Call for Papers: Methods for Extrapolating Survival in Cost-Effectiveness Analyses

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*Medical Decision Making (MDM)*, the official journal of the Society for Medical Decision Making, encourages submissions for a special theme issue, or section, on methods for extrapolating survival in cost-effectiveness analyses (CEA).

Methods guidance for CEA encourages studies to use a lifetime time horizon. The key challenge for researchers is that observed data (e.g., from randomized controlled trials [RCTs]) generally have a follow-up period of insufficient duration. Therefore, the choice of analytic model(s) for predicting the endpoints required for lifetime cost-effectiveness is an important methodological concern.

The goal of this special issue is to collate research, bringing wider attention to methodological advances in this area, and to provide a resource for future research and policy making. Relevant communications for this special issue are those that present extrapolation approaches for mortality and other end points, such as disease progression or cost. In addition, manuscripts submitted for consideration in this special issue may address new approaches to extrapolation from RCTs and methods for predicting lifetime cost-effectiveness that synthesize data from several sources, including observational studies. The focus of submitted manuscripts should be on extending analytic approaches for addressing extrapolation problems in CEA rather than applying existing methods.

Recently published articles that illustrate the editors’ interest in approaches to extrapolation in CEA are listed below. If you are unsure whether the work you have in mind would be appropriate, please do not hesitate to contact the guest editors.

All manuscripts are subject to *MDM*’s usual criteria and peer review process, managed by *MDM* editors. There is no guarantee that any manuscripts submitted for the special issue will be accepted.

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**REFERENCES**


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