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Credibility of Corporate Health Economics

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Professor **G.-Erik Trott**, M.D., Ph.D.



- **Normative Analysis**
 - Normative Health Economics and “Empirical Ethics”
 - Evaluation Principles for Ultra-Rare Disorders
- **Health Care Policy Analysis**
 - Pharmaceutical Market Regulation
 - “Appraising the Appraisers”
- **Health Technology Assessments**
 - Systematic Reviews and Value Assessments
 - Swiss HTA Consensus Project
- **Applied Health Economics**
 - Cost Effectiveness Evaluations
 - Health Economic Methods Development
- **Health Care Utilization Research**
 - Administrative Database (Nordbaden / Germany)
- **Strategic Consulting & Executive Education**
 - Strategic Consulting
 - Market Access Master Class
 - Heidelberg Health Economics Summer School



Measures of efficiency in healthcare: QALMs about QALYs?

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Summary

Comparative economic evaluations are concerned with the relative efficiency of alternative uses for scarce resources. Cost-benefit analysis (CBA) is grounded in economic welfare theory and attempts to identify alternatives with a net social benefit, measuring the created value in terms of individual willingness to pay (WTP). In applied health economics, cost-effectiveness evaluation (CEA) is more widely used than CBA, adopting a modified efficiency criterion, minimization of incremental costs per quality-adjusted life year (QALY) gained ("cost-utility analysis," CUA).

CBA has been greeted with skepticism in the health policy field, primarily owing to resistance to a monetary measure of benefit and owing to concerns that WTP may be unduly influenced by ability to pay. The move to CUA, however, has not

been without problems. The framework deviates from economic theory in important aspects and rests on a set of highly restrictive assumptions, some of which must be considered as empirically falsified. Results of CUAs do not seem to be aligned with well-documented social preferences and the needs of healthcare policy makers acting on behalf of society. By implication, there is reason to assume that a context-independent value of a QALY does not exist, with potentially fatal consequences for any attempt to interpret CUAs in a normative way. Policy makers seem well advised to retain a pragmatic attitude towards the results of CUAs, while health economists should pay more attention to the further development of promising alternative evaluation paradigms as opposed to the application of algorithms grounded in poor theory.

Key words: efficiency, cost-benefit analysis, cost-effectiveness analysis, cost-utility analysis, willingness to pay, quality-adjusted life year (QALY)



Evaluation Principles for Ultra-Rare Disorders



International Expert Consensus

"DETERMINING THE VALUE OF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES
TO TREAT ULTRA-RARE DISORDERS (URDs)"

CONSENSUS STATEMENT

based upon an International Expert Workshop
held in
Berlin / Germany, November 08, 2012

Final Version of July 19, 2013

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Disclaimer:

This document summarizes the consensus emerging from debate during the workshop as well as an exchange of thoughts on two preliminary versions describing the results of the workshop. It does not necessarily represent in detail the individual views of its authors. The final version of the document was completed by July 19, 2013.



Incremental Cost per Quality-Adjusted Life Year Gained?

The Need for Alternative Methods to Evaluate
Medical Interventions for Ultra-Rare Disorders

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Oriol de Solà-Morales, Keith Tolley, and Mondher Toumi

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Value in Health 18 (7), November 2013: A324
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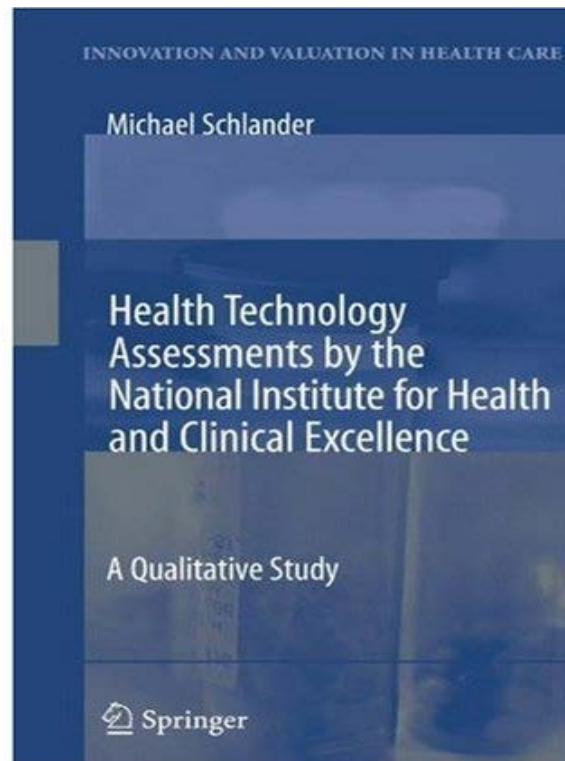
Market Access and Regulatory Context

Quotes from the Introduction:

Results of Health Technology Assessments (HTAs) have become increasingly relevant to health care policy makers worldwide.

The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) in London, England, is widely regarded as a role model for the implementation of HTAs, incorporating economic evaluation based on the logic of cost-effectiveness.

However, international health care policy makers contemplating to adopt NICE-like approaches appear well advised to consider both strengths and limitations of the NICE approach, in addition to the specific value judgments underlying NICE technology appraisals, which they may or may not share.



M. Schlander: *Health Technology Assessments by the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence: A Qualitative Study*.

New York, NY: Springer Science and Business Media, 2008

Health Care Policy Analysis: “Appraising the Appraisers”



House of Commons
Health Committee

National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE)

Written evidence

Ordered by The House of Commons
to be printed 26 April 2007

Expert Report on National Institute
for Health and Clinical Excellence,
NICE, London / England



M. Schlander: *House of Commons Health Committee Inquiry into aspects of the work of the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence. Evidence submitted by the Institute for Innovation & Valuation in Health Care.* In: House of Commons Health Committee (ed.): National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) – Written Evidence. Published on 17 May 2007 by authority of the House of Commons: London, The Stationery Office, pp. 118-122.

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Briefing Document

Comparative Effectiveness Programs:

A Global Perspective: Discussing Germany and the UK

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Review of IQWiG Pilot Cost-Benefit Study

Zusammenfassende Würdigung (Studienauftrag)

1. Der Endbericht adressiert eine – abweichend vom Auftrag¹ – selbst definierte Forschungsfrage.
2. Der vorliegende Endbericht vom 20. Mai 2009 beinhaltet
 - a. eine unvollständige und nicht mängelfreie Bearbeitung der mit dem Auftrag gestellten Forschungsfrage(n), u.a. wegen fehlender Berücksichtigung von Komplikationen und eines sehr einfachen, nicht extrapolationsfähigen Markov-Modells, dessen Validität äußert zweifelhaft erscheint
 - b.
3. Die mit dem Endbericht aufgeworfenen Fragen können nicht schon deshalb als irrelevant abgetan werden.



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Cost-Benefit Analysis for IQWiG

**Kosten-Nutzen-Bewertung von
Clopidogrel bei der peripheren
arteriellen Verschlusskrankheit
und beim akuten
Koronarsyndrom**

Berichtsplan

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Wirtschaftlichkeit im Gesundheitswesen



"VALUE & VALUATION OF HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES"

SCHWEIZER HTA-KONSENSUS-PROJEKT

ECKPUNKTE FÜR DIE WEITERENTWICKLUNG IN DER SCHWEIZ

Health Technology Assessment (HTA):
Systematische Bewertung medizinischer Interventionen
in der sozialen Krankenversicherung

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(Interpharma), Michael Schlander (Universität Heidelberg) und Peter Suter (SAMW)
unter Mitarbeit von Andreas Faller (BAG)

[projektbeteiligt im Beobachterstatus]



"VALUE & VALUATION OF HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES"

SWISS HTA CONSENSUS

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Objectives

Scope

A Broad Technology Focus
HTA at the National Level

Stakeholder Involvement

Governance and Process Development
Technology Assessments

Evaluation Criteria

Beyond Clinical Efficacy:
A Prior Normative Commitment
Social Preferences
Swiss "WZW" Criteria

Evidence of Clinical Effectiveness

Reasonable Evidence Expectations:
Expected Level of Evidence
Grading of Clinical Evidence

Economic Viability

Budgetary Impact
Technical and Allocative Efficiency
Setting Limits
Managing Uncertainty

Evolutionary Options

Research Needs
Methods Development



Applied Health Economics / Cost Effectiveness Analysis (The Example of ADHD)

Current Pharmaceutical Design, 2010, 16, 2443-2461**The Pharmaceutical Economics of Child Psychiatric Drug Treatment**Michael Schlander^{1-3,*}

Michael Schlander

Long-acting medications for the hyperkinetic disorders**A note on cost-effectiveness***European Child & Adolescent Psychiatry*
16 (7), 2007: 421-429**Treatment for ADHD: Is More Complex Treatment Cost-Effective for More Complex Cases?***E. Michael Foster, Peter S. Jensen, Michael Schlander, William E. Pelham Jr., Lily Hechtman, L. Eugene Arnold, James M. Swanson, and Timothy Wigal**Health Services Research*
42 (1), 2007: 165-182

HRQoL Multi-Instrument Comparison (MIC) Study

UNIVERSITÄT HEIDELBERG

**The Measurement of Health-Related Quality of Life (HRQoL)
First German Findings from the Multi-Instrument Comparison (MIC) Study**

Michael Schlander, Munir A. Khan, Angelo Iezz, Aimee Maxwell, Oliver Schwarz, Jeff Richardson

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The Measurement of HRQoL: First German Findings from the MIC Study

MIC Study: Linear Relationships

Pairwise geometric regression results (total, n=1,269):

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The Measurement of HRQoL: First German Findings from the MIC Study

MIC Study: Pearson Correlations with SF-36

Pearson correlation of MAU Instruments with SF-36 (total, n=1,269):

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MIC Study: Instrument Content

Correlation with SF-36 Mental Component Summary (MCS)
(total, n=1,269):

SF-36 and AQoL-4 are relatively more sensitive to psychosocial health.

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Health Care Utilization Research: The Nordbaden Project

July 07, 2013

European Society for Child
ESCAP
and Adolescent Psychiatry
15th International ESCAP Congress
Dublin, Ireland, July 06 - 10, 2013

ADHD: A Longitudinal Analysis (2003-2009) of Prevalence, Health Care, and Direct Cost based upon Administrative Data from Nordbaden / Germany

Michael Schlander¹, Oliver Schwarz², Götz-Erik Trott³, and Tobias Banaschewski¹

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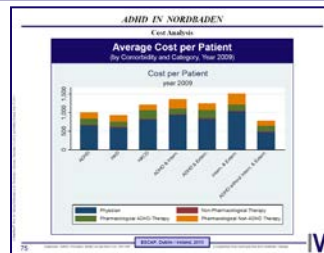
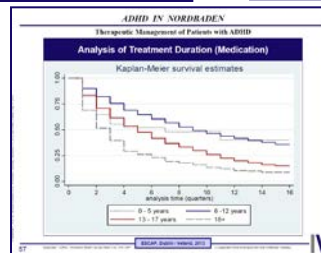
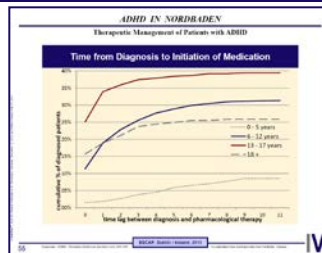
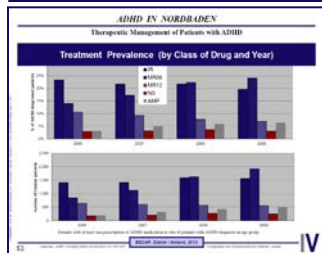
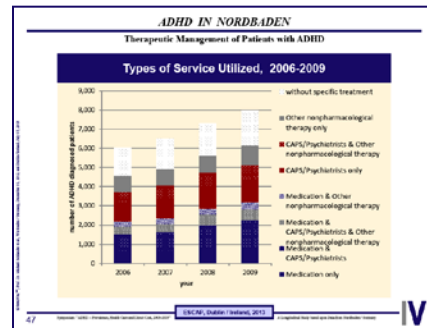
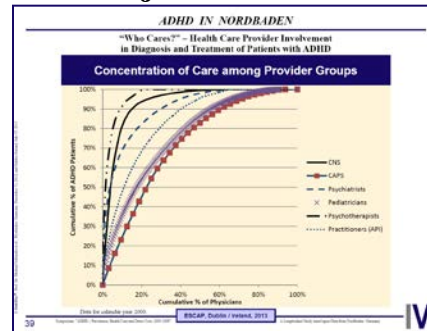
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Research Translation & Outreach

Strategic Consulting:

Health Economics
Market Access
Reimbursement
Value Identification
Value Demonstration
Comprehensive Value Dossiers
Value Communication
Pricing Policies

Executive Education:

*Heidelberg
Health Economics
Summer School*

*Market Access
Master Class
(in conjunction with LSE,
London School of Economics)*

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

A Strategic Role for CROs

External contractors are playing an increasingly significant role in the drug development process. But pharmaceutical companies need to learn how to use them to the greatest advantage.

PHARMACEUTICAL EXECUTIVE FEBRUARY 1994



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Health Economics Summer School

→ **Modeling in Theory and Practice**
(Workshop incl. Decision Analytic Software Training)
Heidelberg, 2006, 2007, 2008

→ **Current Concepts & Controversies**
and International HTA Experience
Heidelberg, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2015, 2016, ...

Economic Theory and Extrawelfarism; Normative
Issues; The Ethics of HTA; Focus on Due Process;
Measuring “Social” (Non-Selfish) Preferences

Experience: Australia (PBAC), Canada (CDR),
USA (Academy of Managed Care), England (NICE),
Sweden (LFN), France (HAS), Germany (IQWiG), ...

→ Faculty incl. F. Breyer, M.J. Buxton, J.J. Caro, G. de
Pouvourville, S. Holm, P.G. Kanavos, P.J. Neumann,
E. Nord, U. Persson, J. Richardson, R. Viney, et al.





Credibility

**“How Leaders Gain and Lose It,
Why People Demand It”**

James M. Kouzes and Barry Z. Posner,
San Francisco: Jossey-Bass Publishers 1993

PERCEPTIONS & POLITICAL CLIMATE

Scandals (Non-Pharmaceuticals)

- ▢ Volkswagen Emissions Scandal (2015)
- ▢ FIFA Corruption Crisis (2015)
- ▢ Petrobras Corruption Scandal (2014)
- ▢ LIBOR Rigging Scandal (2012)
- ▢ Olympus Accounting Fraud (2011)
- ▢ Bernie Madoff's Ponzi Scheme (2008)
- ▢ WorldCom Accounting Scandal (2002)
- ▢ Enron Accounting Scandal (2001)



Scandals

“In the last three years, global **pharma giants** have paid fines to the tune of \$11 billion for **criminal wrongdoing**, including withholding safety data and promoting drugs for use, beyond any licensed condition.”¹



¹Source: <http://www.biospectrumasia.com/biospectrum/analysis/192973/worlds-big-pharma-frauds>



Reputation of the Pharmaceutical Industry: Some Big Scars (~2013)¹

- GSK China Bribery Scandal (2013)
- GSK / FDA \$3 billion Fraud Settlement (2013)
- Merck & Co. MMR / Mumps Vaccine Scandal (2013)
- Roche Medicine Safety Reporting System (2012)
- Pfizer's "Harmful Deceit" (2012)
- Abbott's "Unlawful Drug Promotion" (2012)
- Takeda accused of suppressing Actos safety data (2012)
- **John Le Carré's The Constant Gardener (2001):**
 - "Profits don't buy reforms.
They buy corrupt government officials and Swiss bank accounts."

¹<http://www.biospectrumasia.com/biospectrum/analysis/192973/worlds-big-pharma-frauds>



Cost of Interventions:

Median Costs per Year of New Anticancer Drugs (Germany)



Some New Anticancer Drugs¹

↵	Nilotinib (Tasigna[®])	€61,600
↵	Sunitinib (Sutent[®])	€50,920
↵	Cetuximab (Erbix[®])	€50,120
↵	Rituximab (MabThera[®])	€47,200
↵	Sorafenib (Nexavar[®])	€46,000
↵	Trastuzumab (Herceptin[®])	€38,200
↵	Bevacizumab (Avastin[®])	€37,200
↵	Imatinib (Glivec 400[®])	€36,400
↵	Erlotinib (Tarceva[®])	€31,080



Pricing of New Drugs (2014)



It's cheaper than a new liver.

“Lawmakers and private insurers (who also warn of Sovaldi-induced premium hikes) appear to worry that the price of Sovaldi, multiplied by the millions of Americans who now have hep C, places too heavy a financial burden on the health care system in the short-term. If it does, then the prospect of long-term savings has little appeal.”

<http://pointofcontroversy.com/2014/07/19/high-priced-hepatitis-c-drug-sovaldi/>

Recent Examples from the Media



The screenshot shows the Irish Examiner website. At the top is the logo and a navigation bar with categories like NEWS, SPORT, BUSINESS, etc. Below the navigation bar is a search bar and a 'go' button. The main headline is 'Small Biz Tool - Free' with a sub-headline 'Track social media posts & reviews for your biz & the competition.' Below this is a 'HOME > BUSINESS' breadcrumb. The main article is titled 'UK raps Pfizer over soaring drug price' by Ben Hirschler, dated Friday, August 07, 2015. The article text states: 'Britain's competition watchdog has accused Pfizer and Flynn Pharma of breaching UK and European law by ramping up the cost of an epilepsy drug, given to more than 50,000 British patients, by as much as 2,600%.' To the right of the article is a 'BREAKING STORIES' section with a headline about a '£68bn merger of beer giants "agreed in principle"'. Below the article is a car advertisement for the 2015 ELANTRA, highlighting 'BEST VALUE FROM PRICE TO PUMP.' and a price of '\$159 /mo. for 36 mos. lease*'. A 'LEARN MORE' button is also present.

<http://www.irisht Examiner.com/business/uk-raps-pfizer-over-soaring-drug-price-346857.html>



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Pharmaceuticals industry
Comment is free

The Guardian view on the NHS and soaring drugs prices

Editorial

The cancer drugs fund has become a way of escaping constraints carefully established by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/aug/11/guardian-view-nhs-soaring-drugs-prices>



Frequently forgotten:

**“Drugs
are part of health care ...
—
... the pharmaceutical
industry is **not**.”**

Heinz Redwood (1992)

Pharmaceutical Industry Profitability



“The spectacle of a drug company wringing its hands as a victim of government whilst proudly reporting ‘our 15th successive year of record profits’

is as zoologically bizarre as a cat sitting pretty in a mouse trap, quietly eating the cheese.”¹

¹Picture: “off the mark”, courtesy of Mark Parisi

²Heinz Redwood; “*The Dynamics of Drug Pricing and Reimbursement in the European Community*.” Richmond (1992)



CASE STUDY IN BRIEF: ORPHAN MEDICINAL PRODUCTS

International Orphan Drug Legislation

- USA: Orphan Drug Act (1983); Orphan Drug Regulation (1993)
- Japan: Orphan Drug Regulation (1993)
- Australia: Orphan Drug Policy (1997)
- European Union: Regulation CE No. 141/2000 (2000)

Some Measures:

- R&D grants, tax credits, protocol assistance, accelerated review, market exclusivity (USA, 7y; Japan and EU, 10y; Australia, 5y)

Some Definitions:

- USA: prevalence $< 7.5/10,000$ (i.e., $< 200,000$)
- Japan: prevalence $< 4/10,000$
- Australia: prevalence $< 1.1/10,000$
- European Union: prevalence $< 5/10,000$
- England / Wales: “ultra-orphan” disorders, prevalence $< 1/50,000$



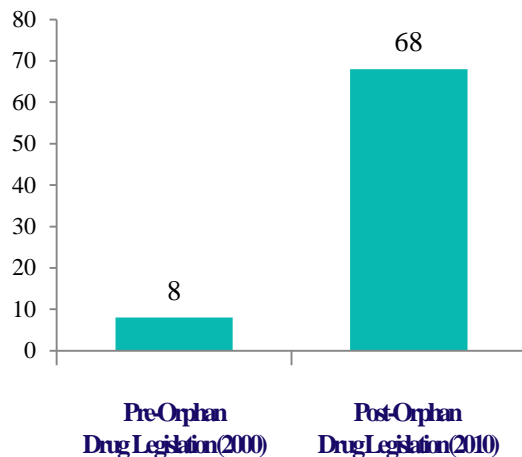
Case Study: Drugs for Rare and Ultra-Rare Disorders

EU Orphan Drug Regulation

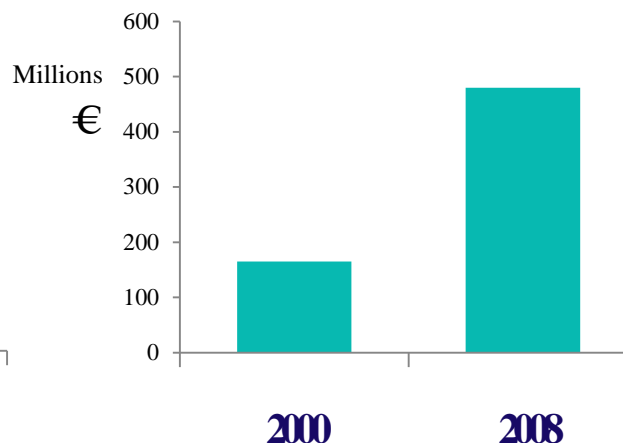


Impact on Research & Development

No. of Drugs for rare diseases receiving marketing authorization in Europe



European investment in orphan drug R&D, 2000 and 2008



Source: Office of Health Economics (OHE). *Assessment of the Impact of OMPs on the European Economy and Society. Consulting Report November 2010.*

Available at <http://www.ohe.org/publications/article/assessment-of-the-impact-of-orphan-medicinal-products-on-europe-15.cfm>.

Last accessed 14/11/15.



Case Study: Drugs for Rare and Ultra-Rare Disorders

“The Most Expensive Drugs in the World”¹



¹S. Williams, The Motley Fool, June 29, 2013. <http://www.fool.com/investing/general...> [last accessed Nov. 12, 2015]



“The 5 Most Expensive Drugs in the World”¹

1. **Soliris (Alexion)**
 $(8,000 \text{ [PNH]} + 300 \text{ [aHUS]}) \times \text{US-}\$ 409,500 =$
 $= \text{US-}\$ 3,400 \text{ million p.a. (U.S. alone)}$
2. **Elaprase (Shire)**
 $2,000 \text{ [Hunter s.]} \times \text{US-}\$ 375,000 = \text{US-}\$ 750 \text{ million p.a. (WW)}$
3. **Naglazyme (BioMarin)**
 $1,100 \text{ [MPS VI]} \times \text{US-}\$ 365,000 = \text{US-}\$ 400 \text{ million p.a. (WW)}$
4. **Cinryze (ViroPharma)**
 $6,000 \text{ [HAE]} \times \text{US-}\$ 350,000 = \text{US-}\$ 2,100 \text{ million p.a. (U.S.)}$
5. **Myozyme (Sanofi / Genzyme)**
 $900 \text{ [Pompe dis.]} \times \text{US-}\$ 300,000 = \text{US-}\$ 270 \text{ million p.a. (WW)}$

Five Drugs (back of the envelope estimate): \geq US-\$ 6.9 billion p.a.



¹S. Williams, The Motley Fool, June 29, 2013. <http://www.fool.com/investing/general...>



Orphan Drugs and the NHS: Should We Value Rarity?

Christopher McCabe, Karl Claxton, Aki Tsuchiya

The growing number and costs of drugs for rare diseases are straining healthcare budgets. Decisions on funding these treatments need to be made on a sound basis

[...]

The justification for special status for rare diseases must rest on the question: should we value the health gain to two individuals differently because one individual has a common disorder and the other has a rare disorder?

[...]

While orphan drugs were rare, healthcare systems were able to deal with them in an ad hoc manner. But there are now over 6000 orphan diseases with over 200 treatments approved by the US Food and Drugs Administration and 64 trials currently sponsored by the US Office of Orphan Products Development. [...] Genomics is expected to disaggregate currently prevalent diseases into many genetically defined distinct conditions. Orphan status is thus likely to become increasingly common.

[...]

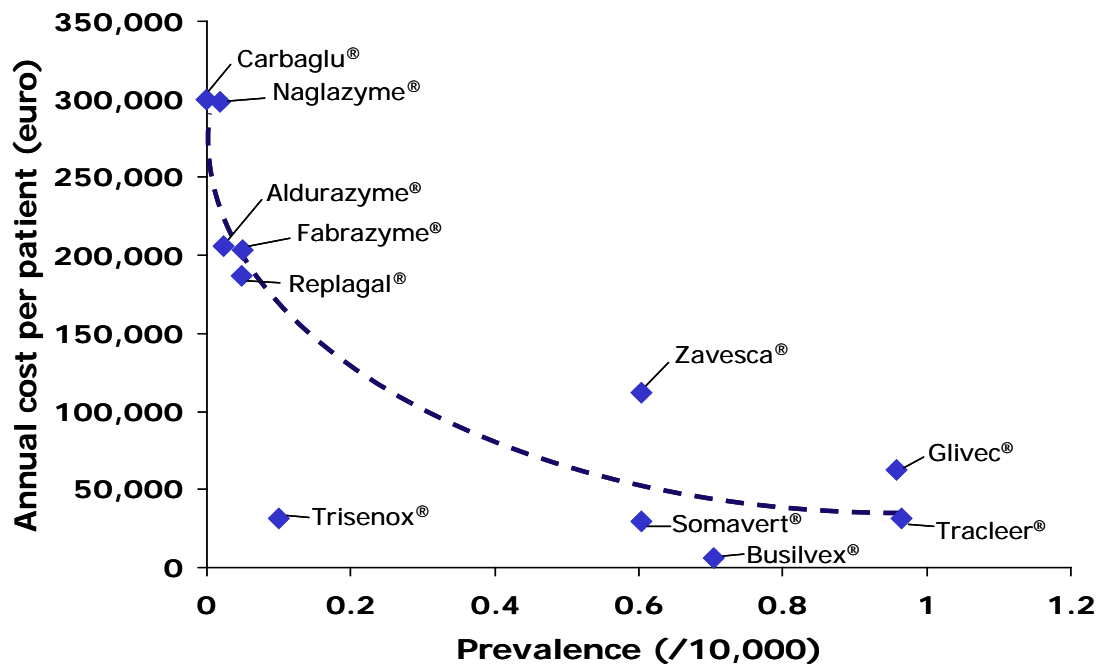
Special status for orphan drugs in resource allocation will avoid difficult and unpopular decisions, but it may impose substantial and increasing costs on the healthcare system. The costs will be borne by other, unknown patients, with more common diseases who will be unable to access effective and cost effective treatment as a result.

British Medical Journal 2005, 331: 1016-1019



Case Study: Drugs for Rare and Ultra-Rare Disorders

Prevalence and Cost per Patient



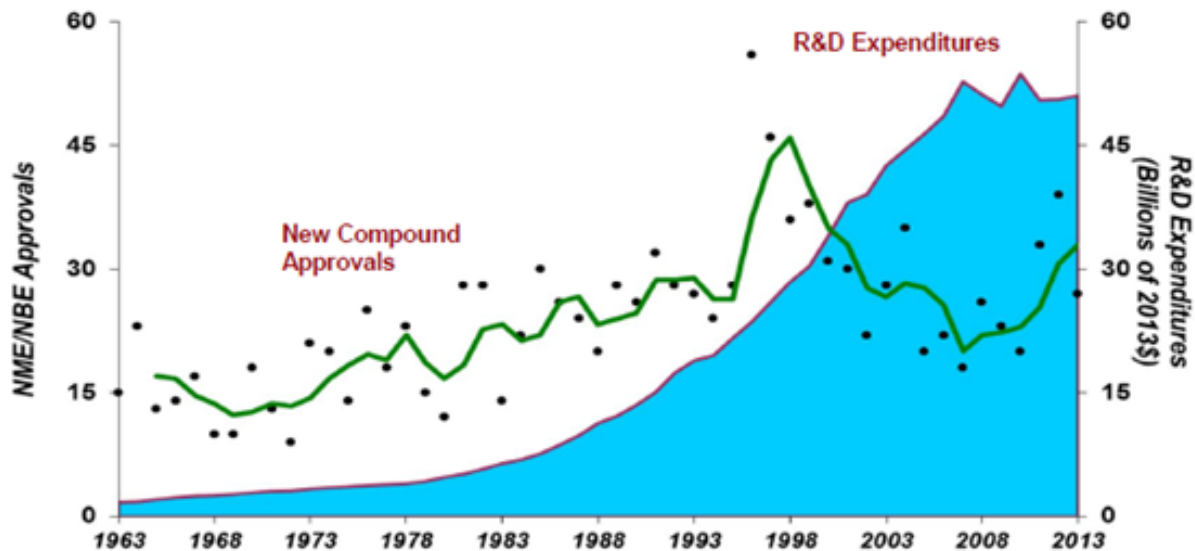
¹M. Schlander and M. Beck, *Current Medical Research & Opinion* 2009; 25 (5): 1285-1293



BIOPHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT (R&D)

Pharmaceutical R&D:

New Drug and Biologics Approvals and R&D Spending



R&D expenditures are adjusted for inflation; curve is a 3-year moving average for NME/NBEs
Sources: Tufts CSDD; PhRMA, 2014 Industry Profile

Source: J.A. DiMasi. "Innovation in the Pharmaceutical Industry: New Estimates of R&D Costs", Tufts Center for the Study of Drug Development, November (2014). Available: at http://csdd.tufts.edu/news/complete_story/pr_tufts_csdd_2014_cost_study, s.l.: s.n.



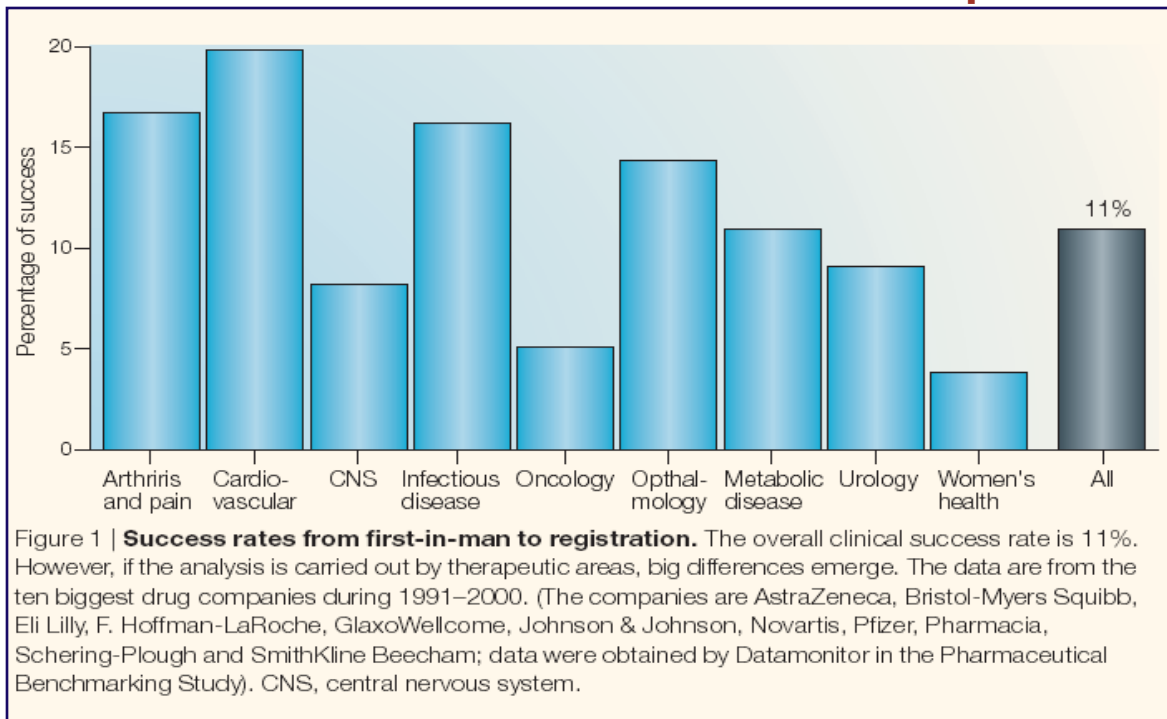
Pharmaceutical R&D: Determinants of Fully Allocated R&D Cost / NME

- **Out-of-pocket costs**
 - Clinical development
 - Preclinical research & development
 - Discovery research
- **Clinical success and attrition rates**
- **Capitalization**
 - Development Times (“Time-to-Market”, TTM)
 - Cost of Capital



Pharmaceutical R&D:

Overall Success Rates for Clinical Development



Source: I. Kola and J. Landis. Can the pharmaceutical industry reduce attrition rates?
Nature Reviews Drug Discovery, August 2004; 3: 711-715.



R&D Productivity

Pharmaceutical R&D: Fully Allocated Cost / NME

Study Reference	Sample of New Molecular Entities	Cost of Capital (real)	Discovery Research (included?)	Geography	Estimated cost of R&D [US\$m, 2011 prices]
Hansen, 1979	First tested in humans between 1963 and 1975	8%	No	USA	199
Wiggins, 1987	1970-1985	8%	No	USA	226
DiMasi et al, 1991	First tested in humans between 1970 and 1982	9%	Yes (estimated)	USA	451
OTA, 1993	-	-	-	-	625
Myers and Howe, 1997	-	-	-	-	664
DiMasi et al, 2003	First tested in humans between 1983 and 1994	11%	Yes (estimated)	USA	1,031
Gilbert, Henske and Singh, 2003	Estimated first tested in humans between 1995 and 2002	-	Yes	Global	(1995–2000) 1,414
					(2000–2002) 2,185
Adams and Branter, 2006	Drugs entering human clinical trials for the first time 1989-2002	11%	Use DiMasi et al 2003	Global	1,116
Adams and Branter, 2010	Drugs entering human clinical trials for the first time 1989-2002	11%	No	Global	1,560
Paul et al, 2010	Estimated 1997-2007	11%	Yes	Global	1,867
Mestre-Fernandez et al, 2012					1,506
DiMasi, 2014					2,600 †

Adapted from: J. Mestre-Fernandez, J. Sussex and A. Towse. *The R&D Cost of a New Medicine*. London: Office of Health Economics (OHE).

†J.A. DiMasi. *Innovation in the Pharmaceutical Industry: New Estimates of R&D Costs*, Tufts Center for the Study of Drug Development (2014).



Pharmaceutical R&D: Trends in Attrition and Project Termination

- **Success rates** of NMEs entering into clinical development have remained stable, in the 10-25% range.
- **Biotechnology-derived NMEs** carry a lower attrition risk and are associated with shorter development times.
- **To minimize attrition costs**, it is crucial that unsuccessful NMEs fail as quickly as possible (in particular given that phase III development is very expensive).
- Pharmaceutical companies have moved to integrate health economics into **early strategic assessments** of NMEs.
- Reasons for premature project termination show a trend to **increasing importance of economic criteria**.



IN SEARCH OF “VALUE FOR MONEY”

A broad range of expectations (and fears) ...

What are Technology Assessments for?

“restricting use”

“containing costs”

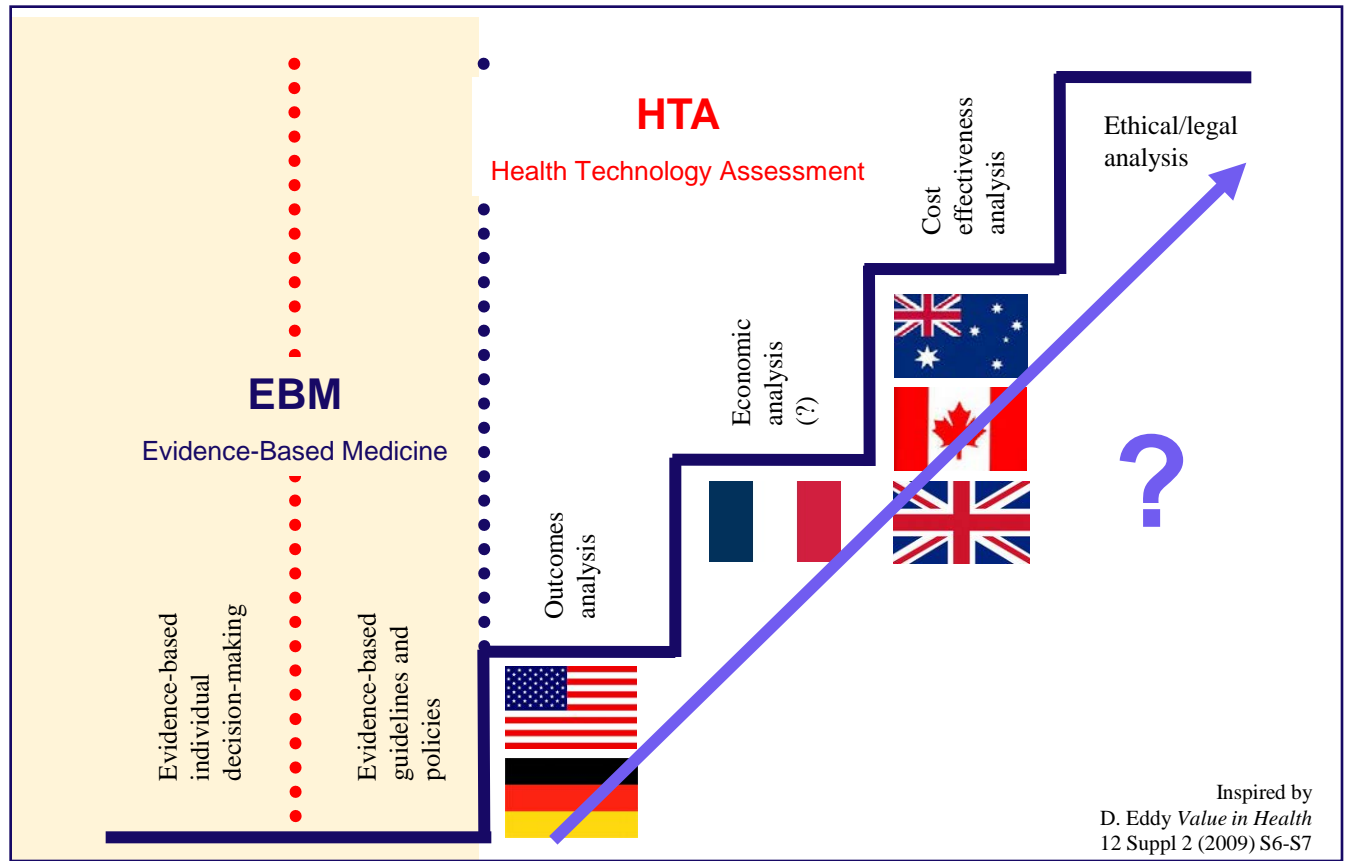
**“issuing guidance to
potential users”**

**“prioritizing for
further evaluation”**

**“alerting users to
future possibilities”**

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An Evolutionary Process?¹



“What Could Be Nicer Than NICE?”¹



→ **Pearson and Rawlins (2005)²:**

“The conditions seem ripe for a NICE in the United States ...”

→ **Smith (2004)³:**

“The triumph of NICE”:

“NICE is conquering the world ... and may prove to be **one of Britain’s greatest cultural exports** along with Shakespeare, Newtonian physics, The Beatles, Harry Potter, and the Teletubbies ...”

→ **WHO (2003)⁴:**

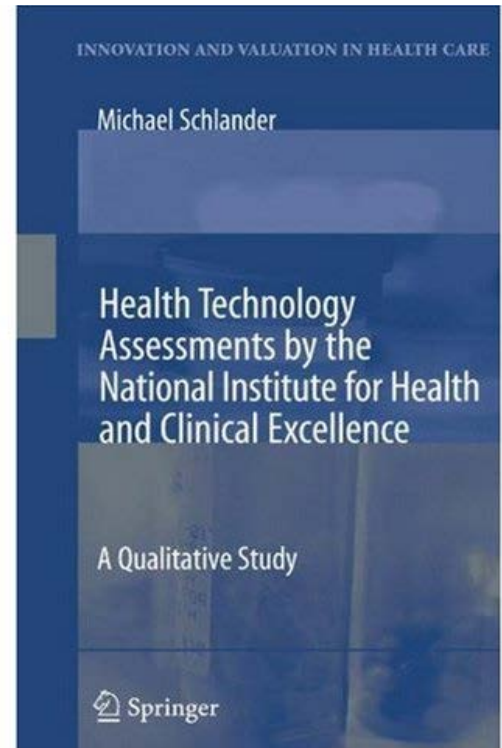
“Published technology appraisals are already being used as **international benchmarks** ...”

¹A. Williams (2004)

How Robust Are NICE Technology Appraisals?

Some Issues

- Timing of Technology Appraisals?
- Approach to Uncertainty?
- Integration of Clinical and Economic Expertise?
- Availability of Sufficient Resources?
- Efficiency-First Approach?
- (Almost) Exclusive Reliance on QALYs?
- Enforcement:
Internal Quality Assurance?
Implementation of Guidance?



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“What More Could Anyone Ask For?”

NICE is “the closest anyone has yet come to fulfilling the economist’s dream of how priority-setting in health care should be conducted.”



Alan Williams (1927 – 2005)

... “[NICE] is transparent, evidence-based, seeks to balance efficiency with equity, and uses a cost-per-QALY benchmark as the focus for its decision-making. *What more could anyone ask for?*”

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However:

“Experience has taught me that it is not uncommon for an-economist’s-dream-come-true to be seen as a nightmare by everyone else.”



Alan Williams (1927 – 2005)

Key Assumptions of the Conventional Logic:

Quality-Adjusted Life Years (QALYs)

- ▢ (fully) capture the value of health care interventions;
- ▢ are all created equal (“A QALY is a QALY is a QALY...”).

Maximizing the number of QALYs “produced”

- ▢ ought to be the primary objective of collectively financed health schemes,
- ▢ leading to the concept of thresholds (or benchmarks) for the maximum allowed cost per QALY gained.

Decreasing cost per QALY

- ▢ implies increasing social desirability of an intervention.



A Fundamental Premise

“Social Desirability of an Intervention is Inversely Related to its Incremental Cost per QALY Gained”

but this assumption may create **Reflective Equilibrium** issues:

- ▢ Sildenafil for elderly diabetics with erectile dysfunction
- ▢ Removal of Tattoos
compared to
- ▢ Palliative Care,
- ▢ Interventions for people with comorbid conditions
(in “Double Jeopardy”, like the chronically disabled)
- ▢ Orphan Medicinal Products (OMPs) for (very) rare disorders



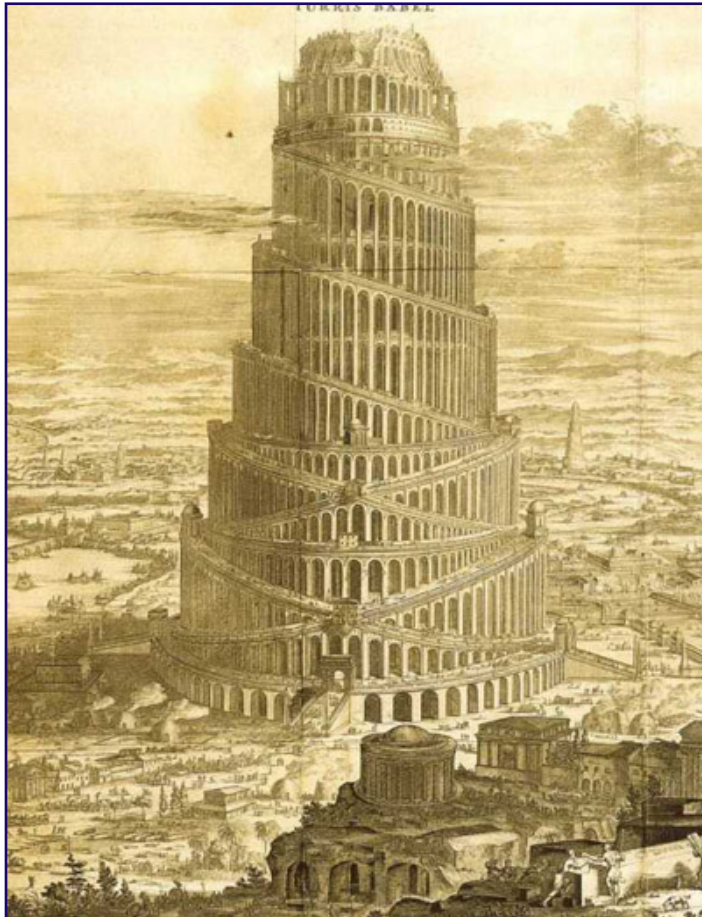


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A Tower of Babel ...

Referral to many different and often incommensurate things...

A key paradox:

The discourse about values is both very important and very ambiguous...

Stakeholders may be tempted to react to this problem with either

reductionism

(focusing on one particular definition of values to the neglect of other relevant types)

or

nihilism...

(either rejecting all values analyses as equally unreliable, or accepting all as equally credible)

¹M. Giacomini et al. (2004)

THE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF HEALTH ECONOMICS

HAVE THE REGULATORS GOT IT RIGHT?

An old German saying ...

“Wer am Wege baut,
hat viele Meister“¹

“A house built by
the wayside
is either too high
or too low.”



¹Martin Luther (1530)

The Enhanced Strategic Role of HE&P

International Pharmaceutical Industry:

1950s – 1970s The Research-Driven Paradigm

1980s The Market-Driven Paradigm

1990s The Value-Driven Paradigm

2000s New Definitions of Value &
New International Heterogeneity

} ever increasing complexity

The New Challenge:

Redefining the business model

Reconciling different perspectives of value

Health Economics, Pricing & Market Access capabilities as critical success factors



STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Working with stakeholders
Shaping the environment in a cooperative spirit



Working with stakeholders

Shaping the environment in a cooperative spirit

Key Stakeholder Groups

– Traditional Target Groups

- Physicians
- Pharmacists
- Patient Advocacy Groups

– ... ?

– Payer Representatives

– Health Care Policy Makers

- Regulators & HTA Agencies

– Academic Thought Leaders

- Health Economists
- HTA Specialist Networks
- Scholars of Evidence-Based Medicine



Working with stakeholders

Shaping the environment in a cooperative spirit

Integrity and Credibility¹

- *citius, altius, fortius?*
- Leadership is a Relationship
- Credibility Makes a Difference
- Discovering Your Self
- Appreciating Constituents and Their Diversity
- Affirming Shared Values
- Developing Capacity
- Serving a Purpose
- Taking Charge
- The Struggle to Be Human

¹adapted from Kouzes and Posner (1993)

Working with stakeholders

Shaping the environment in a cooperative spirit

Networking

– Health Economics, Pricing & Reimbursement

- a key strategic capability (and core competence) of research-based biopharmaceutical corporations
- honesty and integrity, educating (and communicating with) internal and external stakeholders
- payers, policy makers, patient advocacy groups
- **are you ready for the challenges ahead?**

– Normative Analysis & Methods Development

- sources of value, such as “social” (non-selfish) preferences

– Need for a New Paradigm

- a compelling and credible narrative for the research-based industry
- novel value(s)-based health economic evaluation methods;
Alliance for the Advancement of Applied Health Economics
(www.A³HE.org)



Need to Address Three (or more) Distinct Areas:

→ Health Politics

- Political Climate Prevailing Attitudes and Beliefs
- Political Power & Will Cost Containment / “Value for Money”
- Regulatory Environment HTA Agencies, Pricing & Reimbursement

→ Health Policy

- Theory Quality, Equity, Access, Efficiency
- Practice Managed Care (?), “Personalized” Medicine

→ Health Economics

- Normative The Logic of Cost-Effectiveness (?)
- Positive Utilization and Cost;
Outcomes Research



There is (or should be!) a difference between Health Economics, Health Policy, Health Care Politics, and Health Care Cost Containment



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