

Centre for Health Economics

Seminar Series

'Review of Australian Economic Evaluation in Health: What can we say about cost-effectiveness? Time to look at the bigger picture'

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There is an increasing body of published health economic evaluations which can be used to inform priority setting in health. We sought to draw this material together to make it accessible to policy makers. In the process we sought to establish if any simple generalisations emerged in terms of type of health care interventions/population target that appear to be more or less cost-effective than others, that could provide a simple guide to health care decision making. Through a comprehensive literature review we have identified 245 Australian-based cost-effectiveness analyses of health care interventions. The studies have been carefully reviewed for quality and key data extracted; specifically cost/QALY/LY/DALY, target/patient characteristics, intervention characteristics (such as prevention stage, objective, and modality), methodology and funding. Results and possible interpretations will be presented.

Presenter

Kim is a Research Fellow who has been working at the Centre for Health Economics since September 2003. Her work has involved reviewing evidence and conducting cost effectiveness/utility analyses of a number of lifestyle interventions for physical inactivity and poor nutrition. She has previously worked in the areas of epidemiology, evidence based medicine, systematic review, health technology assessment and economic evaluation with appointments at the Monash Institute of Health Services Research (Monash Medical Centre, Melbourne) and the Clinical Epidemiology and Health Outcomes Centre (Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Adelaide). She also spent 18 months working in the UK writing health technology assessments for the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE). She completed her Masters in Health Economics with Curtin University in 2005.

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