

Session 6: Guidelines to conducting quality economic evaluation

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Health Economic Impact Studies for Translation

Why set standards in cost or cost-effectiveness?

- Improving the nature and extent of use of cost data:
 - Systematic reviews of costs suggest a wide variety of costing methods and metrics
 - Poor quality may lead to poor decisions - but how to judge poor quality
- Improving the production of cost data
 - Inefficiency – what is important?
 - Limited use of current guidelines
 - Limited capacity in costing

What do we want to achieve?

Two characteristics of a good estimate:

- Precision
- Accuracy

But how accurate and precise is good enough?

- Depends on the decision to be made using the cost

Other characteristics

Generalisability

- Can we apply the cost to other settings?
- *More important to be relevant to context?*

Comparability

- Are cost estimates comparable with on another?
- *Standards or standardisation?*

The 'reference case' approach

1. Set of 'acceptable' principles
2. Methodological guidance on how to achieve those principles (theory and evidence based)
3. Standardisation for specific interventions with additional guidance where available
4. Reporting standards

Resources to improve economic evaluation in LMIC

- Reference case approach
 - iDSi Economic Evaluation for Global Health
 - Global Health Cost Consortium (GHCC)
Reference Cases for Global Health Costing
 - Harvard Benefit Cost analysis guidelines– any sector (agriculture, health, education)
- Published literature
 - Search on your topic – email HEIST
 - General guidance

Guidance: Economic Evaluation

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- Ramsey et a. “Good Research Practices for CEA Alongside Clinical Trials: The ISPOR RCT-CEA Task Force Report. *Value in Health*. Vol 8(5). 2005. pp. 521-533

Guidance: Costing

- Vassall et al. GHCC Reference Case for Global Health Costing, Version 3, unpublished, 2017 online at <https://ghcosting.org/>
- Creese, Andrew, and David Parker. *Cost Analysis in Primary Health Care. A Training Manual for Programme Managers*. WHO Publications Center USA, 49 Sheridan Avenue, Albany, NY 12210, 1994.

Other sources

Costing concepts (YouTube videos)

- Purpose and short/long run: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sPQ4bvTJNTA>;
- Depreciation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OrBNusmnDxQ>;
- Opportunity cost: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hR5E7Y4Dxuc>;
- Sampling bias: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p52Nep7CBdQ>

Guidelines

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Reference Case
Sources section:

ghcosting.org/pages/standards/sources/rc_references

The RC Checklist

https://ghcosting.org/pages/standards/appendices/principles_and_methods_reporting_checklist

The RC Glossary

<https://ghcosting.org/pages/standards/glossary>

GHCC Cost Estimate Methods Reporting Checklist

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| Explain the study design: | <input type="checkbox"/> BE TRANSPARENT | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Describe the purpose and intervention | Outline the methods to: | Present the analysis: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Justify the perspective | <input type="checkbox"/> Determine the scope of inputs | <input type="checkbox"/> Examine differences in cost |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Define the type of cost | <input type="checkbox"/> Measure resource use | <input type="checkbox"/> Explore cost functions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Identify the 'units' | <input type="checkbox"/> Measure 'units' | <input type="checkbox"/> Outline uncertainty |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Determine the time horizon | <input type="checkbox"/> Sample the costing sites | <input type="checkbox"/> Report costs, quantities, and prices |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Time data collection | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Identify price data sources | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Value capital inputs | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Use shadow prices | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Discount, inflate, and convert prices | |

Glossary

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Capital costs are one-time costs for items that have a useful life of over one year – such as buildings, vehicles or medical equipment.

Cost is a general term that refers to the value of resources/inputs used to produce a good or service. This can refer to financial, economic, unit or average, or other types of costs depending on the ingredients included (see below). Costs may be incurred by health care providers



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