

Study design

1. Was the issue of research defined in a well answerable form?
2. Was the economic relevance of the research stated?
3. Was the medical context described well?
4. Were the perspectives of the study clearly described and justified?
5. Was the type of economic evaluation defined?
6. Was the valuation method stated (top-down, bottom-up, prevalence-based, incidence-based)?

Population

7. Was the study population described in detail?
8. Was the method of data acquisition explained (including evaluation of health states and further benefits)?
9. In case of estimations from subgroups, were the subgroups defined clearly in the beginning of the study?

Definition and specification of cost data

10. Were sources of data for consumption of resources exposed?
11. Was a justification stated for the selection of data sources?
12. Were all relevant (relating to the present issue of research) cost units identified?
13. Was the quantity of consumption and relevant prices mentioned separately?
14. Was the source of all relevant cost units exposed?
15. Were costs valued appropriately?
16. Were currencies and prices specified?
17. Were currency translations and price adjustments stated in detail?
18. Were price adjustments for inflation and deflation conducted adequately?
19. Is the year of currency declared?
20. Were economic productivity changes stated separately?
21. Were the changes in economic productivity changes discussed referred to the issue of research?
22. Is the data for productivity losses implicated correctly into the analysis?

Limitations

23. Were limitations stated and discussed?
24. Is the quality of data discussed critically?
25. Are biases described and discussed in manner and degree?