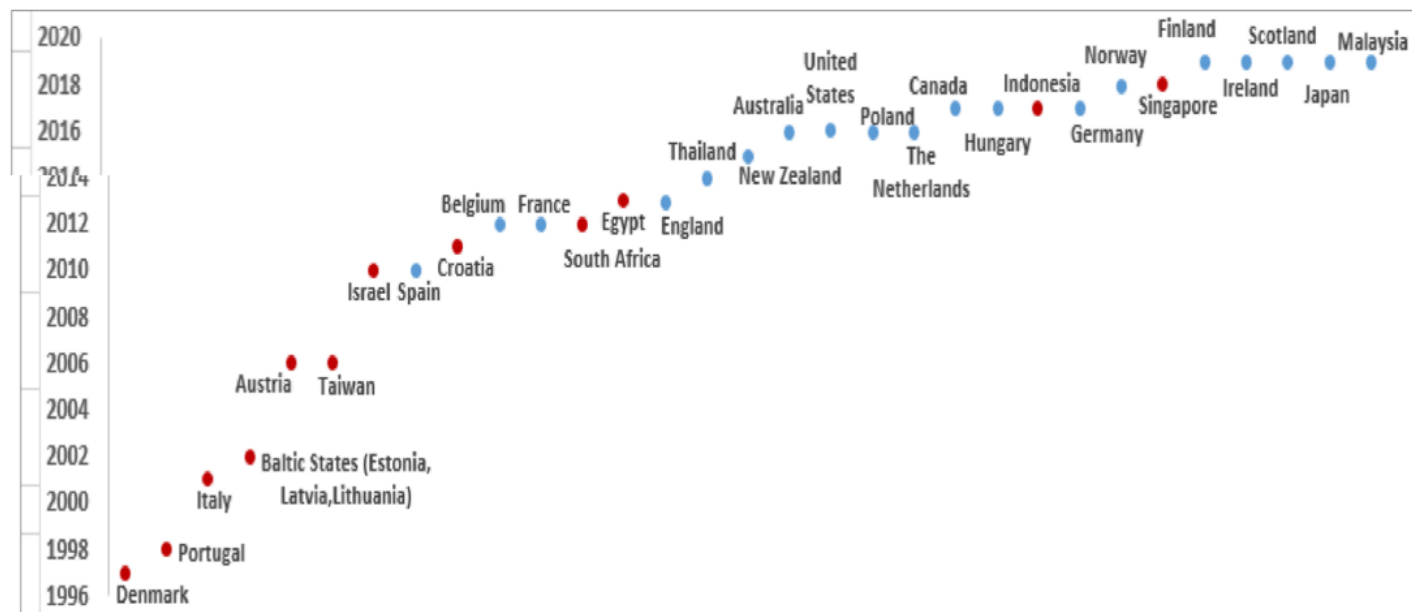




## National Healthcare Economic Evaluation Guidelines: A Cross-Country Comparison

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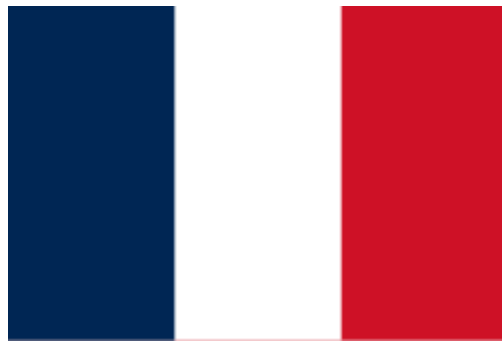


\*Red dots: Guidelines with only 1 version, Blue dots: Guidelines with multiple versions

**Fig. 2** Timeline of the publication of national healthcare economic evaluation guidelines

Source: Sharma D, Aggarwal AK, Downey LE, Prinja S. National Healthcare Economic Evaluation Guidelines: A Cross-Country Comparison. *Pharmacoecon Open*. 2021 Sep;5(3):349–364. doi: 10.1007/s41669-020-00250-7. Epub 2021 Jan 10. PMID: 33423205; PMCID: PMC8333164.  
[https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8333164/pdf/41669\\_2020\\_Article\\_250.pdf](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8333164/pdf/41669_2020_Article_250.pdf)





## Choices in methods for economic evaluation – HAS

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# HAS frame of reference

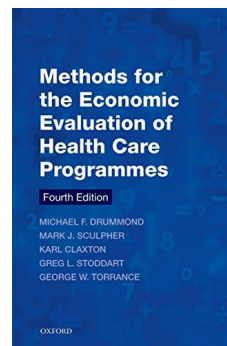
The 'reference case analysis' – composed of a base-case analysis\* and a comprehensive exploration of uncertainty – is defined in the guidance to public decisions defining HAS' frame of reference.

	The chosen methodological options are the responsibility of the author, who must justify their choice.
Objective	Within the framework of HAS' missions, the objective of an economic evaluation is to guide public decision-making regarding the allocation of collective resources, in particular by documenting the cost-effectiveness criteria.
Evaluation method	Cost-effectiveness or cost-utility analysis depending on the nature of the interventions' health effects and data availability. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– CEA if health-related quality of life is not an important consequence.</li> <li>– CUA if health-related quality of life is an important consequence.</li> </ul>
Perspective	Collective perspective or, failing that, healthcare system perspective. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Population whose health is affected (identification and measure of health effects) and general population (valuation of health preferences)</li> <li>– All of the resources involved in the production of care, irrespective of their source of funding.</li> </ul>
Population analysed	All of the individuals concerned, either directly or indirectly, by the intervention evaluated.
Comparator interventions	All options in the population analysed should be identified. The selection of the comparator interventions should be duly justified.
Time horizon	The choice of a time horizon spanning the entire lifetime, or a specific period should be based on a trade-off between the information produced and the uncertainty generated by extrapolation over time.
Discounting	Beyond 12 months, discounting is based on the public discount rate applicable at the time of the evaluation (set at 2.5% at the time of publication of this guidance). After 30 years, the discount rate gradually decreases to 1.5%.
Health outcome criteria	CEA: lifetime (indicator: life years / all-cause mortality). CUA: quality-adjusted life years (indicator: QALY)
Cost criteria	Direct costs based on production costs or, failing that, on their tariff/price.
Conclusion of the evaluation	In terms of cost-effectiveness, the results presented identify the interventions on the cost-effectiveness frontier and provide an estimate of the ICER or NB on the cost-effectiveness frontier. Exploration of uncertainty through deterministic and probabilistic approaches Analysis of expenditure transfers between funders
Critical appraisal of the evaluation	Analysis of the validity of the method and uncertainty of the results Discussion on the conclusions and limitations of the evaluation

## Guideline 2: Choice of the evaluation method

The reference case analysis uses the cost-utility analysis and the cost-effectiveness analysis as economic evaluation methods. The choice of the method first depends on the nature of the health-related consequences – whether expected or observed – of the intervention being evaluated.

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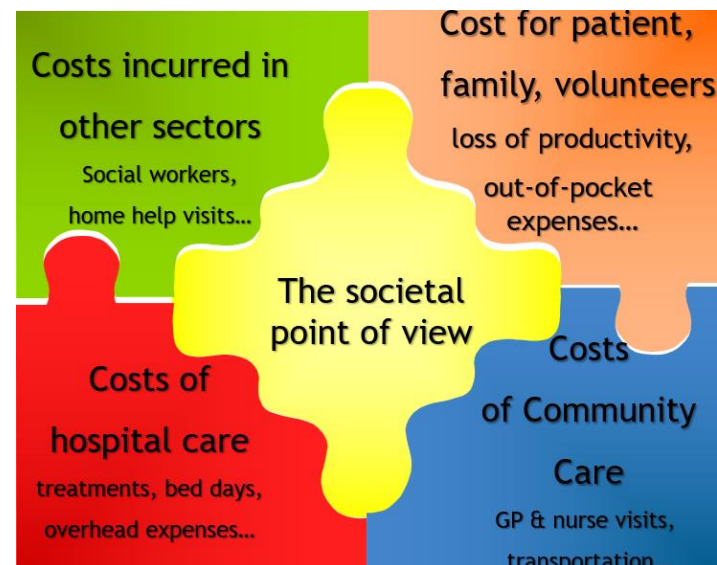
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### Guideline 3: Choice of the perspective

The reference case analysis should be based on a collective perspective, covering all of the people or institutions affected (in terms of health effects or cost) by the production of an intervention within the scope of the overall patient care.



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## Guideline 5: Choice of interventions to be compared

The reference case analysis should identify all clinically relevant interventions in the population analysed.

The arguments supporting the inclusion or exclusion of an intervention in the reference case analysis should be clearly set out.

> [Cost Eff Resour Alloc.](#) 2024 Sep 13;22(1):66. doi: 10.1186/s12962-024-00577-6.

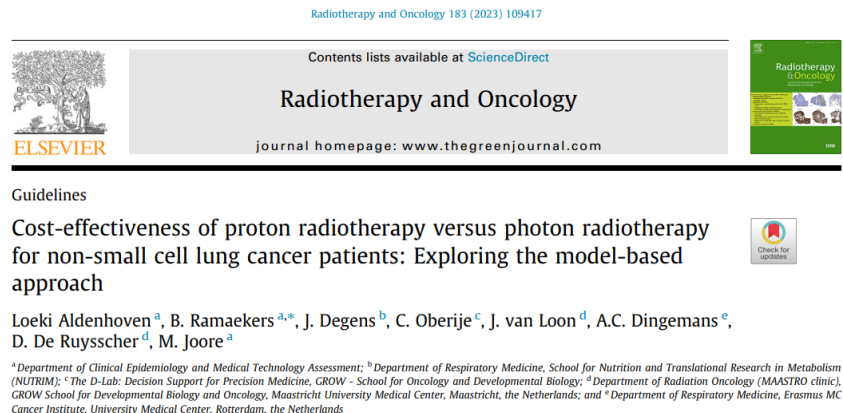
### Cost-effectiveness of proton beam therapy vs. conventional radiotherapy for patients with brain tumors in Sweden: results from a non-randomized prospective multicenter study

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[Cost-effectiveness of proton radiotherapy versus photon radiotherapy for non-small cell lung cancer patients: Exploring the model-based approach - PubMed](#)



## **Guideline 6: Choice of the time horizon**

The time horizon of the evaluation may be defined as the entire lifetime or a specific duration.

The choice of the time horizon should be based on an trade-off between the information produced by taking into account the expected or observed consequences of an intervention over the long term, and the uncertainty generated by extrapolation over time. This trade-off should be clearly set out and the choice should be justified.

## **Guideline 7: Discounting method**

Future costs and health outcomes should be discounted to present values whenever the time horizon exceeds 12 months.

The reference case analysis should use the public discount rate applicable at the time of the evaluation. On the date of publication of this guidance, that rate was 2.5% for time horizons of less than 30 years. Beyond that, the rate gradually decreases to a floor level set at 1.5%.

In the reference case analysis, costs and results should be discounted using the same rate.



## **Guideline 15: Utility score evaluation methods**

The utility scores used to weight life-years should be estimated using a multi-attribute approach, comprising the collection of health state data from patients via a generic questionnaire and the valuation of health states according to the preferences of the general population.

Among available classification systems, EQ-5D-5L is recommended (French EQ-5D-5L value set and EQ-5D-5L questionnaire). The French value set which prevails at the time of the evaluation should be used.

## **Guideline 18: Evaluation of costs**

The evaluation of the total cost of an intervention is based on the intervention's production costs. This requires the identification, measurement and valuation of the resources consumed.

The scope of the cost items evaluated depends on the perspective adopted.

Under a collective perspective, all resources consumed in the production of the overall patient care are taken into consideration. They cover the domestic sphere (e.g. informal care), the healthcare sphere (e.g. stays, procedures, and health products) and the medico-social sphere (e.g. stays, personal care services).

Under the healthcare system perspective, the resources considered are those involved in the production of care (stays, procedures, and healthcare products).

Only direct costs should be considered in the reference case analysis.

A direct cost analysis may be presented as a supplemental analysis.

## **Guideline 25: Exploration of uncertainty in the model**

A systematic exploration of the sources of uncertainty associated with the evaluation's structural choices, the modelling choices and the model parameter estimations should be presented according to an appropriate methodology.

Sensitivity analyses should quantify the impact of a different structural choice in the reference case analysis (e.g. perspective, time horizon, population analysed, comparators, discount rate).

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# General Methods<sup>a</sup>

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<sup>a</sup> This translation is based on the German document *Allgemeine Methoden* (Version 7.0) of 19 September 2023.  
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Table 6: Overview over the components of a reference case (multipage table)

HEE component	Explanation
Question / decision problem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is defined in the G-BA's commission<sup>a</sup>, which specifies in particular the following components:</li> </ul>
Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>E.g., the population (or individual subpopulations or subgroups) eligible for treatment with the drug to be assessed</li> </ul>
Intervention and comparator(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comparison between the drug to be assessed and the treatment option of the appropriate comparator therapy used in the preceding benefit assessment procedure for the demonstration of added benefit</li> <li>Separate analyses are conducted taking into account the treatment costs of other treatment options covered by the appropriate comparator therapy (sensitivity analyses in the sense of a cost variation).</li> <li>Depending on the commission, other comparators may be considered in the HEE. A new benefit assessment including the other comparators may be necessary.</li> </ul>
Health economic outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ICER: difference in costs divided by difference in the outcome assessed in the benefit assessment (weighted if applicable) or difference in QALYs</li> </ul>
Perspective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SHI-insured community</li> </ul>
Time horizon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Depending on the research question or commission, the available evidence and the perspective of the decision-maker, an appropriate time horizon is chosen that is sufficient to depict all relevant medical and economic consequences.</li> <li>In addition, a 5-year time horizon is considered in a sensitivity analysis.</li> </ul>
Study type HEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cost-utility analysis or cost-effectiveness analysis, each with an additional BIA.</li> </ul>
Effectiveness and other clinical input parameters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A benefit assessment according to §35a SGB V should already be available. Its results are included in the decision-analytic model, particularly for determining transition probabilities.</li> <li>The result of the HEE does not call into question the result of the benefit assessment.</li> <li>Development of the decision-analytic model usually requires additional clinical input parameters to depict the health care situation.</li> </ul>
Utilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the calculation of QALYs, the utilities used in the decision-analytic model should be based on valuations by patients.</li> <li>Utilities based on valuations by the general population are particularly useful if the valuations do not differ from those of patients.</li> </ul>
Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The costs should be as up-to-date as possible: The resources used should be relevant and justified.</li> <li>Direct (medical and non-medical) reimbursable and non-reimbursable costs should be recorded.</li> <li>The quantification and valuation of resource use may require a combination of different approaches (bottom-up, top-down, micro- and macro[gross]-costing approaches).</li> </ul>
Inflation adjustment and discounting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If cost data are from different time periods, they need to be adjusted for inflation.</li> <li>After the first year in the base case, costs and benefits that last longer than 1 year should be discounted at the identical constant rate of 3% per year.</li> </ul>

Source: Institut für Qualität und Wirtschaftlichkeit im Gesundheitswesen [https://www.iqwig.de/en/about-us/methods/methods-paper/https://www.iqwig.de/methoden/general-methods\\_version-7-0.pdf](https://www.iqwig.de/en/about-us/methods/methods-paper/https://www.iqwig.de/methoden/general-methods_version-7-0.pdf)



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**Table 4.1 Summary of the reference case**

Element of health technology assessment	Reference case	Section providing details
Defining the decision problem	The scope developed by NICE	4.2.4 to 4.2.6
Comparator(s)	As listed in the scope developed by NICE	2.2.12 to 2.2.16, 4.2.6, 4.2.13
Perspective on outcomes	All health effects, whether for patients or, when relevant, carers	4.2.7, 4.2.8
Perspective on costs	NHS and personal social services (PSS)	4.2.9 and 4.2.10
Types of economic evaluation	Cost-utility analysis with fully incremental analysis Cost-comparison analysis	4.2.14 to 4.2.17 4.2.18 to 4.2.21
Time horizon	Long enough to reflect all important differences in costs or outcomes between the technologies being compared	4.2.22 to 4.2.25
Synthesis of evidence on health effects	Based on systematic review	3.4
Measuring and valuing health effects (see note)	Health effects should be expressed in quality-adjusted life years (QALYs). The EQ-5D is the preferred measure of health-related quality of life in adults	4.3.1, 4.3.6
Source of data for measurement of health-related quality of life (see note)	Reported directly by patients or carers, or both	4.3.3

Source:  
<https://www.nice.org.uk/process/pmg36/chapter/introduction-to-health-technology-evaluation>





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## Guidelines for submitting Health Economic Evaluations to AIFA for pricing and reimbursement of medicines (Section E of the dossier)

The process for pricing and reimbursement of medicinal products begins with the submission to AIFA of an application (P&R dossier) by pharmaceutical companies and ends with the resolution of the AIFA Board of Directors and the subsequent publication in the Italian Official Journal, after consulting the Technical-Scientific Committee (CTS) and the Pricing and Reimbursement Committee (CPR).

According to the Ministerial Decree 2 August 2019, pharmaceutical companies are required to submit a P&R dossier in line with the provisions of the AIFA Guideline to the submission of applications published on the website of the Agency. The following document is an extract from the AIFA Guideline concerning the compilation of Section E of the P&R dossier and the related Appendix 2.

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Dossier P&R con analisi farmacoeconomiche	Tipologia di analisi farmacoeconomiche nei dossier P&R				Totale BIA	Totale CEA	Totale Dossier P&R
Tipologie negoziali	BIA	CEA	CEA + BIA	Altro			
01 - Farmaci orfani per malattie rare 100 gg	15	4	7	2	22	11	28
02 - Nuove entità chimiche	33	4	19	0	52	23	56
04 - Estensione delle indicazioni terapeutiche/posologia	20	13	19	5	39	32	57
05 - Confezioni in sostituzione o nuove, per numero di unità posologiche o per forma farmaceutica o device	1	0	2	0	3	2	3
06 - Modifica del dosaggio unitario	2	1	0	0	2	1	3
07 - Variazioni del regime di rimborsabilità	1	0	1	0	2	1	2
09 - Rinegoziazione prezzo e/o condizioni	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
11 - Associazione di principi attivi noti	15	0	1	0	16	1	16
<b>Totale</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>166</b>

Source: [Le valutazioni economiche sottomesse ad AIFA nei dossier di richiesta della rimborsabilità e del prezzo](#)



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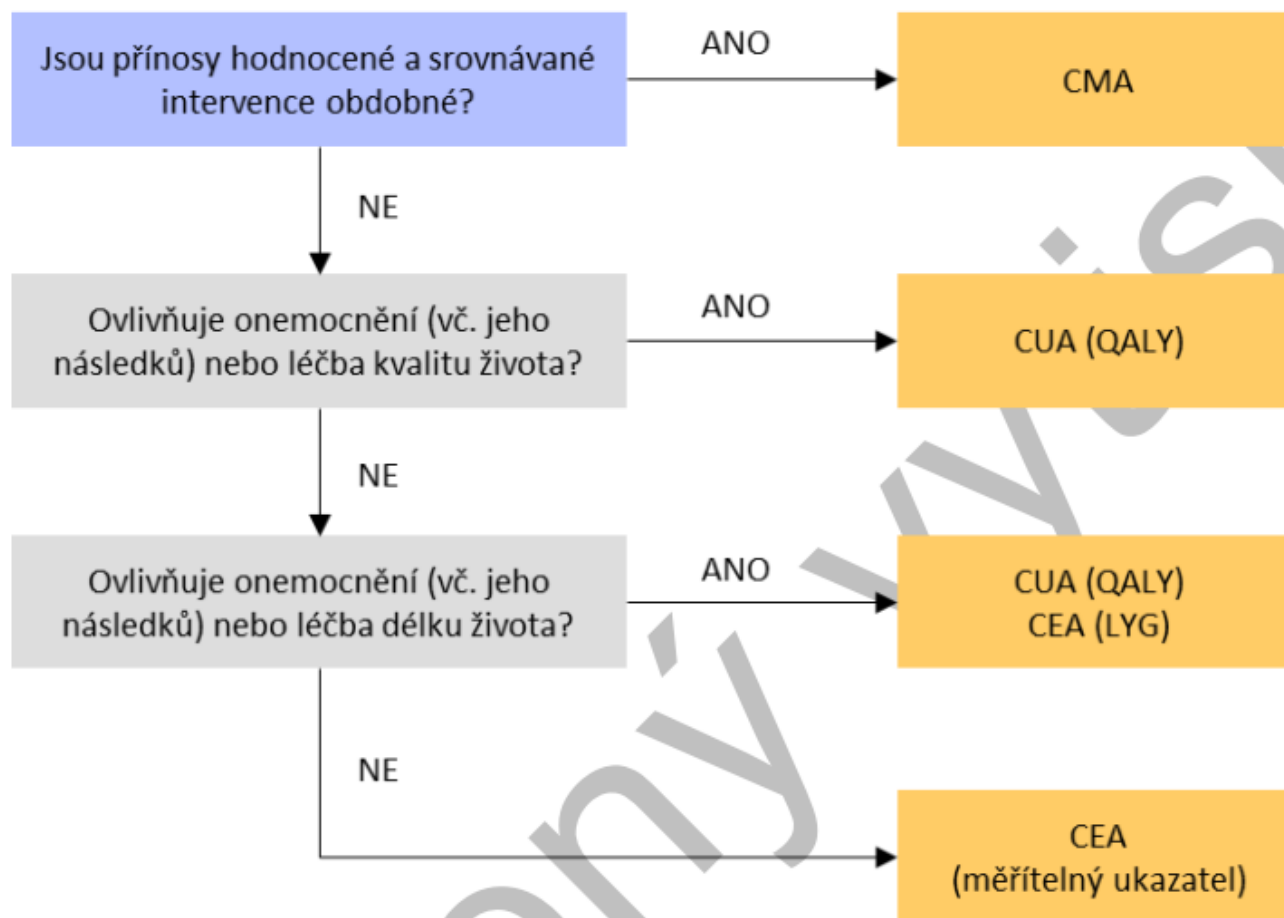
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**Obrázek 2** Rozhodovací strom výběru typu analýzy a parametru přínosu

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# Value-Based Health Care (VBHC)

- Increasing attention to the work of Michael E. Porter developed at Harvard more than ten years ago [Porter 2009; Porter 2010 ; Kaplan & Porter 2011 ; Porter & Lee 2013]

$$v = \frac{o}{c}$$

- Value-Based Health Care (VBHC) model that aims to improve health outcomes per monetary unit spent
- Reducing costs  $c$  while maintaining the same results  $o$  or improving results while keeping costs constant. Both scenarios lead to an increase in value.

=> Requires rigorous measurement of  $v$  value

Porter ME. A strategy for health care reform--toward a value-based system. N Engl J Med. 2009;361(2):109-12.

Porter ME. What is value in health care? New England Journal of Medicine 2010; 363 (26), 2477-2481.

Kaplan R, Porter M. How to solve the cost crisis in health care?. Harvard Bus Rev 2011;9:47-64.

Porter, M.E. and Lee, T.H., 2013. The strategy that will fix health care. Harvard business review, 91(12), pp.24-24.

# Value-Based Health Care (VBHC)

- Requires the production of accurate cost information over the course of the cycle of care/episodes of care (*hospital cost accounting systems designed more for billing*)
- Requires the adaptation of health information systems
- Literature review by Reitblat et al. 2021: only one study (*of 22 articles*) estimates costs for all patients
- Alves et al. 2018 literature review of economic analyses in cancer using the TDABC (*N=27 studies (U.S. and Belgium (n=6 each), Canada N=3)*)

Alves RJV, Etges APBDS, Neto GB, Polanczyk CA. Activity-Based Costing and Time-Driven Activity-Based Costing for Assessing the Costs of Cancer Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment: A Systematic Review of the Literature. *Value Health Reg Issues*. 2018 Dec;17:142-147. doi: 10.1016/j.vhri.2018.06.001. Epub 2018 Aug 24. PMID: 30149318.  
Reitblat C, Bain PA, Porter ME, Bernstein DN, Feeley TW, Graefen M, Iyer S, Resnick MJ, Stimson CJ, Trinh QD, Gershman B. Value-Based Healthcare in Urology: A Collaborative Review. *Eur Urol*. 2021 May;79(5):571-585. doi: 10.1016/j.eururo.2020.12.008. Epub 2021 Jan 4. PMID: 33413970.

# Value-Based Health Care (VBHC)

- Is it possible to calculate a ratio? Problem: we don't have to deal with a single result *[Lindgren P & Althin R 2021]*
- ⇒ Lindgren P & Althin propose to express the value equation using a vector notation (*o would then correspond to a vector of patient relevant outcomes*)
- ⇒ Poses the question of how value-based health care is positioned in relation to microeconomic tools (*producer theory, etc.*)

Lindgren P, Althin R. Something borrowed, something new: measuring hospital performance in the context of value based health care. Eur J Health Econ. 2021 Aug;22(6):851-854. doi: 10.1007/s10198-020-01209-5. PMID: 32548650.



# Value-Based Health Care (VBHC)

- ⇒ Also raises the question of the positioning of value-based health care in relation to economic evaluation such as Cost-Effectiveness Analysis (CEA)
- Value-based health care still under construction, "in infancy" [Walraven et al. 2021]
- CEA: a well-documented and widely accepted field with a defining role in recent decades

Drummond, M., Sculpher, M.J., Claxton, K., Stoddart, G.L., Torrance, G.W., Askews & Holts Library Services, 2015. Methods for the economic evaluation of health care programmes. Oxford university press.  
Walraven J, Jacobs MS, Uyl-de-Groop CA. Leveraging the similarities between cost-effectiveness Analysis and Value-Based healthcare. Value Health 2021. Jul;24(7):1038-1044.

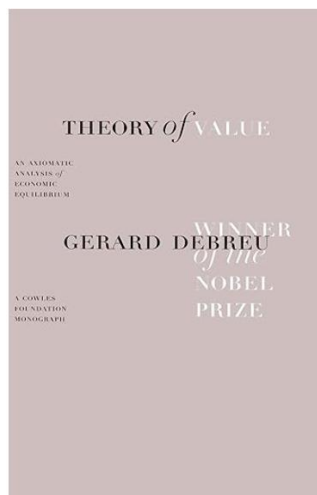
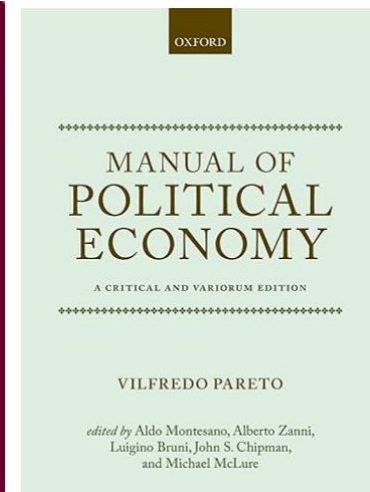
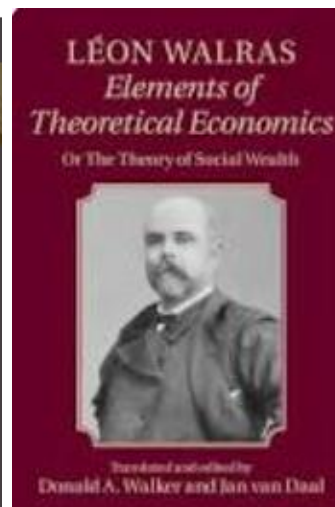
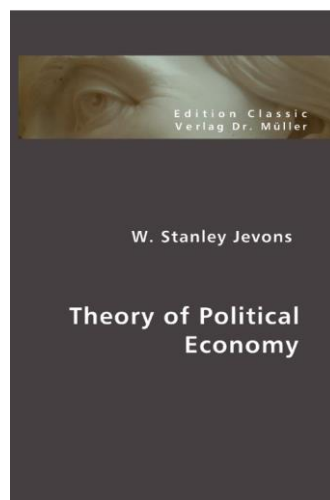
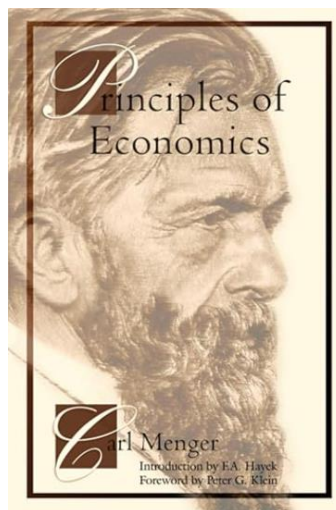
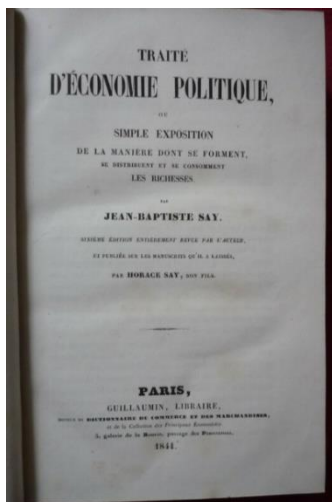
	ACE (Cost-effectiveness Analysis)	Soins de santé fondés sur la valeur (Value-Based Health Care)
Formulas	$\frac{\Delta C}{\Delta E}$	$\frac{\text{Outcomes}}{\text{Total costs}}$
Perspectives	Health system, collective, societal	Patients
Time horizon	Whole life	Cycle / episodes of care
Outcomes	QALY	Multidimensional approaches
Methods	CEA based on experimental or quasi-experimental studies  Modeling (Markov model, discrete event simulations)	Time Driven Activity Based Costing  Process Approach

Tsevat J, Moriates C. Value-Based Health Care Meets Cost-Effectiveness Analysis. Ann Intern Med. 2018 Sep 4;169(5):329-332. doi: 10.7326/M18-0342. Epub 2018 Aug 7. PMID: 30083766.

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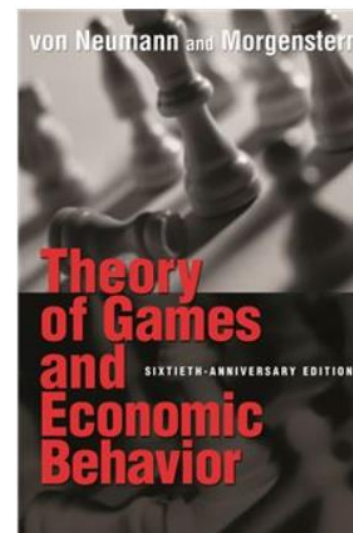
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## A Utility Maximization Model for Evaluation of Health Care Programs

[George W Torrance](#)<sup>1</sup>, [Warren H Thomas](#)<sup>1</sup>, [David L Sackett](#)<sup>1</sup>



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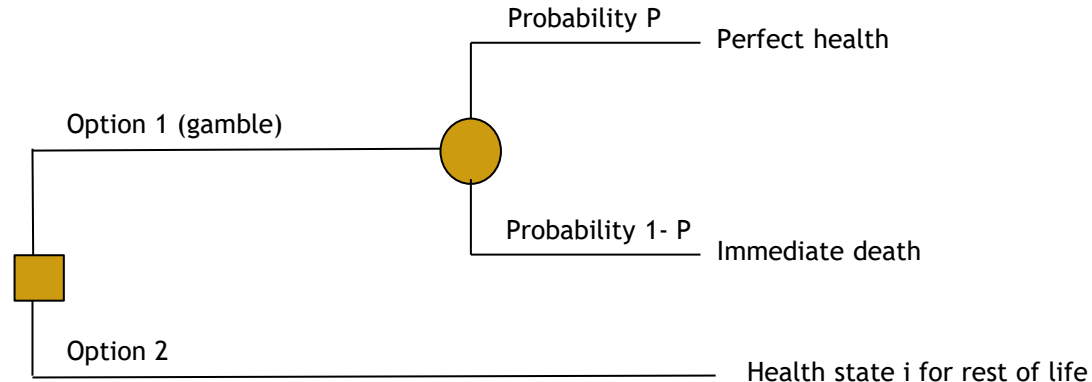
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# Utility, Preference, Value set

e.g. the Standard gamble method



- Standard gamble follows the axioms of von Neumann & Morgenstern's expected utility theory.
- Involves asking a person to choose between a risky option (*the person either lives in perfect health for the rest of life or dies immediately*) and a certain option (*where the person remains in Health State i for the rest of live*).
- The probability of perfect health is varied until the person is indifferent between the gamble and the certain health state.

➤ [Pharmacoeconomics](#). 1998 Apr;13(4):421-33. doi: 10.2165/00019053-199813040-00005.

## Valuation of EuroQOL (EQ-5D) health states in an adult US sample

[J A Johnson](#) <sup>1</sup>, [S J Coons](#), [A Ergo](#), [G Szava-Kovats](#)

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➤ [Health Econ](#). 2018 Jan;27(1):7-22. doi: 10.1002/hec.3564. Epub 2017 Aug 22.

## Valuing health-related quality of life: An EQ-5D-5L value set for England

[Nancy J Devlin](#) <sup>1 2</sup>, [Koonal K Shah](#) <sup>1</sup>, [Yan Feng](#) <sup>1</sup>, [Brendan Mulhern](#) <sup>2 3</sup>, [Ben van Hout](#) <sup>2</sup>

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## EQ-5D-5L Value Set for Slovenia

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Under each heading, please tick the ONE box that best describes your health TODAY

### MOBILITY

- I have no problems in walking about ☐
- I have slight problems in walking about ☐
- I have moderate problems in walking about ☐
- I have severe problems in walking about ☐
- I am unable to walk about ☐

### SELF-CARE

- I have no problems washing or dressing myself ☐
- I have slight problems washing or dressing myself ☐
- I have moderate problems washing or dressing myself ☐
- I have severe problems washing or dressing myself ☐
- I am unable to wash or dress myself ☐

### USUAL ACTIVITIES *(e.g. work, study, housework, family or leisure activities)*

- I have no problems doing my usual activities ☐
- I have slight problems doing my usual activities ☐
- I have moderate problems doing my usual activities ☐
- I have severe problems doing my usual activities ☐
- I am unable to do my usual activities ☐

### PAIN / DISCOMFORT

- I have no pain or discomfort ☐
- I have slight pain or discomfort ☐
- I have moderate pain or discomfort ☐
- I have severe pain or discomfort ☐
- I have extreme pain or discomfort ☐

### ANXIETY / DEPRESSION

- I am not anxious or depressed ☐
- I am slightly anxious or depressed ☐
- I am moderately anxious or depressed ☐
- I am severely anxious or depressed ☐
- I am extremely anxious or depressed ☐

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**TABLE 2** An EQ-5D-5L value set for England

	Central estimate <sup>a</sup>	Value for health state 23245	
Constant	1.000	1.000	
Mobility			Under each heading, please tick the ONE box that best describes your health TODAY
Slight	0.058	0.058	<b>MOBILITY</b>
Moderate	0.076		I have no problems in walking about <input type="checkbox"/>
Severe	0.207		I have slight problems in walking about <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unable	0.274		I have moderate problems in walking about <input type="checkbox"/>
			I have severe problems in walking about <input type="checkbox"/>
Self-care			I am unable to walk about <input type="checkbox"/>
Slight	0.050		<b>SELF-CARE</b>
Moderate	0.080	0.080	I have no problems washing or dressing myself <input type="checkbox"/>
Severe	0.164		I have slight problems washing or dressing myself <input type="checkbox"/>
Unable	0.203		I have moderate problems washing or dressing myself <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			I have severe problems washing or dressing myself <input type="checkbox"/>
Usual activities			I am unable to wash or dress myself <input type="checkbox"/>
Slight	0.050	0.050	<b>USUAL ACTIVITIES (e.g. work, study, housework, family or leisure activities)</b>
Moderate	0.063		I have no problems doing my usual activities <input type="checkbox"/>
Severe	0.162		I have slight problems doing my usual activities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unable	0.184		I have moderate problems doing my usual activities <input type="checkbox"/>
			I have severe problems doing my usual activities <input type="checkbox"/>
Pain/discomfort			I am unable to do my usual activities <input type="checkbox"/>
Slight	0.063		<b>PAIN / DISCOMFORT</b>
Moderate	0.084		I have no pain or discomfort <input type="checkbox"/>
Severe	0.276	0.276	I have slight pain or discomfort <input type="checkbox"/>
Extreme	0.335		I have moderate pain or discomfort <input type="checkbox"/>
			I have severe pain or discomfort <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Anxiety/depression			I have extreme pain or discomfort <input type="checkbox"/>
Slight	0.078		<b>ANXIETY / DEPRESSION</b>
Moderate	0.104		I am not anxious or depressed <input type="checkbox"/>
Severe	0.285		I am slightly anxious or depressed <input type="checkbox"/>
Extreme	0.289	0.289	I am moderately anxious or depressed <input type="checkbox"/>
			I am severely anxious or depressed <input type="checkbox"/>
The value for health state 23245	$1 - (0.058 + 0.080 + 0.050 + 0.276 + 0.289)$	$= 0.247$	I am extremely anxious or depressed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

CODA results from final model available from the authors upon request.

<sup>a</sup>Note that the coefficients reported here are the mean coefficients from the Bayesian regressions.

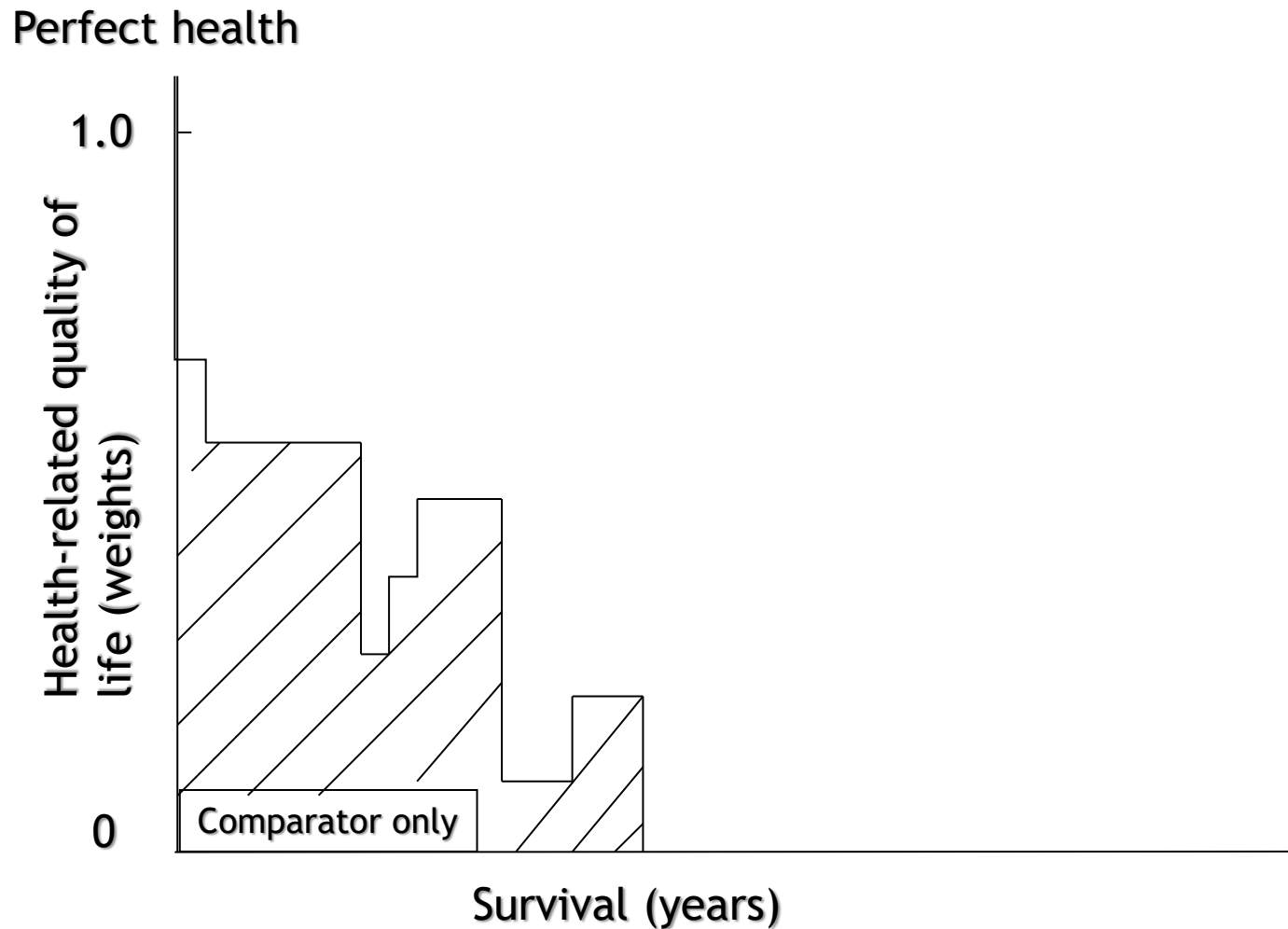
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**Table 1.** Evidence table summarizing the methodological elements of EQ-5D-5L for the retained studies ( $n = 31$ ).

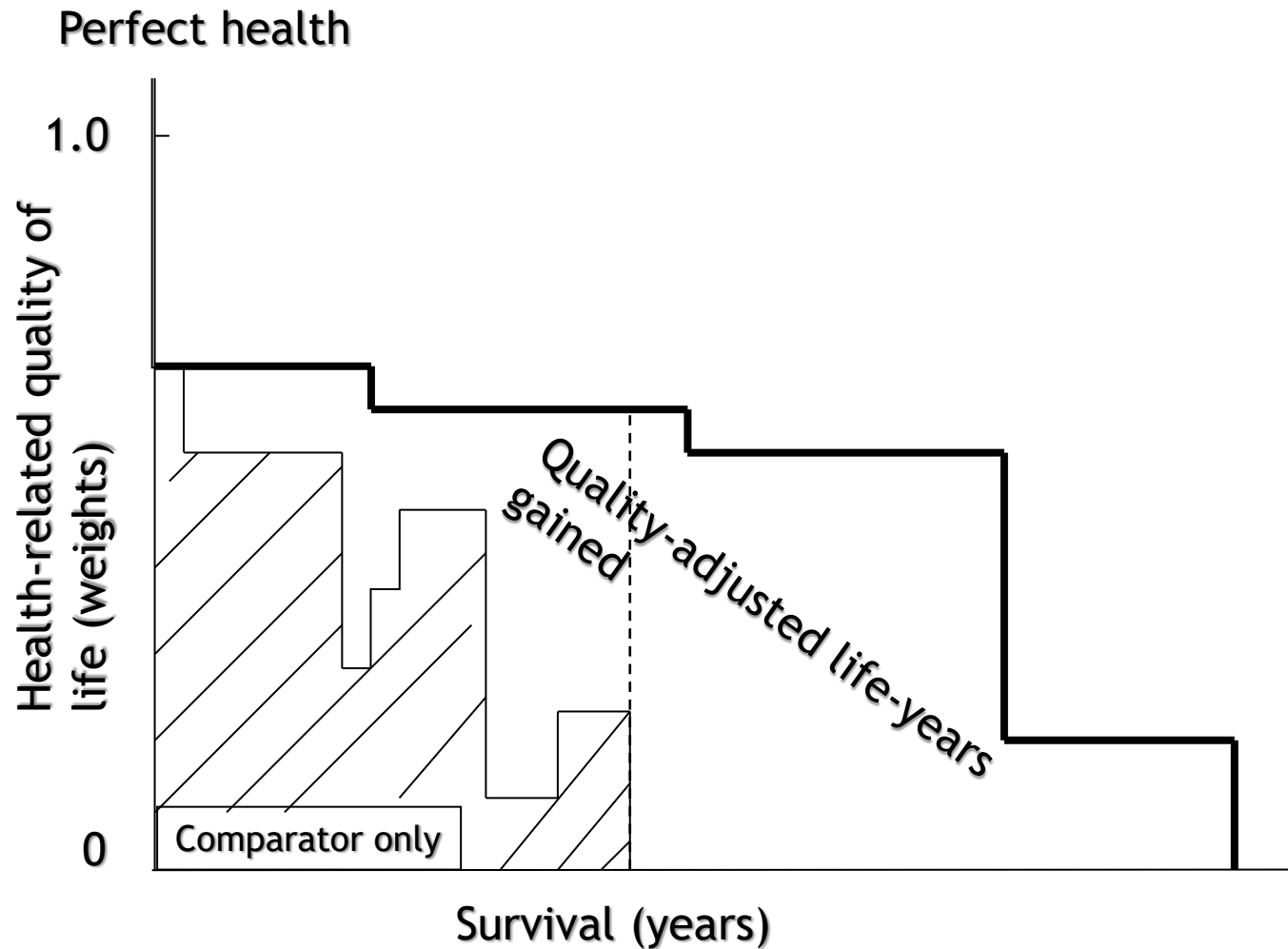
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		Sample		Data collection				TTO			DCE			
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EQ-VT Version 2														
Uganda <sup>26</sup>	2022	Q	492	Y	CAPI	EQ-VT Lite	Y	cTTO	20	Tobit	—	—	—	Tobit
Denmark <sup>37</sup>	2021	—	1,014	Y	CAPI	EQ-VT 2.1	Y	cTTO	10	Tobit	DCE	7	CLM	Hybrid
Egypt <sup>28</sup>	2021	Q	974	Y	CAPI	EQ-VT 2.1	Y	cTTO	10	Heteroskedastic	DCE	7	CLM	Heteroskedastic
Mexico <sup>27</sup>	2021	St	1,000	Y	CAPI	EQ-VT 2.0	Y	cTTO	10	Heteroskedastic	—	—	—	Heteroskedastic
France <sup>9</sup>	2020	Q	1,048	Y	CAPI	EQ-VT 2.0	Y	cTTO	10	Tobit	DCE	7	CLM	Hybrid
Hungary <sup>48</sup>	2020	Q	1,000	—	CAPI	EQ-VT 2.1	Y	cTTO	10	Tobit	DCE	7	—	Tobit
Peru <sup>29</sup>	2020	St	1,000	Y	CAPI	EQ-VT 2.1	Y	cTTO	11	Tobit	DCE	34	ZBT	Tobit
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Ethiopia <sup>51</sup>	2019	St	1,048	Y	CAPI	EQ-PVT 2.1	Y	cTTO	10	OLS	DCE	7	CLM	Hybrid
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Ireland <sup>36</sup>	2018	St	1,160	Y	CAPI	EQ-VT 2.0	Y	cTTO	10	—	DCE	7	—	Hybrid
Malaysia <sup>49</sup>	2018	St	1,125	Y	CAPI	EQ-VT 2.0	Y	cTTO	10	Mixed effect	DCE	7	CLM	Hybrid
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Hong Kong <sup>52</sup>	2017	—	1,014	Y	CAPI	EQ-VT 2.0	Y	cTTO	10	Tobit	DCE	7	CLM	Hybrid
Indonesia <sup>46</sup>	2017	St	1,054	Y	CAPI	EQ-VT 2.0	Y	cTTO	10	Tobit	DCE	7	CLM	Hybrid
EQ-VT Version 1														
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Thailand <sup>44</sup>	2018	St	1,205	Y	CAPI	EQ-VT 1.1	Y	cTTO	10	Multilevel	DCE	7	CLM	Hybrid
China <sup>42</sup>	2017	Q	1,271	Y	CAPI	EQ-VT 1.0	—	cTTO	10	Nonlinear	DCE	—	—	Non-linear
England <sup>33</sup>	2017	R	912	Y	CAPI	EQ-VT 1.0	Re	cTTO	10	—	DCE	7	—	Hybrid
Canada <sup>53</sup>	2016	Q	1,073	—	CAPI	EQ-VT 1.0	—	cTTO + tTTO	10	Linear	—	—	—	Linear
Japan <sup>15</sup>	2016	St	1,026	Y	CAPI	EQ-VT 1.1	Y	cTTO	10	Linear mixed	DCE	7	CLM	Linear mixed
Korea <sup>38</sup>	2016	St	1,080	Y	CAPI	EQ-VT 1.1	Y	cTTO	10	Linear mixed	DCE	7	CLM	Linear mixed
Netherlands <sup>16</sup>	2016	St	992	Y	CAPI	EQ-VT 1.0	Re	cTTO	10	Tobit	DCE	7	CLM	Tobit
Uruguay <sup>30</sup>	2016	St	794	Y	CAPI	EQ-VT 1.1	Y	cTTO	10	Robust	DCE	7	—	Robust
Others														
New Zealand <sup>50</sup>	2020	Re	2,468	—	SAOS	—	Y	—	—	—	DCE ( PAPRIKA)	—	—	—
Sweden <sup>31d</sup>	2020	R	25,867	—	SAPS	—	—	TTO	1	OLS	—	—	—	OLS
US <sup>32</sup>	2018	Q	8,222	—	SAOS	—	—	—	—	—	DCE	20	ZBT	ZBT
Germany <sup>39d</sup>	2017	R	8,114	—	SAPS	N	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	GLM

Abbreviations. —, not used/unspecified/unclear; CAPI, face-to-face computer-assisted personal interviewing; CLM, conditional logit model; C/R represents choice/respondent; cTTO, composite time trade-off; DCE, discrete choice experiment; EB, experience based; EQ-PVT, EuroQol portable valuation technology; EQ-VT, EuroQol valuation technology; GLM, generalized linear model; HS, hypothetical state; LM, logit model; MLM, mixed logit model; OLS, ordinary least square; Q, respondent;

# How are Quality Adjusted Life-Years calculated?



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# Example 1

Health status	Utility scores
11111	$1-0-0-0-0-0 = 1$ (perfect health)
11112	$1-0-0-0-0-0.02046 = 0.97954$
23332	$1-0.03759-0.050781-0.03979-0.04704-0.02046 = 0.80434$

**Table 3** Cumulative decrements of utilities per dimension

**MOBILITY**  
 I have no problems in walking about  
 I have slight problems in walking about  
 I have moderate problems in walking about  
 I have severe problems in walking about  
 I am unable to walk about

**SELF-CARE**  
 I have no problems washing or dressing myself  
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**USUAL ACTIVITIES** (e.g. work, study, housework, family or leisure activities)  
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	MO	SC	UA	PD	AD
<i>Unweighted model</i>					
Level 2	0.0338811	0.0374599	0.0310561	0.0231809	0.0192951
Level 3	0.0433628	0.0494621	0.0367977	0.0487449	0.0484484
Level 4	0.1778412	0.1715431	0.1558802	0.2660137	0.2027724
Level 5	0.318512	0.2580992	0.2380036	0.4455017	0.261614
<i>Weighted model</i>					
Level 2	0.03759	0.03656	0.03313	0.02198	0.02046
Level 3	0.04774	0.050781	0.03979	0.04704	0.04683
Level 4	0.17949	0.172251	0.15689	0.26374	0.20005
Level 5	0.32509	0.258331	0.24005	0.44399	0.25803

*PD* pain and discomfort, *MO* mobility, *AD* anxiety/depression, *SC* self-care, *UA* usual activities

## Example 2

Suppose a 3-year clinical trial in which utility scores are as follow:

Mois	Scores patient i
0	0.873
3	0.921
6	0.669
9	0.6183
12	0.491
15	0.499
24	0.535
36	0.206

Calculate undiscounted QALYs

Calculate the QALYs discounted at the beginning of the period (discount rate  $r = 2.5\%$ )

$$\sum_t \frac{U_t}{(1+r)^t}$$

## Example 2

Months	Score patient i	undiscounted QALYs	QALYs discounted	
0	0.873			
3	0.921	0.22425		$0.22425 = (0.873 + 0.921) * 0.5 * (3/12)$
6	0.669	0.19875		
9	0.6183	0.16091		
12	0.491	0.13866		
QALY (year 1)		0.72258	0.70495	$0.70495 = 0.72258 / 1.025$
15	0.499	0.12375		
24	0.535	0.38775		$0.38775 = (0.499 + 0.535) * 0.5 * (9/12)$
QALY (year 2)		0.51150	0.48685	
36	0.206	0.37050		$0.337050 = (0.535 + 0.206) * 0.5 * (12/12)$
QALY (year 3)		0.37050	0.34405	$0.34405 = 0.37050 / (1.025)^2$
QALYs for patient i		1.60458	1.53585	$1.53585 = 1.60458 / (1.025)^3$

## Example 3

Survival	Health strategies	Utility score
8 years	dialysis at home	0.65

Question: a diagram and a number of QALYs when a patient gets an additional lifetime of 8 years through a dialysis at home (without discounting and with discounting)

5.2 QALY without discounting ( $8 \times 0.65$ )

4.66 QALY with discounting (2.5%)

$$4.66 = (0.65/1.025) + (0.65/1.025^2) + (0.65/1.025^3) + (0.65/1.025^4) + (0.65/1.025^5) + (0.65/1.025^6) + (0.65/1.025^7) + (0.65/1.025^8)$$



# How to assess the costs?

*Depending upon:*

- The type of health care programme(s) considered in the study. *Relevant alternatives should be not omitted!*
- The viewpoint of the study.

*A caregiver's point of view?*

*A payer's point of view?*

*The patient's point of view?*

*The societal point of view?*

- The duration of the cost tracking. *A relevant time period should be chosen.*

## Further questions about costs

Do not invest too much time and effort for small costs (*justify the elimination based for example on previous empirical work*).

Perform sensitivity analysis.

Adjust costs for differential timing (*formula to account for time preference, with  $r$  the real discount rate*).

$$\sum_t \frac{C_t}{(1+r)^t}$$

# Review of Diagnosis-Related Group-Based Financing of Hospital Care

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## Abstract

Since the 1990s, diagnosis-related group (DRG)-based payment systems were gradually introduced in many countries. The main design characteristics of a DRG-based payment system are an exhaustive patient case classification system (ie, the system of diagnosis-related groupings) and the payment formula, which is based on the base rate multiplied by a relative cost weight specific for each DRG. Cases within the same DRG code group are expected to undergo similar clinical evolution. Consecutively, they should incur the costs of diagnostics and treatment within a predefined scale. Such predictability was proven in a number of cost-of-illness studies conducted on major prosperity diseases alongside clinical trials on efficiency. This was the case with risky pregnancies, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes, depression, alcohol addiction, hepatitis, and cancer. This article presents experience of introduced DRG-based payments in countries of western and eastern Europe, Scandinavia, United States, Canada, and Australia. This article presents the results of few selected reviews and systematic reviews of the following evidence: published reports on health system reforms by World Health Organization, World Bank, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, Canadian Institute for Health Information, Canadian Health Services Research Foundation, and Centre for Health Economics University of York. Diverse payment systems have different strengths and weaknesses in relation to the various objectives. The advantages of the DRG payment system are reflected in the increased efficiency and transparency and reduced average length of stay. The disadvantage of DRG is creating financial incentives toward earlier hospital discharges. Occasionally, such policies are not in full accordance with the clinical benefit priorities.

## Keywords

DRG, payments systems, efficiency, managed care, hospital health services

Source: [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/303029934\\_Review\\_of\\_Diagnosis-Related\\_Group-Based\\_Financing\\_of\\_Hospital\\_Care](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/303029934_Review_of_Diagnosis-Related_Group-Based_Financing_of_Hospital_Care)



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Principales restitutions

- Coûts moyens des séjours/séances par GHM, CMD, sous-CMD et racine
- Coûts moyens des séjours/séances par GHS (groupes homogènes de séjours)
- Coûts des séances de dialyse financées par forfaits D (secteur ex-OQN)

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Année

2022 ▼

Type de financement

DGF ▼

Type d'activité

☒ coûts de l'activité financée en GHS ☐ coûts de l'activité financée en forfaits D

Choix du regroupement

\* Catégorie Majeure de Diagnostic (CMD)

Toutes les CMD ▼

\* sous-CMD

Toutes les sous-CMD ▼

\* Racine

Toutes les racines ▼

\* Groupe homogène de malade (GHM)

**TOTAL**  
CMD : 01 - Affections du système nerveux  
sous-CMD : 01C - Affections du système nerveux - Groupes chirurgicaux  
Racine : 01C03 - Craniotomies pour traumatisme, âge supérieur à 17 ans  
GHM : 01C031 - Craniotomies pour traumatisme, âge supérieur à 17 ans, niveau 1  
GHM : 01C032 - Craniotomies pour traumatisme, âge supérieur à 17 ans, niveau 2  
GHM : 01C033 - Craniotomies pour traumatisme, âge supérieur à 17 ans, niveau 3

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Données de coûts  
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Coûts décomposés par  
grands postes

Coûts décomposés  
détaillés

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moyen du GHM et  
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2022 par GHS

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détaillés

Caractéristiques  
statistiques du coût  
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Références nationales

Données 2022 sur  
les UO

Consommation d'UO par  
GHM

Consommation d'UO par  
GHS

CM	sous CN	raci	GHM v202	Libellé GHM	Coût modifié (*)	Nombre de séjours ENC 2022	Coût complet hors structur	Dépenses cliniques
17	17K	17K04	17K041	Autres irradiations, niveau 1		829	4084	458
17	17K	17K04	17K042	Autres irradiations, niveau 2		134	7006	3516
17	17K	17K04	17K043	Autres irradiations, niveau 3		99	10766	5877
17	17K	17K04	17K044	Autres irradiations, niveau 4		31	20841	11652
17	17K	17K04	TOTAL	Autres irradiations		1093	4809	1065
17	17K	17K09	17K091	Irradiations internes, niveau 1		2203	9369	906
17	17K	17K09	17K092	Irradiations internes, niveau 2	*	30	10317	2915

CM	sous CN	raci	GHM v202	Libellé GHM	Coût modifié (*)	Nombre de séjours ENC 2022	Coût complet hors structur	Dépenses cliniques
28	28Z	28Z19	28Z19Z	Préparations à une irradiation externe par RCMI ou techniques spéciales		21385	1241	0
28	28Z	28Z19	TOTAL	Préparations à une irradiation externe par RCMI ou techniques spéciales		21385	1241	0
28	28Z	28Z20	28Z20Z	Préparations à une irradiation externe avec dosimétrie tridimensionnelle avec HDV		5104	925	0
28	28Z	28Z20	TOTAL	Préparations à une irradiation externe avec dosimétrie tridimensionnelle avec HDV		5104	925	0
28	28Z	28Z21	28Z21Z	Préparations à une irradiation externe avec dosimétrie tridimensionnelle sans HDV		66	732	0
28	28Z	28Z21	TOTAL	Préparations à une irradiation externe avec dosimétrie tridimensionnelle sans HDV		66	732	0
28	28Z	28Z22	28Z22Z	Autres préparations à une irradiation externe		1192	168	1
28	28Z	28Z22	TOTAL	Autres préparations à une irradiation externe		1192	168	1
28	28Z	28Z23	28Z23Z	Techniques complexes d'irradiation externe avec repositionnement, en séances		83831	234	0
28	28Z	28Z23	TOTAL	Techniques complexes d'irradiation externe avec repositionnement, en séances		83831	234	0
28	28Z	28Z24	28Z24Z	Techniques complexes d'irradiation externe sans repositionnement, en séances		771	187	0

- Specific prescription rules have been developed for high cost drugs...

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# ...and medical devices

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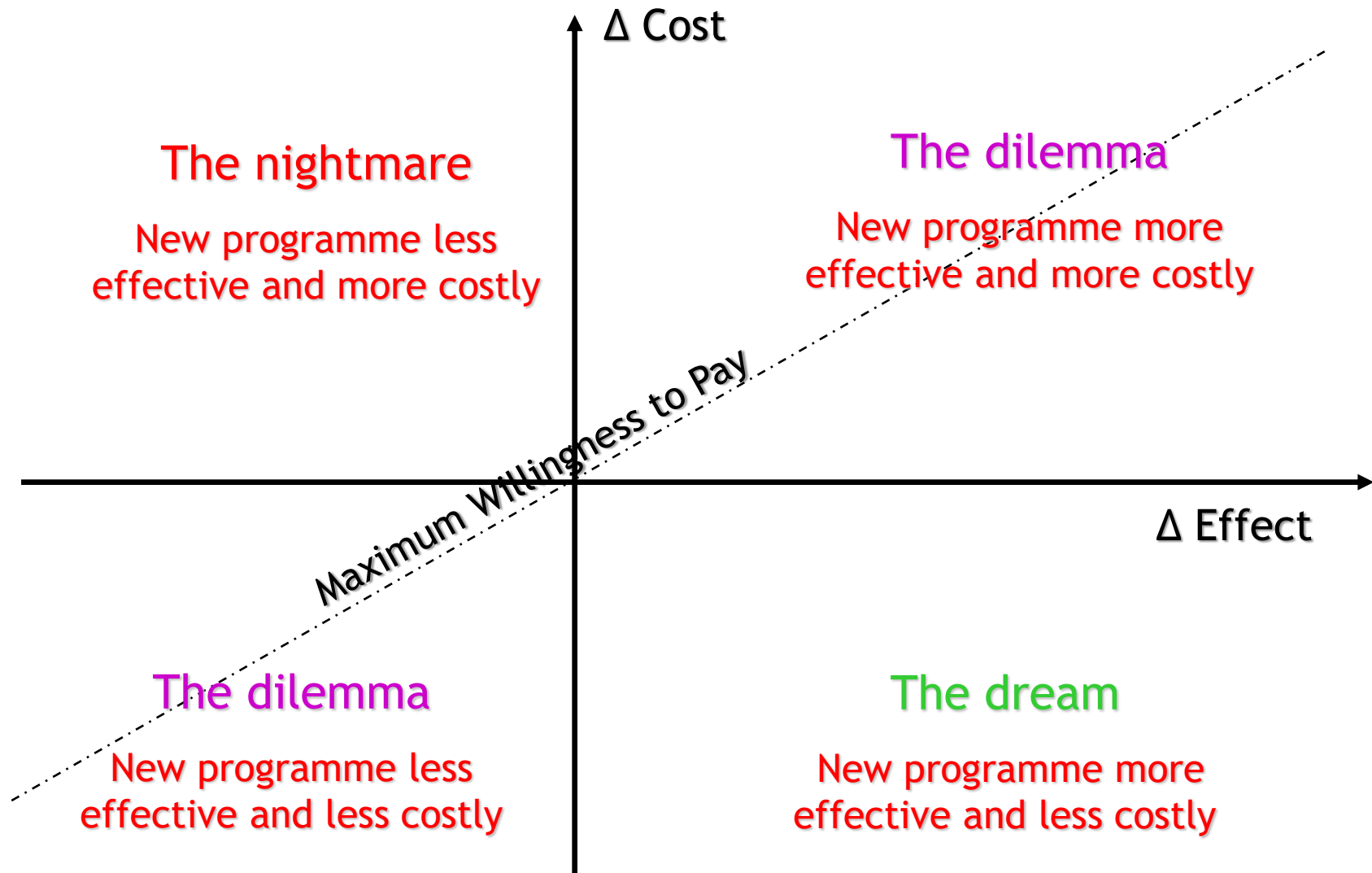
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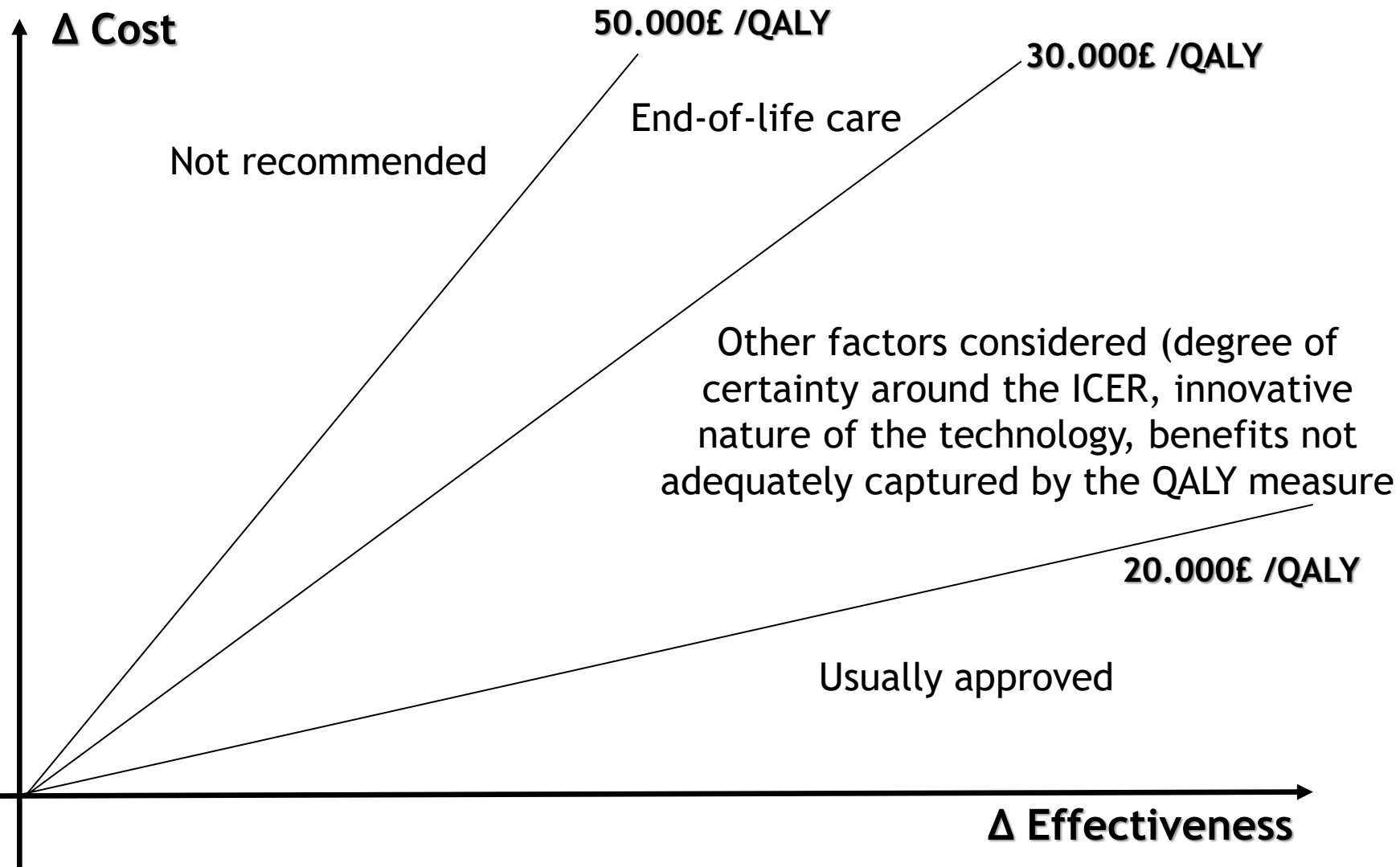
## The incremental cost-effectiveness ratio (ICER)

$$\frac{Cost_A - Cost_B}{Effect_A - Effect_B} = \frac{\Delta C}{\Delta E}$$

# The cost-effectiveness plane



# The cost per QALY : the international reference



## Exemple 6

New strategy	Average cost	£30,520
	Average QALYs	1.56
Standard strategy	Average cost	£22,858
	Average QALYs	1.44

1. Calculate the ICER  $\frac{Cost_A - Cost_B}{Effect_A - Effect_B} = \frac{\Delta C}{\Delta E}$  **£63,850**

2. Would the new strategy benefit from the NHS reimbursement in England **No £56,539 (>£30 000)**

	Incremental effectiveness (innovation versus standard)			
Incremental cost (innovation versus standard)		More	Same	Less
	More	7	4	2
	Same	3	9	5
	Less	1	6	8

- Strong dominance for decision ?      1 (accept) and 2 (reject)
- Weak dominance for decision ?   3 (accept) 4 (reject) 5 (reject) 6 (accept)
- Non-dominance ?      7 ? 8 ?

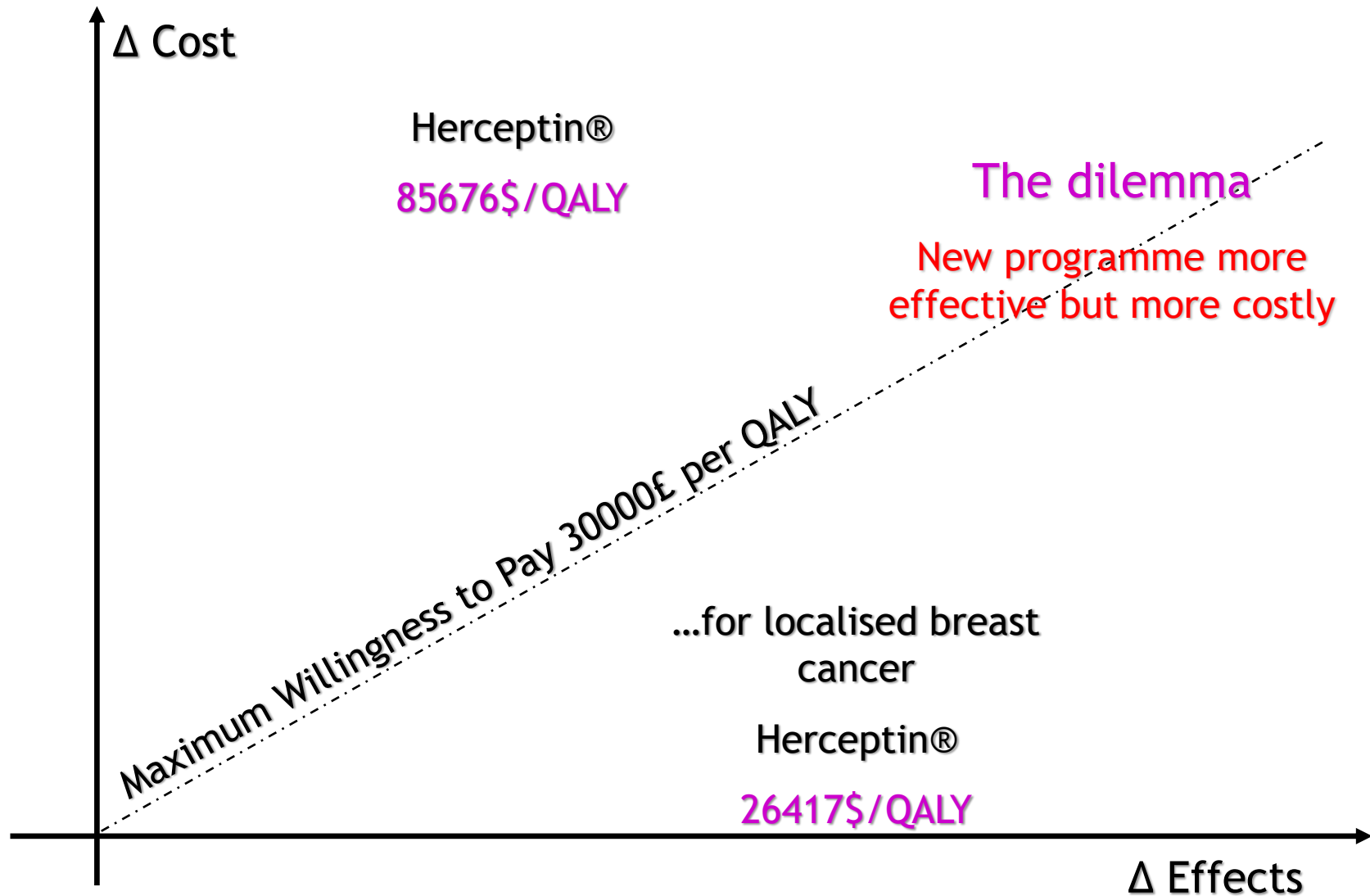
# Trastuzumab (Herceptin®) in breast cancer

	Localized breast cancers	Metastatic breast cancers
Total cost without trastuzumab	28 749\$	40 000\$
Total cost with trastuzumab	73 672\$	87 728\$
QALY without trastuzumab	10.08	0.7
QALY with trastuzumab	11.78	1.26
Δ Cost	44 923\$	47 728\$
Δ QALY	1.70	0.56
Extra cost/QALY ICER	<b>26 417\$</b>	<b>85 676\$</b>

Source: Garrison, Louis P.; Veenstra, David L. *The Economic Value of Innovative Treatments over the Product Life Cycle: The Case of Targeted Trastuzumab Therapy for Breast*

*Cancer. Value in Health 2009, 12(8):1118-1123.*

# Back to the cost-effectiveness plane





# A theory on ICER pricing and optimal levels of cost-effectiveness thresholds: a bargaining approach

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CETs used in HTA decision-making regulate the prices for new health technologies by setting the threshold for the maximum acceptable price. Pricing new medicines using this ICER-CET mechanism is part of a family of value-based pricing mechanisms (8, 9). We refer to this mechanism as ICER pricing where the developer prices the new health technology at the maximum price the CET

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# Pricing mechanisms

Cost per QALY  
(*England, Canada, Sweden*)

Determining the efficiency path to universal health coverage: cost-effectiveness thresholds for 174 countries based on growth in life expectancy and health expenditures

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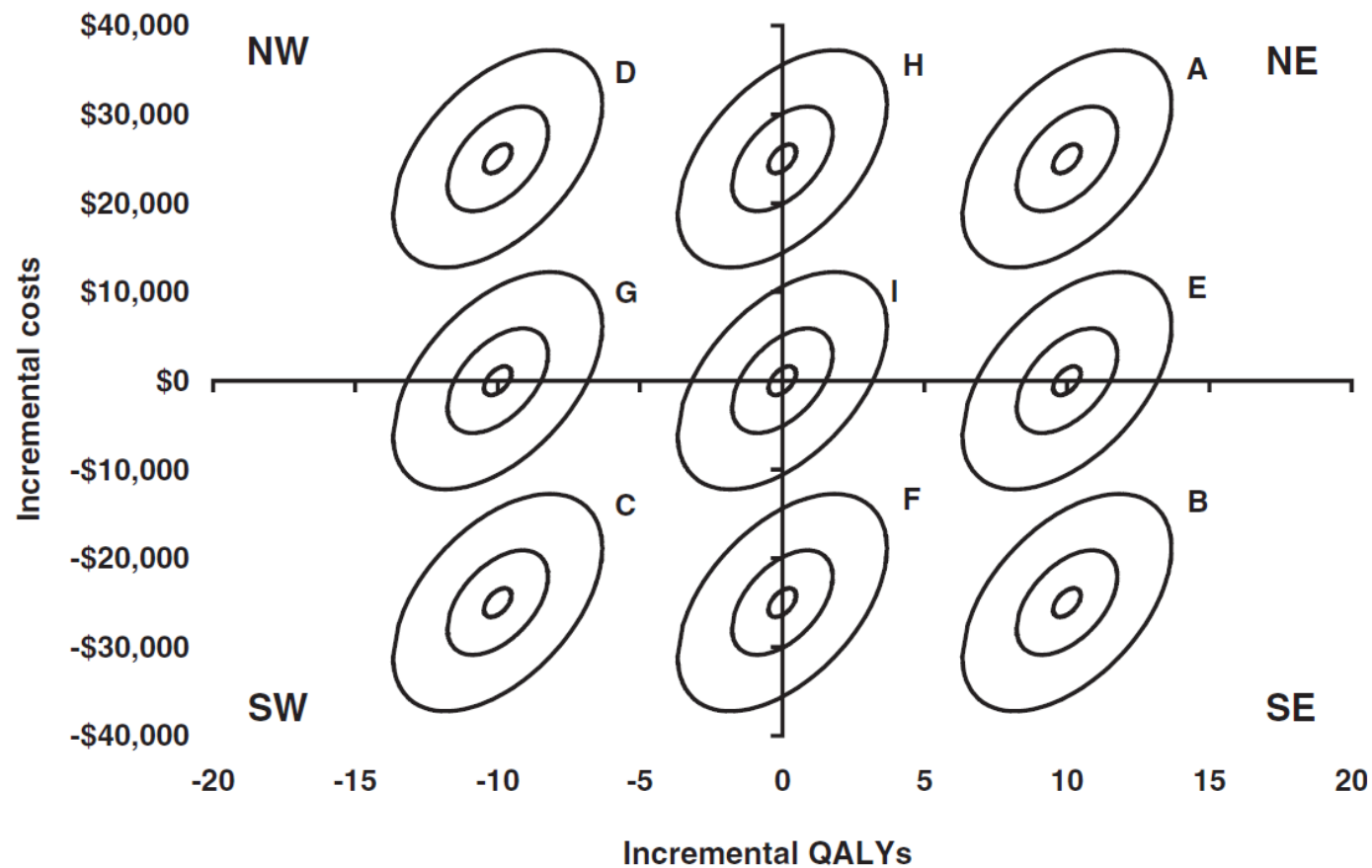
Budget driven (*Italy, Spain*)

Benefit assessment (*France, Germany*)

International reference pricing (*Switzerland*)

Market pricing (*USA*)

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Fenwick, E. and O'Brien, B.J. and Briggs, A. (2004) Cost-effectiveness acceptability curves - facts, fallacies and frequently asked questions. *Health Economics* 13(5):pp. 405-415.

# Consolidated Health Economic Evaluation Reporting Standards 2022 (CHEERS 2022) statement: updated reporting guidance for health economic evaluations

Don Husereau, Michael Drummond, Federico Augustovski, Esther de Bekker-Grob, Andrew H Briggs, Chris Carswell, Lisa Caulley, Nathorn Chaiyakunapruk, Dan Greenberg, Elizabeth Loder, Josephine Mauskopf, C Daniel Mullins, Stavros Petrou, Raoh-Fang Pwu, Sophie Staniszewska

Source: Husereau D, Drummond M, Augustovski F, de Bekker-Grob E, Briggs AH, Carswell C, Caulley L, Chaiyakunapruk N, Greenberg D, Loder E, Mauskopf J, Mullins CD, Petrou S, Pwu RF, Staniszewska S; CHEERS 2022 ISPOR Good Research Practices Task Force. Consolidated Health Economic Evaluation Reporting Standards 2022 (CHEERS 2022) Statement: Updated Reporting Guidance for Health Economic Evaluations. Value Health. 2022 Jan;25(1):3-9. doi: 10.1016/j.jval.2021.11.1351. PMID: 35031096.

**Table 1.** The CHEERS 2022 checklist.

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<b>Title</b>			
Title	1	Identify the study as an economic evaluation and specify the interventions being compared.	_____
<b>Abstract</b>			
Abstract	2	Provide a structured summary that highlights context, key methods, results, and alternative analyses.	_____
<b>Introduction</b>			
Background and objectives	3	Give the context for the study, the study question, and its practical relevance for decision making in policy or practice.	_____
<b>Methods</b>			
Health economic analysis plan	4	Indicate whether a health economic analysis plan was developed and where available.	_____
Study population	5	Describe characteristics of the study population (such as age range, demographics, socioeconomic, or clinical characteristics).	_____
Setting and location	6	Provide relevant contextual information that may influence findings.	_____
Comparators	7	Describe the interventions or strategies being compared and why chosen.	_____
Perspective	8	State the perspective(s) adopted by the study and why chosen.	_____
Time horizon	9	State the time horizon for the study and why appropriate.	_____
Discount rate	10	Report the discount rate(s) and reason chosen.	_____
Selection of outcomes	11	Describe what outcomes were used as the measure(s) of benefit(s) and harm(s).	_____
Measurement of outcomes	12	Describe how outcomes used to capture benefit(s) and harm(s) were measured.	_____
Valuation of outcomes	13	Describe the population and methods used to measure and value outcomes.	_____
Measurement and valuation of resources and costs	14	Describe how costs were valued.	_____

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- C. Effectiveness and costs assessment
- D. **Applications to advanced radiotherapy**

## Cost-effectiveness of proton beam therapy vs. conventional radiotherapy for patients with brain tumors in Sweden: results from a non-randomized prospective multicenter study

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### Abstract

**Background** This study assessed the cost-effectiveness of proton beam therapy (PBT) compared to conventional radiotherapy (CRT) for treating patients with brain tumors in Sweden.

**Methods** Data from a longitudinal non-randomized study performed between 2015 and 2020 was used, and included adult patients with brain tumors, followed during treatment and through a one-year follow-up. Clinical and demographic data were sourced from the longitudinal study and linked to Swedish national registers to get information on healthcare resource use. A cost-utility framework was used to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of PBT vs. CRT. Patients in PBT group ( $n = 310$ ) were matched with patients in CRT group ( $n = 40$ ) on relevant observables using propensity score matching with replacement. Costs were estimated from a healthcare perspective and included costs related to inpatient and specialized outpatient care, and prescribed medications. The health outcome was quality-adjusted life-years (QALYs), derived from the EORTC-QLQ-C30. Generalized linear models (GLM) and two-part models were used to estimate differences in costs and QALYs.

**Results** PBT yielded higher total costs, 14,639 US\$, than CRT, 13,308 US\$, with a difference of 1,372 US\$ (95% CI, -4,914–7,659) over a 58 weeks' time horizon. Further, PBT resulted in non-significantly lower QALYs, 0.746 compared to CRT, 0.774, with a difference of -0.049 (95% CI, -0.195–0.097). The probability of PBT being cost-effective was < 30% at any willingness to pay.

**Conclusions** These results suggest that PBT cannot be considered a cost-effective treatment for brain tumours, compared to CRT.

**Trial registration** Not applicable.

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## Methods

### Overview

In Sweden, a non-randomized non-blind longitudinal study from the ProtonCare project collected data of 350 patients, which were followed during their treatment for a brain tumor, and through a one-year follow-up period [30]. Of those, 310 patients received PBT, while

### Health outcomes

The primary outcome in this economic evaluation was the QALY, a composite measure encompassing both HRQoL and mortality (length of life). HRQoL was assessed by the European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC) QLQ-C30 questionnaire, an instrument designed to measure HRQoL in patients diagnosed with cancer [31]. It includes five

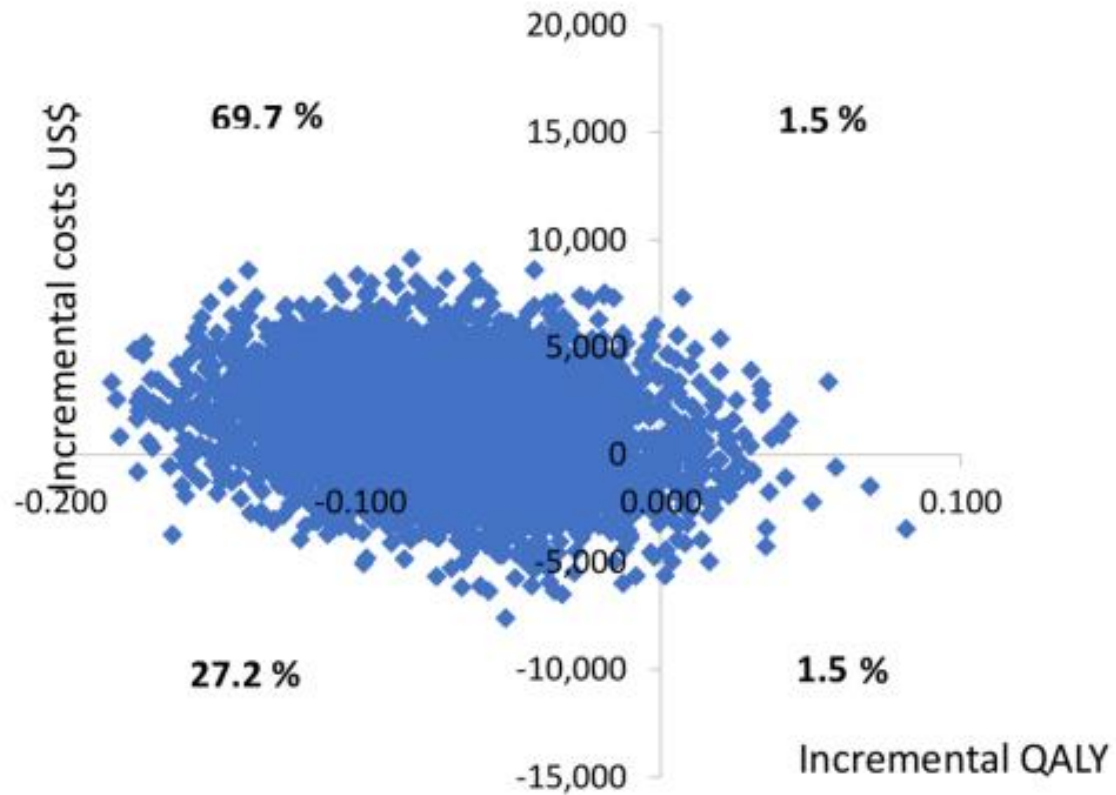
**Table 4** Cost-effectiveness results (costs in 2023 US\$)

	<b>Costs mean (95% CI)</b>	<b>QALY mean (95% CI)</b>	<b>Incremental costs mean (95% CI)</b>	<b>Incremental QALY mean (95% CI)</b>	<b>ICER</b>
PBT	14,639 (11,829– 17,449)	0.746 (0.685– 0.8074)	1,372 (-4,914– 7,659)	-0.049 (-0.195– 0.097)	Dominated
CRT	13,308 (8,111– 18,505)	0.774 (0.648– 0.901)			

*Abbreviations* PBT – Proton beam therapy, CRT – Conventional radiotherapy, ICER – Incremental cost effectiveness ratio, QALY – Quality adjusted life year

Dominated means that PBT is more costly and yields less QALYs than CRT

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**Fig. 1** Cost Effectiveness plane PBT vs. CRT

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# Cost-effectiveness of proton radiotherapy versus photon radiotherapy for non-small cell lung cancer patients: Exploring the model-based approach

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## A B S T R A C T

**Introduction:** Proton radiotherapy (PT) is a promising but more expensive strategy than photon radiotherapy (XRT) for the treatment of non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC). PT is probably not cost-effective for all patients. Therefore, patients can be selected using normal tissue complication probability (NTCP) models with predefined criteria. This study aimed to explore the cost-effectiveness of three treatment strategies for patients with stage III NSCLC: 1. *photon radiotherapy for all patients* ( $XRT_{All}$ ); 2. *PT for all patients* ( $PT_{All}$ ); 3. *PT for selected patients* ( $PT_{Individualized}$ ).

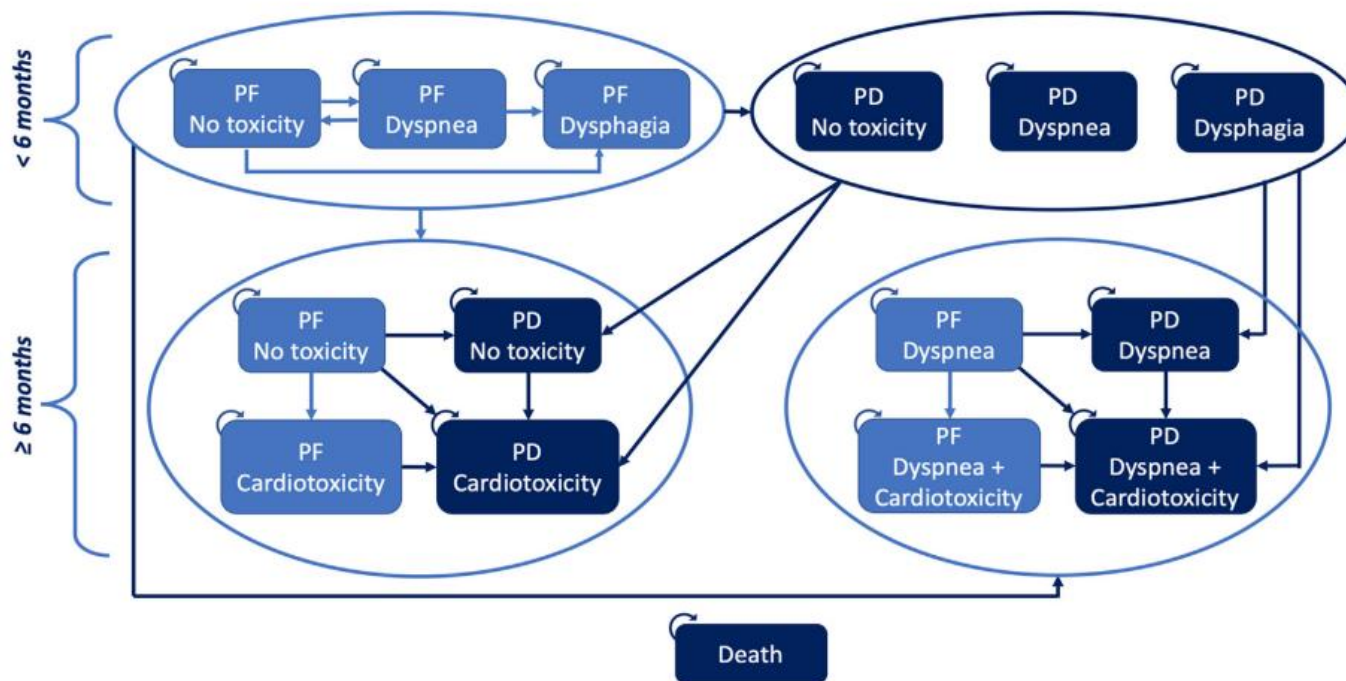
**Methods:** A decision-analytical model was constructed to estimate and compare costs and QALYs of all strategies. Three radiation-related toxicities were included: dyspnea, dysphagia and cardiotoxicity. Costs and QALYs were incorporated for grade 2 and  $\geq 3$  toxicities separately. Incremental Cost-Effectiveness Ratios (ICERs) were calculated and compared to a threshold value of €80,000. Additionally, scenario, sensitivity and value of information analyses were performed.

**Results:**  $PT_{All}$  yielded most QALYs, but was also most expensive.  $XRT_{All}$  was the least effective and least expensive strategy, and the most cost-effective strategy. For thresholds higher than €163,467 per QALY gained,  $PT_{Individualized}$  was cost-effective. When assuming equal minutes per fraction (15 minutes) for PT and XRT,  $PT_{Individualized}$  was considered the most cost-effective strategy (ICER: €76,299).

**Conclusion:** Currently, PT is not cost-effective for all patients, nor for patient selected on the current NTCP models used in the Dutch indication protocol. However, with improved clinical experience, personnel and treatment costs of PT can decrease over time, which potentially leads to  $PT_{Individualized}$ , with optimal patient selection, will becoming a cost-effective strategy.

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The state-transition model was constructed using cohort simulation and adopted a cycle length of three months. According to the Dutch health economic guidelines, a life-time time horizon, a societal perspective and a discount rate of 4.0 % for costs and 1.5 % for

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**Table 5**

Results of probabilistic sensitivity analyses (Sorted by costs).

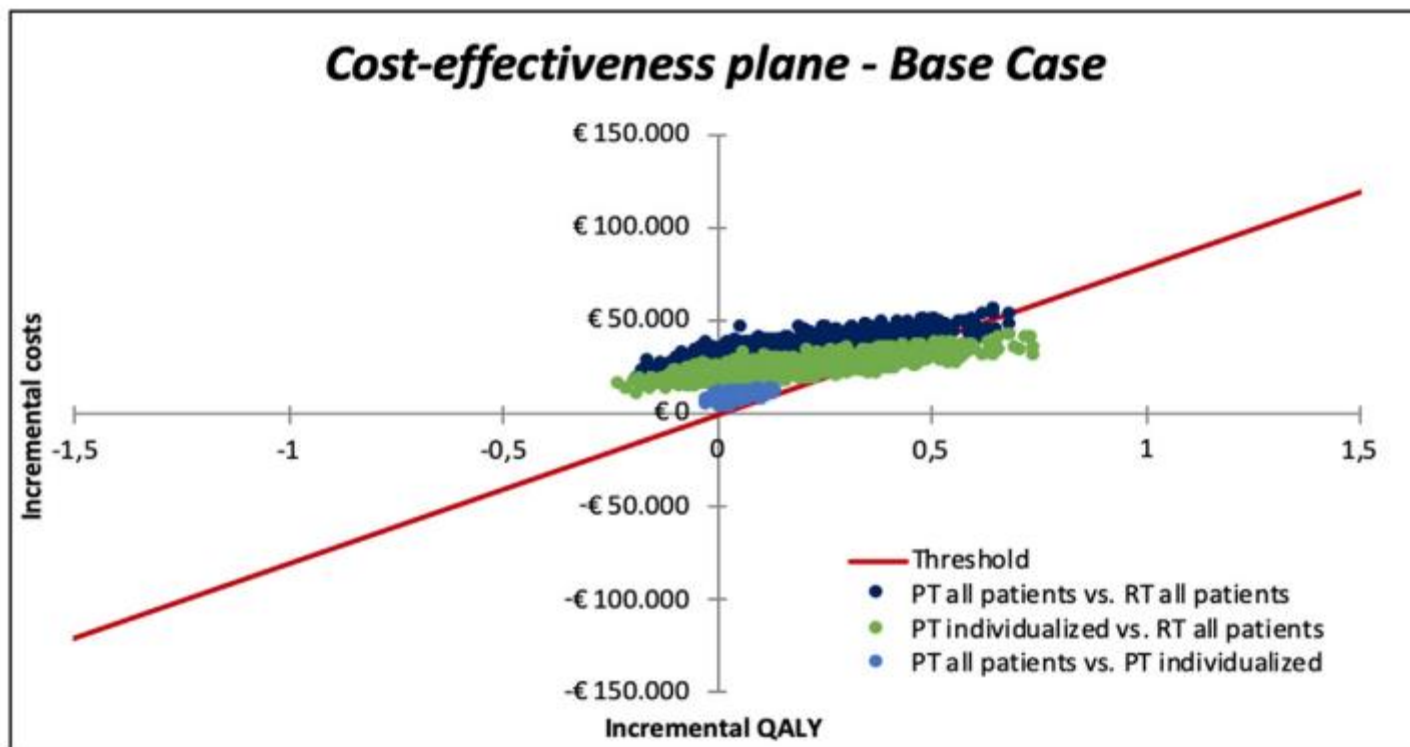
<i>Analysis</i>	<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Costs</i>	<i>Compared with XRT For all patients</i>				<i>Compared with next best</i>	
			<i>QALY</i>	<i>NMB</i>	<i>ΔCosts</i>	<i>ΔQALY</i>	<i>ICER</i>	<i>ICER</i>
<b>Base Case</b>	<i>XRT<sub>All</sub></i>	€45,912	1,769	€95,627	-	-	-	-
	<i>PT<sub>individualized</sub></i>	€70,866	1,922	€82,885	€24,954	0,153	€163,467	€163,467
	<i>PT<sub>All</sub></i>	€79,695	1,951	€76,400	€33,783	0,182	€185,673	€301,396
<b>Healthcare perspective</b>	<i>XRT<sub>All</sub></i>	€41,231	1,769	€100,289	-	-	-	-
	<i>PT<sub>individualized</sub></i>	€61,726	1,922	€92,034	€20,495	0,153	€134,256	€134,256
	<i>PT<sub>All</sub></i>	€68,904	1,951	€87,176	€27,673	0,182	€152,094	€245,053
<b>Excluding productivity losses PT</b>	<i>XRT<sub>All</sub></i>	€41,912	1,769	€95,608	-	-	-	-
	<i>PT<sub>individualized</sub></i>	€69,662	1,922	€84,098	€23,750	0,153	€155,582	€155,582
	<i>PT<sub>All</sub></i>	€78,023	1,951	€78,057	€32,111	0,181	€176,485	€285,415
<b>Equal minutes per fraction</b>	<i>XRT<sub>All</sub></i>	€45,410	1,753	€97,794	-	-	-	-
	<i>PT<sub>individualized</sub></i>	€57,416	1,910	€95,376	€12,007	0,157	€76,299	€76,299
	<i>PT<sub>All</sub></i>	€61,189	1,940	€94,023	€15,780	0,188	€84,106	€124,719

QALY = Quality Adjusted Life Years.

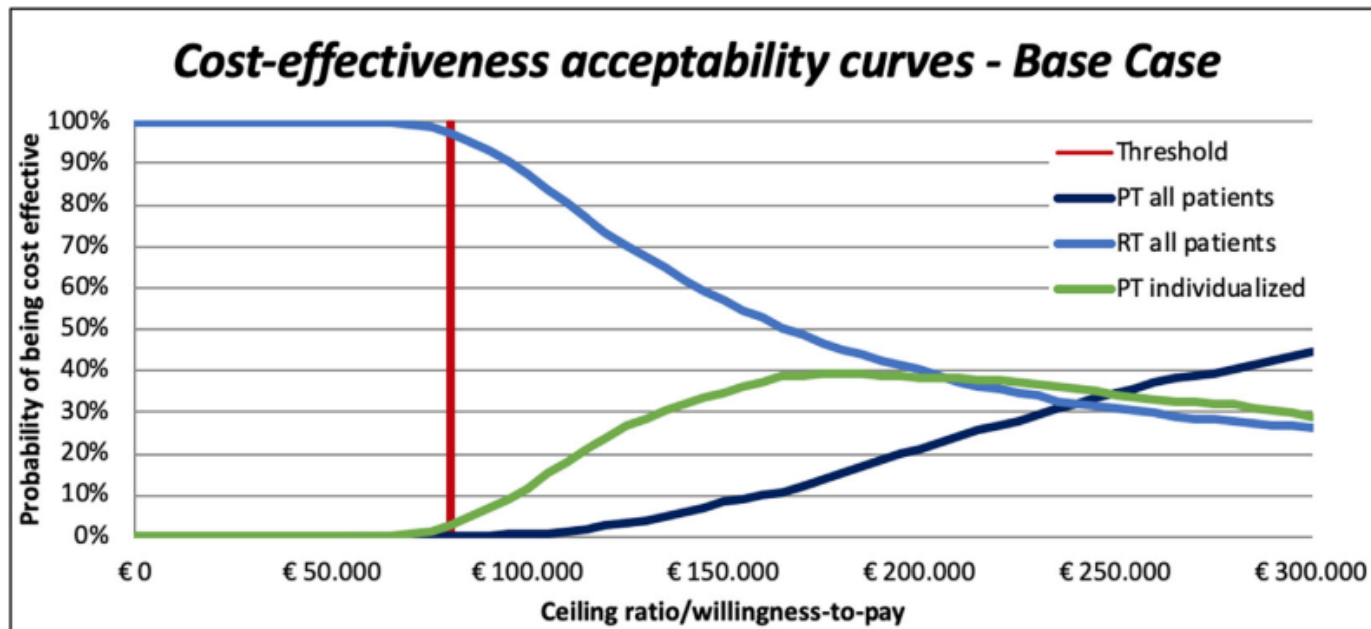
NBM = Net Monetary Benefit.

ICER = Incremental Cost Effectiveness Ratio.

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**Fig. G1.** CE plane: Base case analysis.



**Fig. G2.** CEAC: Base case analysis.

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