

ECONOMIC STUDY

Are the results valid?

Did the recommendations consider all relevant patient groups, management options, and possible outcomes?

- Are the results valid?
- Did investigators adopt a sufficiently broad viewpoint?
- Are results reported separately for relevant patient subgroups?

Is there a systematic review and summary of evidence linking options to outcomes for each relevant question?

- Were costs measured accurately?
- Did investigators consider the timing of costs and consequences?

What are the results?

- What were the incremental costs and effects of each strategy?
- Do incremental costs and effects differ between subgroups?
- How much does allowance for uncertainty change the results?

How can I apply the results to patient care?

- Are the treatment benefits worth the risks and costs?
- Can I expect similar costs in my setting?