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Statements

Belonging to the PhD dissertation

Economic Evaluation of Change in Clinical Practice: Methods for Informing Decisions about Guidelines and Implementation Strategies

1. Clinical practice guidelines and strategies for implementing them should be chosen simultaneously [this dissertation].
2. Decision uncertainty about changing clinical practice is greater than the sum of uncertainty on guidelines and implementation strategies [this dissertation].
3. Decision models synthesising evidence are essential for the economic evaluation of change in clinical practice [this dissertation].
4. Leaving practice 'as it is' should be considered before developing, evaluating and implementing clinical guidelines [this dissertation].
5. Decision analysis is often more complex than the decision itself.
6. The monetary valuation of health is unavoidable for efficient resource allocation.
7. Value-of-information analysis is primarily a tool in applying for research funding.
8. Implementation research is more art than science.
9. Deciding not to decide is also a decision.

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