

Reference Case Guidelines for Benefit-Cost Analysis

October 22, 2019 Workshop

8:30 am – 5:00 pm

NEW LOCATION:

Eaton Hotel
1201 K St NW
Washington, DC 20005

Presenters

Maureen Cropper, University of Maryland
James K. Hammitt, Harvard University
Mark Radin, University of North Carolina
Lisa A. Robinson, Harvard University
Thomas Wilkinson, University of Cape Town and the World Bank
David Wilson, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Overview

This workshop provides an opportunity to learn more about new reference case guidance for conducting benefit-cost analysis, including case study examples. It covers the underlying concepts, approaches for valuing changes in health and longevity, and practical implementation.

Benefit-cost analysis is a powerful tool for supporting evidence-based decision-making, both within and outside of the healthcare sector. The reference case guidance, developed with support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, is designed to increase the comparability of these analyses, improve their quality, and expand their use. It supplements the [iDSI Reference Case](#), which provides general guidance for economic evaluation as well as guidance for conducting cost-effectiveness analysis. While the benefit-cost analysis guidance focuses on investments in low- and middle-income countries, it is also useful when assessing policies to be implemented in higher-income settings. More information on the project is provided [here](#).

Preliminary Agenda (subject to change)

The workshop includes a series of short presentations and substantial opportunity for questions and discussion. Prior to the workshop, registrants will receive a set of optional background readings and references for additional information. There is no charge for attendance, but you must pre-register [here](#). Space is limited.

8:30 – 9:00	Registration and breakfast
9:00 – 9:15	Introductions and Agenda (Lisa A. Robinson)
9:15 – 9:45	Reference Case Purpose and Goals (David Wilson)
9:45 – 10:45	General Framework (Lisa A. Robinson)
10:45 – 11:15	Break
11:15 – 12:15	Valuing Health and Longevity (James K. Hammitt)
12:15 – 1:45	Lunch
1:45 – 2:30	Air Pollution Case Study (Maureen Cropper)
2:30 – 3:15	Tuberculosis Case Study (Thomas Wilkinson)
3:15 – 3:45	Break
3:45 – 4:30	Sanitation Case Study (Mark Radin)
4:30 – 5:00	Open Discussion: Key Challenges and Next Steps