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## Propositions accompanying the dissertation

*'Identifying And Capturing Intersectoral Costs and Benefits Relating to Sexual Health'*

by Lena Schnitzler

1. The societal impact arising from sexual health problems and interventions can be extensive and can have wide-ranging economic implications [this dissertation].
2. The application of a societal perspective is important because the cost burden to society outside of the healthcare sector (e.g., education, productivity) can be higher than merely within this sector, as demonstrated by the COVID-19 pandemic [this dissertation].
3. The sector-specific (cost) classification scheme presented in this thesis can be a relevant and useful tool in guiding future comprehensive health economic studies that adopt a societal perspective [this dissertation].
4. The consensus-based checklist developed in this thesis can assist in reviewing and assessing the comprehensiveness, transparency, and consistency of cost-of-illness studies and can allow for better comparability of these studies [this dissertation].
5. *'Sexual health needs to be understood within specific social, economic, and political contexts.'* [World Health Organization]
6. *'Imagine a world when STIs are treated just like any other infection. This is the world I want to live in. To make this world, we urgently need to have open and stigma-free conversation(s) about sex.'* [Teodora Elvira Wi]
7. *'Quality appraisal is indispensable in health economics, serving as the compass guiding economic studies towards reliability, validity, and relevance in informing healthcare policies and resource allocation decisions.'* [Drummond et al., 2015]
8. Given its complexity by nature, the identification and classification of intersectoral costs and benefits is particularly important for policy making in public health and sexual health [this dissertation].