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## **Session Purpose**

To inform stakeholders about useful tools and findings PhRMA Foundation grant recipients are developing to overcome shortcomings of current approaches to value assessment. The conference will also illustrate the connection between value assessment research and the practical applications to support and strengthen the decision-making process within the U.S. healthcare system





## Welcome

Eileen Cannon
President
PhRMA Foundation









Improving public health by proactively investing in innovative research, education and value-driven health care

#### **VALUE ASSESSMENT INITIATIVE**



#### PROVIDING **OVER \$3.6 MILLION ANNUALLY** IN PEER-REVIEWED AWARDS

The PhRMA Foundation funds collaborative efforts that promote innovative research, support emerging data science and drug discovery, and advance better methods to accurately characterize the value of outcomes for a wide variety of stakeholders.

## Why Value Assessment is Important from a Patient's Perspective

Jaime M. Sanders

Migraine Patient Advocacy Coordinator







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**Panel #1:** PhRMA Foundation Grant Recipients Highlight New Approaches to Value Assessment

Working to transform value assessment to ensure it is patient centered, appropriately capturing the value of innovation and useful to decision-makers

#### **Moderator:**

Sachin Kamal-Bahl, PhD (COVIA Health Solutions)

#### **Panelist:**

Susan dosReis, PhD (PAVE)
George Miller, PhD (RC-HCVA)
Jon Campbell, PhD (pValue)
Peter Neumann, ScD (CEVA)





## Moderator



Sachin Kamal-Bahl, PhD
President and Founder
COVIA Health Solutions

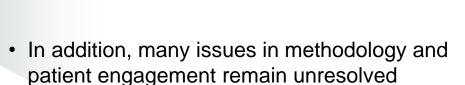
Value Assessment Advisory Committee Member *PhRMA Foundation* 

### PhRMA Foundation Value Assessment Initiative

The PhRMA Foundation created the Value Assessment Initiative to address challenges in assessing the value of medicines and health care services by supporting the development of robust, patient-centered methodologies.

Value Assessment Landscape  Concern over rising U.S. health care costs in recent years has increased interest in promoting high-quality care, while avoiding low value or inefficient care

 In response, a number of initiatives aiming to drive value in health care have emerged, but few offer transformative solutions that reflect patient preferences and real-world clinical practice





The PhRMA Foundation Value
Assessment Initiative seeks to
support activities that lead to
the development and
application of high-quality,
patient-centered approaches to
value assessment

## Value Assessment Initiative: Program Goals

The primary goals of the Value Assessment Initiative are to develop tools to advance value-based healthcare and patient-focused solutions, and build partnerships with key organizations and stakeholders.

## **Program Goals**

- The ideal Program for the value assessment initiative will develop tools to advance value-based healthcare, patient-focused solutions, and build partnerships with key organizations and stakeholders
- Create a Program with cross-cutting value across the PhRMA membership to advance patient-focused solutions for emerging challenges
- Opportunity to build strong partnerships with influential organizations and stakeholders

## Value Assessment Initiative: Funding Criteria and Framework

The Initiative aims to support the development of methods to assist healthcare stakeholders in making informed decisions to improve healthcare efficiency through challenge, research, and centers of excellence awards.

#### **Funding Criteria**

- Assist stakeholders, including patients, providers and payers, in making informed decisions to improve health and care efficiency
- To maximize impact, these methods must offer opportunities to incorporate patient characteristics and their preferences to guide treatment decisions

#### **Award Framework**

#### **Challenge Awards**

What are innovative, patientcentered approaches to contribute to healthcare value assessment that move beyond the inherent limitations of analyses based on the quality-adjusted life year metric?

**\$85K Granted Across 3 Challenge Awards** 

#### **Research Awards**

How can we address limitations with available data sources, methods, and measures to integrate patient perspectives into value assessment?

\$300K Granted Across 3 Research Awards

#### Centers of Excellence

Establish and sustain new collaborative, multi-disciplinary centers that will undertake activities to build evidence and partnerships that can inform value assessment strategies and valuedriven decision-making.

\$2MM Granted Across 4 Center Awards



## Value Assessment Centers of Excellence



Center for Patient- Driven Value

Assessment (PAVE)

Susan dosReis, PhD, FISPE
University of Maryland



Center for Pharmaceutical Value (pValue)

Jonathan D. Campbell, PhD *University of Colorado* 



Research Consortium for Healthcare Assessment (RC-HCVA)

George Miller, PhD

Altarum and VBID Health



Center for Enhanced Value Assessment (CEVA)

Peter J. Neumann, ScD

Tufts Medical Center



# Center for PAtient-Driven Values in Healthcare Evaluation



PATIENT-DRIVEN
VALUES in HEALTHCARE
EVALUATION





- PAVE Center who we are and our mission
- Contribution to value assessment
- Partnerships
- Work in progress towards our goal
- Forthcoming activities
- Accomplishments



# Who We Are

## University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

- Wendy Camelo Castillo
- Susan dosReis
- Joey Mattingly
- Daniel Mullins
- Julia Slejko

#### National Health Council

- Marc Boutin
- Eleanor Perfetto
- Elisabeth Oehrlein

In Partnership With
Patient Community Leaders, Payer &
Industry Stakeholders

Funded by
Pharmaceutical Research and
Manufacturers of America (PhRMA)
Foundation





- Engage patient and other stakeholder partners in setting our operational and research agenda.
- Provide training in value assessment for minority and underserved patient communities.
- Incorporate patient-informed value elements into economic evaluations.
- Disseminate findings to patient and research communities.

## PATIENT-DRIVEN VALUE ASSESSMENT

PAVE's fundamental premise is that value in health care must be defined by patients and value assessment must reflect heterogeneity across patients. Our multi-stakeholder collaborations aid us in generating value tools that create opportunities to support patient-centered health care decision-making and support other stakeholders in their engagement of patients.

## TRADITIONAL PATH

The traditional path is informed by randomized trial and research data without patient input.









**OUTCOME** 

A PATIENT'S JOURNEY TOWARDS BETTER OUTCOME



The PAVE path is informed by patient values, guiding the patient towards better outcome.







## Contribution to Value Assessment

- Create a nuanced understanding of patient values in healthcare evaluation
  - Identify novel value elements that are informed by patient experiences
  - Test different approaches in using patient-informed value elements
- Incorporate this information into an economic evaluation
- Establish a set of resources to benefit the field





- Ongoing partnerships with patient communities
  - Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Foundation
- Patient stakeholder representation on the advisory committee
- Anticipated partnerships
  - Center for Medical Technology Policy (CMTP)
  - Innovation and Value Initiative (IVI)



## Work in Progress Towards Our Goal

## Who we engaged....

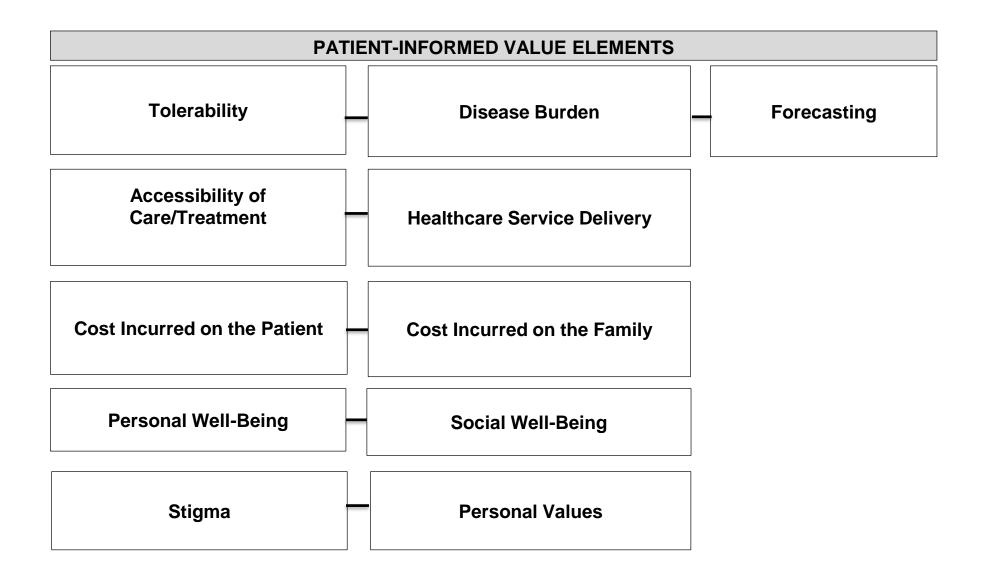
- Patient stakeholders from our Advisory Committee
  - One member represented the Hispanic community
- National Health Council (NHC) Value Workgroup Members (14 diverse patient communities)

## What we did....

- Elicited and prioritized value elements that are important to patients:
  - **Phase 1**: Develop a list of existing value elements from the literature
  - **Phase 2**: Elicit elements of value from patient stakeholders on our advisory committee
  - **Phase 3**: Prioritize and refine the value elements with a range of patient communities



## Work in Progress Towards Our Goal





## Forthcoming Activities

- Research Core & the COPD Value Elements
  - Evaluate new model inputs
  - Adjust existing health-state utilities
  - Examine value for subgroups based on heterogeneity of preferences
- Education Core Webinars
  - Patient Involvement in Value Assessment: Insights from Abroad
  - Introduction to Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis
  - Value Assessment in Medicaid
- Dissemination Core
  - Patient-Informed Value Elements Conceptual Framework
  - Relating Value Elements to Previous COPD CEA/Economic Evaluations



## Accomplishments

#### Education Materials:

- Modules for sensitivity analysis and heterogeneity of treatment effects
- Guide to help patient-group provide comments on a value assessment
- Conducted two trainings for patient communities
  - One breakout session resulted in a guide entitled "What I Wish I Had Known"

#### Research Materials:

- Mapping existing patient preference research to value elements
  - 5 different medical conditions
- Developed methodological approach to apply patient-informed value elements to a specific patient community/condition

## Dissemination Materials:

- PAVE webpage (<u>PAVE Center</u>)
- 3 publications, 1 in review, and 2 manuscripts in progress
- Partnership to Improve Patient Care panel
- Alliance for Health Policy Summit panel





## Thank You



## RESEARCH CONSORTIUM FOR HEALTH CARE VALUE ASSESSMENT (RC-HCVA)

George Miller, Altarum Center for Value in Health Care November 12, 2019



## **Our Mission**



RC-HCVA is a joint initiative of Altarum and VBID
Health whose mission is to promote the pursuit of
value in health care delivery in the U.S. by
identifying high-and low-value clinical services,
tracking the use of such services, and helping to
ensure that consumer preferences are incorporated
in health care decisions.





## **How We Accomplish Our Mission**

- Conduct research
  - Methods
  - Measurement
- Develop research briefs and concept papers
  - Document research results
  - Address related issues of value

- Collaborate
  - Altarum/VBID Health partnership
  - Advisory group
  - 350 "Colleagues in Value"
- Disseminate
  - Consortium web site
  - Quarterly newsletter
  - Presentations, blogs, publications



# How We Contribute to Value Assessment: Measuring Low-Value Care

- Current methods analyze claims data
- Approach incorporates time series measurements to track progress
- Results are extrapolated to national level
- Working toward comprehensive measurement (See Miller et al.,
   "A Framework for Measuring Low-Value Care", Value in Health, 2018)



# How We Contribute to Value Assessment: Extensions Beyond Low-Value Care Measurement

- Helping focus targeted interventions to reduce low-value care
- Incorporating measurement of high-value care
- Developing a standardized waste reporting tool
- Investigating potential for a screening tool to identify low-value care risks in a population



## **Our Team**

- Altarum
  - George Miller, Co-Director
  - Beth Beaudin-Seiler, Manager
  - Other Altarum staff as needed
- VBID Health
  - Mark Fendrick, Co-Director
  - Michael Budros

- Advisory Group
  - David Meltzer, University of Chicago (Chair)
  - Beth Bortz, Virginia Center for Health Innovation
  - Peter J. Neumann, Tufts Medical Center
  - Neel Shah, Harvard Medical School
  - Steven M. Teutsch, UCLA and USC
- Other Collaborators as Needed



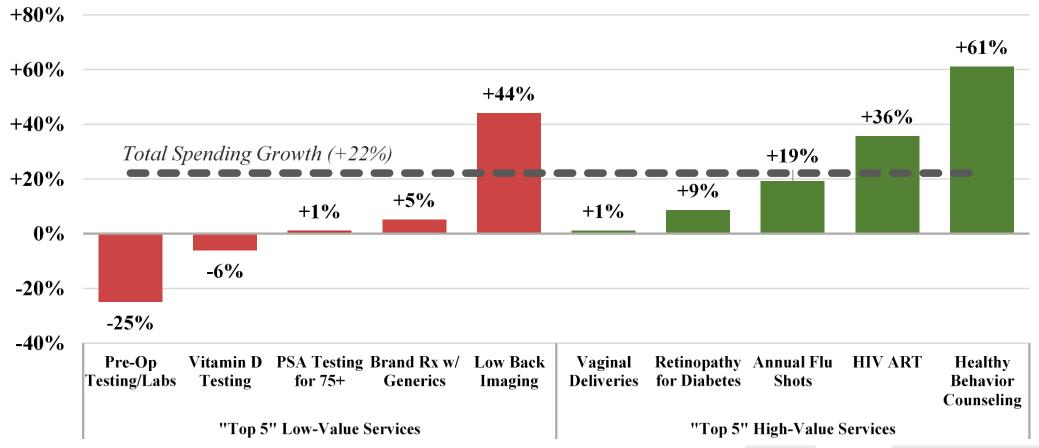
## **Previous and Forthcoming Research Output**

- Concept Paper No. 1: Improving Health by Reducing Low-Value Care
- Concept Paper No. 2: A Framework for Addressing Low-Value Care
- Concept Paper No. 3: Efforts to Measure Value in Health Care: Greater Balance is Needed
- Concept Paper No. 4: An Employer-Based Health Care Waste Indicator Tool: Prospects,
   Potential and Problems
- Research Brief No. 1: The "Top 5" Low- and High-Value Services: Trends in Health Care Spending Among the Privately Insured, 2014-2016 (May 2019)
- Forthcoming: Research Brief No. 2 will develop national and state-level estimates of low-value spending on 20 services



## Research Results From QS 1: Spending Growth for Selected Services (U.S. Privately-Insured Population. 2014Q1 - 2016Q4)







# Pharmaceutical Value (pValue) University of Colorado

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## pValue Mission and Vision

- Mission: Apply and test novel US healthcare value assessment methods to guide population-level decision making.
- Vision: Leader in conducting and advancing the science of US healthcare value assessment.
- Guiding principles:
  - Science leads
  - Value is heterogeneous
  - Useful evidence yields improved decisions



## Limitations of Traditional Value Assessment

- Evidence from cost-effectiveness analysis (CEA)
  - CEA is a starting point for traditional value assessment
  - Threshold links cost-effectiveness findings to value interpretation
- CEA includes standardized methods conditioned on assumptions and inputs
  - By definition, does not account for non-traditional "it depends" value criteria
  - By definition, is not fully comprehensive



## US Value Interpretations... It Depends

- Criteria influencing US value interpretations and corresponding stated preference votes include:
  - disease state (e.g. cancer or ultra-rare diseases)
  - caregiver burden
  - productivity
  - disease severity
  - lack of evidence
  - uncertain benefits compared to alternatives
  - safety concerns



## Potential of Novel Value Assessment Methods

- Value assessment characterized by multiple, sometimes conflicting criteria ("it depends")
- Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis (MCDA): useful technique to enable more structured and objective decision-making
  - Value main subdomains: costs and outcomes
    - MCDA is most useful in outcomes domain
  - Qualitative MCDA
    - Decision based on deliberations of explicitly defined criteria (criterion measurement specified, but weights not specified)
  - Quantitative MCDA
    - Produces a score used as a decision aid (criterion measurement specified and weights specified)

Evidence for Decisions

### pValue Objectives

- Review applications of MCDA and where it may show promise for use in US value assessment
- Educate stakeholder communities on MCDA techniques
- Develop pilot MCDA tools for innovative therapies (e.g. cancer or ultra-rare diseases)
- Partner with patient, payer, and other stakeholder groups to identify and compare criteria of value that are important to them
- Test impact of adding MCDA to traditional value assessments, versus traditional value assessment alone, on health care decision making



#### A CLEAR PATH TOWARD ACHIEVING VALUE IN HEALTH

The U.S. health system can improve value in health through the understanding and alignment of all stakeholders. Multi-criteria decision analysis (MCDA) can aid evidence generation through identifying important criteria of value outside the traditional understanding.





PROVIDER







SHOULD VALUE DEPEND ON SEVERITY OF

DESEASE?



PLAN MEMBER

# BRINGS STRUCTURE AND A VOICE TO ALL STAKEHOLDERS.







HOVELTY

STAY IN VALUE?







#### VALUE-BASED HEALTH SYSTEM

Studies led by pValue will suggest where MCDA can aid value-based decisions.











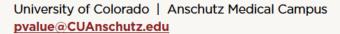












### pValue Active Efforts

- MCDA white paper "Complementing Coverage and Reimbursement Decisions With Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis," available on American Journal of Managed Care Contributor Page
- Organization and integration of research steering committee
- Systematic literature review (in collaboration with Syreon Research Institute)
- Focus group with oncology patients to identify value criteria (in collaboration with Cancer Support Community)
- Engagement with payers to identify value criteria (in collaboration with Real Endpoints)



### pValue MCDA Applications for Year 2020

- Develop qualitative MCDA tools that identify novel outcomes criteria
  - By stakeholder and application (e.g. ultra rare disease and oncology)
  - Compare and contrast outcomes criteria important to patients, payers, and other stakeholders
- Develop quantitative MCDA as decision tools (not rules)
  - Focus on outcomes criteria outside traditional value (outside of cost and QALYs)
  - Pilot test applications that include traditional value assessment and novel value assessment tools

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# THE CENTER FOR ENHANCED VALUE ASSESSMENT (CEVA)

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# "CEVA" is how you pronounce "CEVR" in Boston!

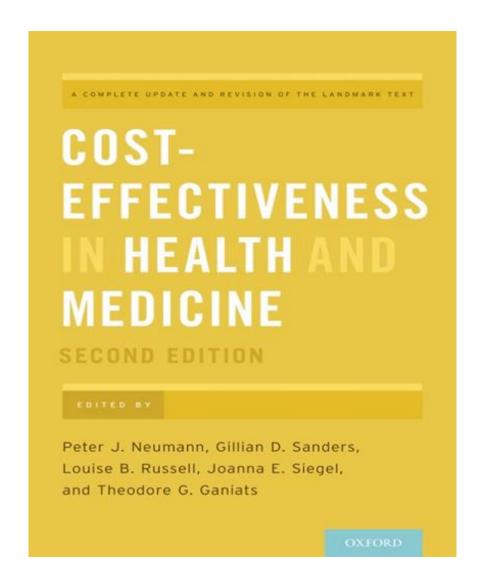




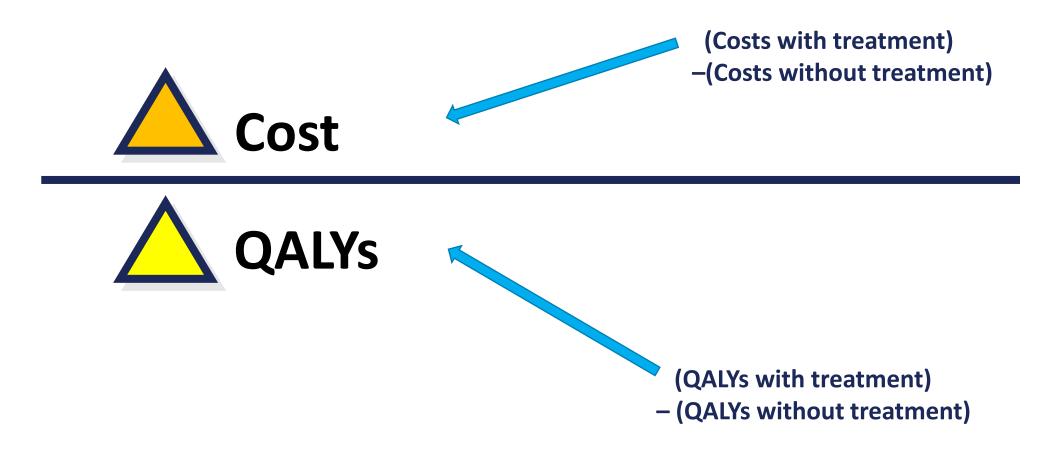
#### **CEVA's Mission**

• Explore the incorporation of additional elements into traditional costeffectiveness analyses

#### **Motivation #1**

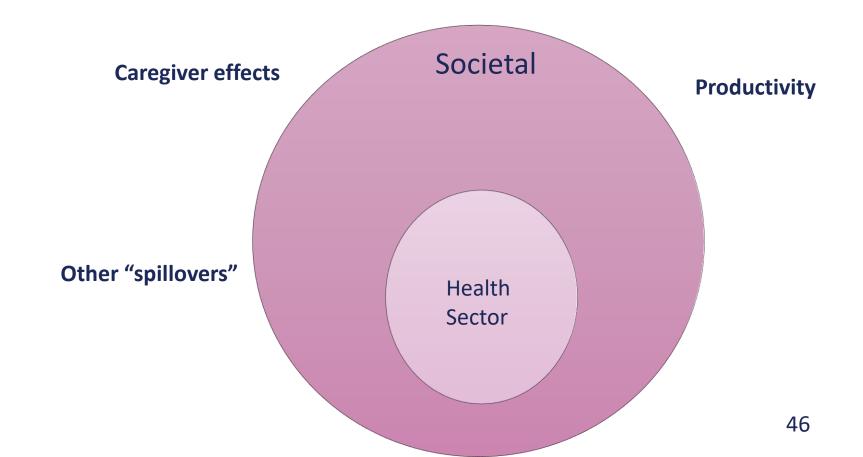


## 2<sup>nd</sup> Panel recommends cost/QALYs

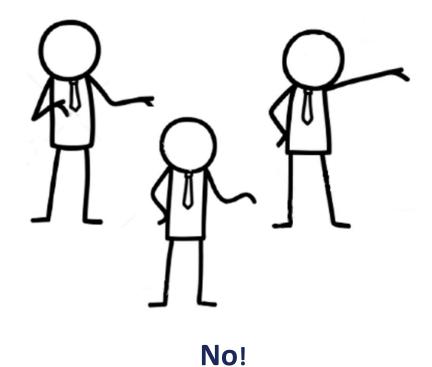


#### But what elements to include...?

That depends (in part) on perspective

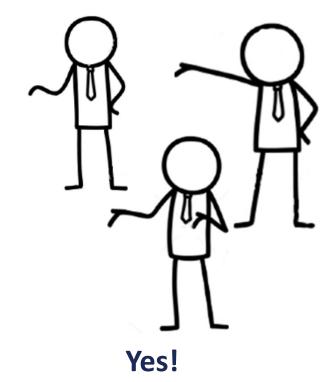


# The 2<sup>nd</sup> Panel debates... does a societal perspective make sense?



Whose opportunity costs?

No single societal perspective!



Broad impacts/Spillovers!

The public interest!

Consistency/comparability

#### The Second Panel's solution...

• Do it **both ways**...conduct both a health care and societal perspective

And include an "Impact Inventory"

Sector	Type of Impact (list category within each sector with unit of measure if relevant) <sup>a</sup>	Included in This Reference Case Analysis FromPerspective?		Notes on Sources of
		Health Care Sector	Societal	Evidence
Formal Health Care Sector				
Health	Health outcomes (effects)			
	Longevity effects			
	Health-related quality-of-life effects			
	Other health effects (eg, adverse events and secondary transmissions of infections)			
	Medical costs			
	Paid for by third-party payers			
	Paid for by patients out-of-pocket			
	Future related medical costs (payers and patients)			
	Future unrelated medical costs (payers and patients)			
Informal Health Care Sector				
Health	Patient-time costs	NA		
	Unpaid caregiver-time costs	NA		
	Transportation costs	NA		
Non-Health Care Sectors (with	examples of possible items)			
Productivity	Labor market earnings lost	NA		
	Cost of unpaid lost productivity due to illness	NA		
	Cost of uncompensated household production <sup>b</sup>	NA		
Consumption	Future consumption unrelated to health	NA		
Social Services	Cost of social services as part of intervention	NA		
Legal or Criminal Justice	Number of crimes related to intervention	NA		
	Cost of crimes related to intervention	NA		
Education	Impact of intervention on educational achievement of population	NA		
Housing	Cost of intervention on home improvements (eg, removing lead paint)	NA		
Environment	Production of toxic waste pollution by intervention	NA		
Other (specify)	Other impacts	NA		

#### **Motivation #2**

VALUE IN HEALTH 21 (2018) 161-165



Available online at www.sciencedirect.com

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journal homepage: www.elsevier.com/locate/jval



#### A Health Economics Approach to US Value Assessment Frameworks—Summary and Recommendations of the ISPOR Special Task Force Report [7]



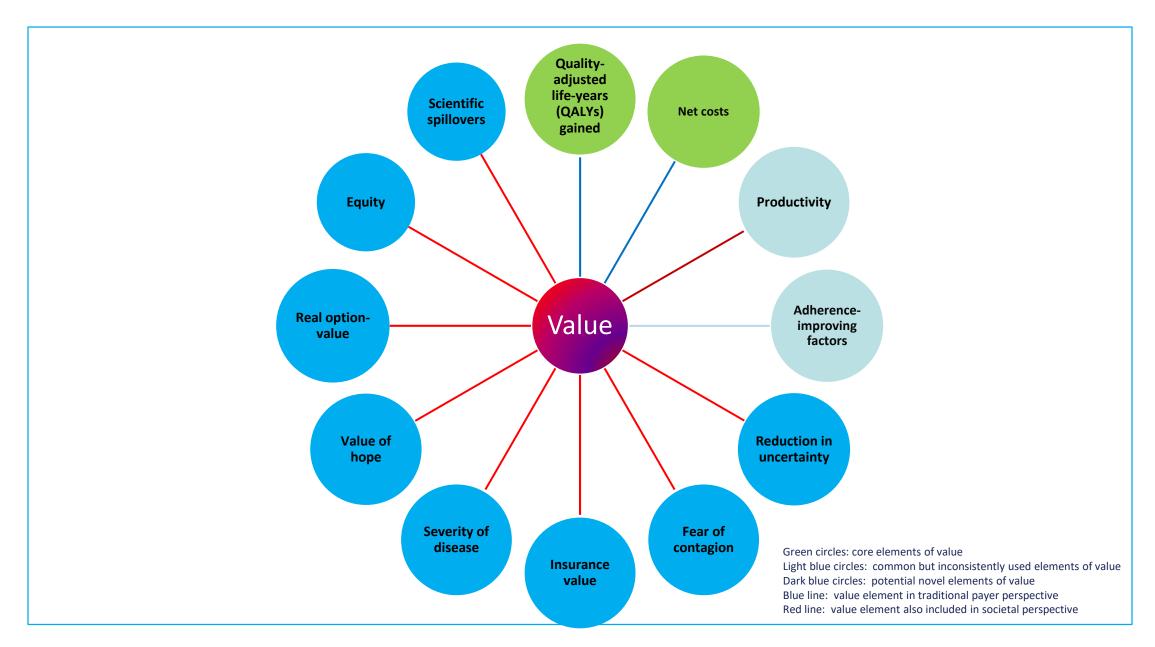
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Augment the OAIY?

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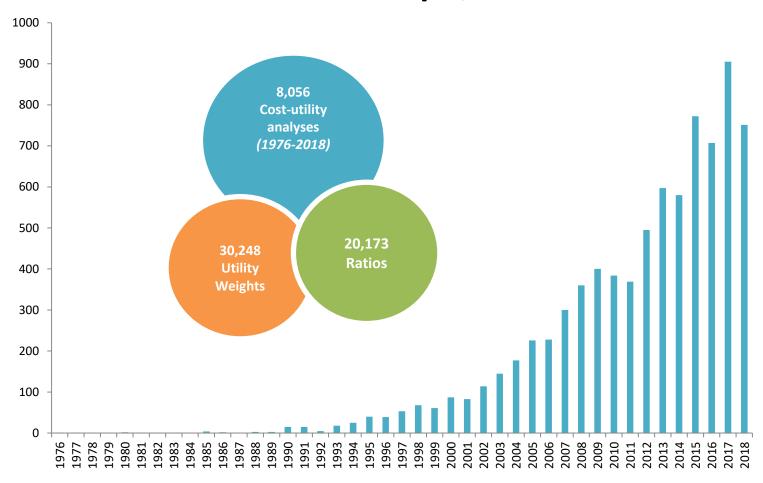


#### **CEVA** activities

- Explore whether published CEAs include broader value elements
- Conduct CEA case studies to incorporate these elements
- Characterize patient views on these elements
- Explore a user-friendly dashboard

# New CEVA analyses!

#### # of Published Cost/QALY Articles



Source: Tufts MC CEA Registry, www.cearegistry.org

# Perspective in published Cost/QALY studies through 2018 (n=6,907)

Stated by study author

Judged by reviewer

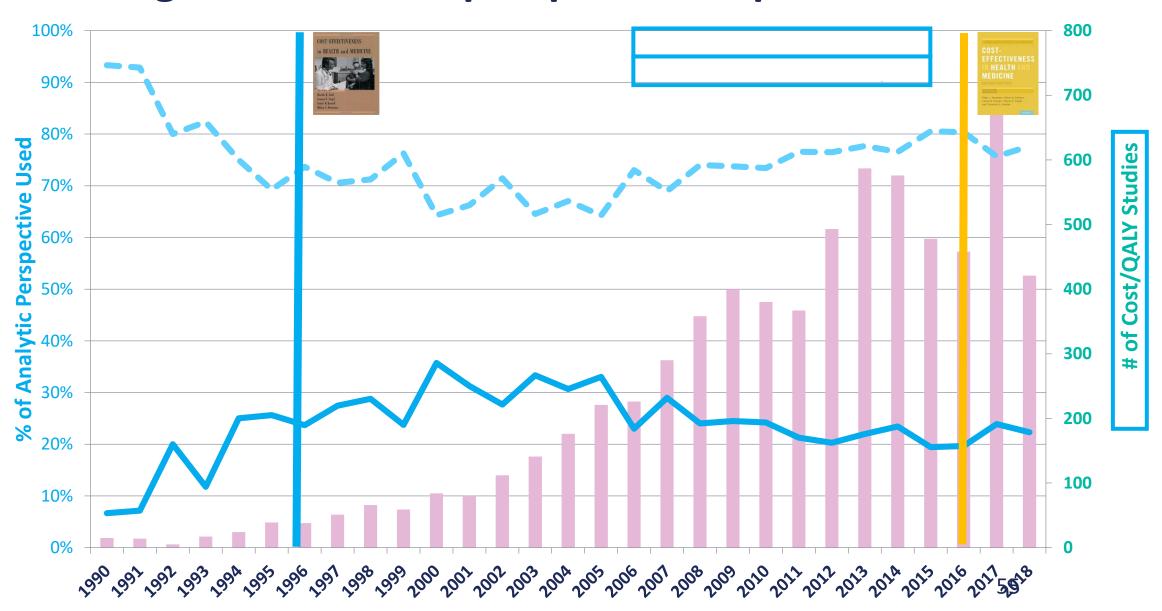
Societal

**Health Care Sector** 

Not stated/ could not be determined

Source: Tufts MC CEA Registry www.cearegistry.org

#### Change over time in perspective in published CEAs



#### **BROADENING THE**

#### **COST EFFECTIVENESS RATIO**













# Thank you!

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# Panel #2 Moderated Discussion: Value Assessor Reaction on Why New Methods Are Important and Needed

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#### **Panelist:**

Steve Pearson, MD, MSc (ICER)

Jennifer Bright, MPA (IVI)

Nicole Mittmann, MSc, PhD (CADTH)





# **Keynote Speaker**

Josephine P. Briggs, MD
Interim Executive Director

PCORI









#### **David Sackett**



Volume 312:71, January1996

#### Evidence based medicine: what it is and what it isn't

It's about integrating individual clinical expertise and the best external evidence

David L Sackett, William M C Rosenberg, J A Muir Gray, R Brian Haynes, W Scott Richardson

"The practice of evidence based medicine means integrating individual clinical expertise with the best available external clinical evidence from systematic research. ..."

"By individual clinical expertise we mean... the more thoughtful identification and compassionate use of individual patients' predicaments, rights and preferences." patients' predicaments

patients' rights

patients' preferences

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# Panel #3 Moderated Discussion: How Value Assessment Research Translates into Practical Application in the Health Care System

#### **Moderator:**

Sachin Kamal-Bahl, PhD (COVIA Health Solutions)

#### Panelist:

Karl Cooper, Esq. (AAHD)
Leah Howard, JD (NPF)
Tom Parry, PhD (IBI)
Richard Willke, PhD (ISPOR)





# Including the Patient Voice: Evolving Methods for Evolving Value Assessments

Eleanor Perfetto, PhD, MS Senior Vice President National Health Council







# **2019 Challenge Award Presentations**

Bryan Luce, PhD, MBA
Chairman
Value Assessment Advisory Committee
PhRMA Foundation







#### 2019 Value Assessment Challenge Awards

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Optimizing Representativeness and Enhancing Equity through Patient-Engaged Healthcare Valuation

Lori Frank, PhD and Thomas W. Concannon, PhD, RAND Corporation

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** - Expanding Use of Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis for Health Technology Assessment

Charles E. Phelps, PhD, University of Rochester

**3rd Prize (tied)** Using Patient Experience Data and Discrete Choice Experiment to Assess Values of Drugs

Surachat Ngorsuraches, PhD, Auburn University

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (tied)** A New Method to Incorporate Uncertainty into Healthcare Technology Evaluations

Darius N. Lakdawalla, PhD, USC and Charles E. Phelps, PhD, University of Rochester



# Patient-Engaged Healthcare Valuation

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### Patient-Engaged Healthcare Valuation

**Goal:** Incorporate the full range of relevant perspectives into healthcare valuation.

#### **Methods:**

- 1. Establish infrastructure
- 2. Capture goals and prioritization
- 3. Use those goals and criteria in decision analysis

## Key features of the strategy

#### MCDA by way of GAS:

- Captures comprehensive set of criteria for decision analysis
- Decision makers help with weighting criteria

This strategy moves beyond the generic "patient" and connects clinicians and patients via goal attainment scaling.

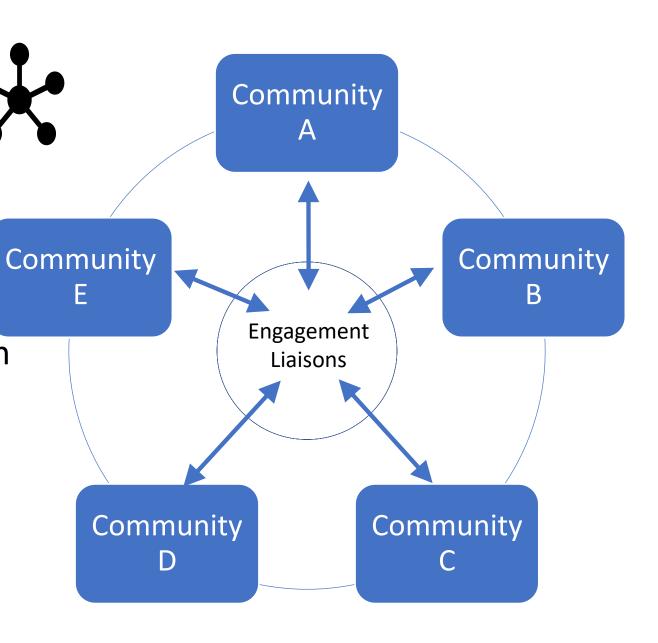
### Goal Attainment Scaling at Scale

- 1. Individual scaling can be aggregated for goal "saturation."
- 2. Patient panels create orderly adjudication of goals.
- 3. "Multi-channel" goal and scaling across large samples enables wide reach, including to under-represented communities

### "Active Person" Panels

Existing patient communities become engagement liaisons

**Trained to facilitate** goal identification and criteria prioritization



#### THANK YOU!

# Lori Frank, PhD and Thomas W. Concannon, PhD Contact: <u>LFrank@RAND.org</u>





# Expanding Use of Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis for Health Technology Assessment

(MCDA for HTA)

Charles E Phelps, PhD
University Professor and Provost Emeritus
University of Rochester

### Cost Effectiveness – Correct But Incomplete

- Grounded in economic logic
- Measures" efficiency" using \$/QALY
- The de facto standard for comparing medical interventions
- But it's incomplete
  - Equity/fairness
  - Rare diseases
  - Special populations
  - Scientific spillovers
  - Dread diseases (ebola, zika, AIDS, leprosy, ... )
  - Other

## Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis To The Rescue!!!

- Formally includes these "other issues"
- Value measures are unique to decision-maker
  - Different points of view lead to different valuations
- Decision-maker decides what's important
  - And by how much the "weights"
- Each alternative scored: How well do they perform on relevant dimensions of value?
- Final scores are weighted sums of performances on value dimensions



### You can use the same idea at multiple levels

- Individual patient choices
  - What cancer therapy to accept?
    - Including palliative care
  - What health plan to join?
- Health care provider organizations
  - New technology choices
- Health insurance plans/national systems
  - Coverage decisions about new technologies
- Pharmaceutical manufacturers
  - R&D choices



### Reasons for Excitement

- Transparency
- "Flight simulator" testing
- Guides data improvement
- Can improve decision convergence
- Avoids cognitive biases
  - Estimation and use of probabilities
  - Do I already "own" it? If so, its value goes up a lot



### Reasons for Concern

- Requires too much data
- Too easy to manipulate
- Each person's index differs
  - what do they mean?
- Too complicated to use and understand
- Can't use with budget constraints



### Leading the Way

- Build the data bases
- Reduce user complexity
- Improve for group use
- Create easy-to-use methods in clinical settings
- Education train students in MCDA as well as CEA
- Use it, use it, use it



### Some Sage Advice

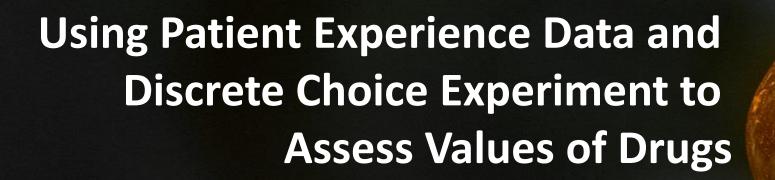
"You never change things by fighting against the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete." (Buckminster Fuller)

"On the plains of hesitation
Bleach the bones of countless millions,
Who, at the dawn of victory
Sat down to wait, and waiting.....died!"
(George W. Cecil)



### Thank You For Your Attention





Surachat Ngorsuraches, PhD Auburn University

### VIEWPOINT

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### QALYs in 2018—Advantages and Concerns

The quality-adjusted life-year (QALY) is a health metric some people love to hate. Concerns include that QALYs are not patient focused, <sup>1</sup> may be used as rationing tools by health insurers, and may be perceived as dehumanizing. The Affordable Care Act prohibits the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute from using cost-per-QALY benchmarks. The use of QALYs by policy makers to inform coverage and reimbursement decisions is controversial.

However, QALYs are simply a metric to quantify health. Despite concerns, QALYs endure because they help address a difficult and unavoidable question: how to estimate and compare the benefits of what are often heterogeneous health interventions. Recently, QALYs have received increased interest in the United States from the work of the Institute for Clinical and Economic Review (ICER), a private, nonprofit organization that evaluates pharmaceuticals and

Calculation of cost-effectiveness ratios using OALYs also facilitates characterization of intervention value by making it possible to compare those ratios with common benchmarks. Typical value benchmarks in the United States have historically ranged from approximately \$50 000 to, more recently, as high as approximately \$150 000 per QALY.<sup>2</sup> Those benchmarks purport to represent the "value" of a QALY; ie, the "willingness to pay" to gain 1 QALY of health. The benchmark could also be conceived as a measure of opportunity cost in terms of the health outcomes of the marginal intervention that must be relinquished to provide resources for a new intervention.3 Interventions with lower cost-effectiveness ratios below the benchmark are said to have favorable value because they "buy" QALYs relatively inexpensively; ie, at a cost below the value

### **Pharmacology Focus**

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Patients' preferences and willingness-to-pay for disease-modifying therapies



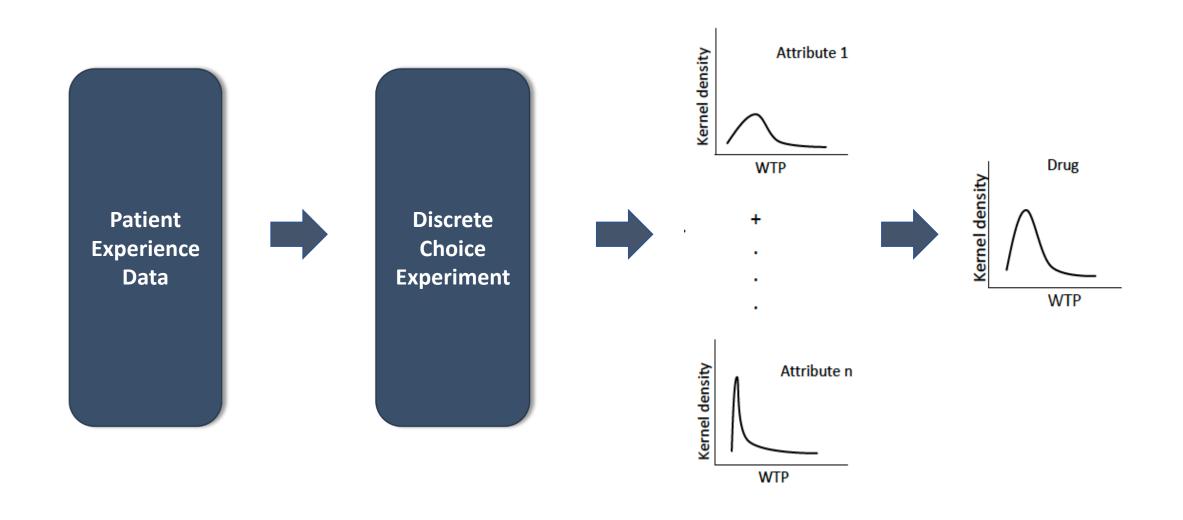
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input that can better inform medical product development and regulatory decision

Source: FDA 2019

### **Patient Experience Framework for Value Assessment**



### Patient Experience Framework for Value Assessment

# Patient-Focused Drug Development: Methods to Identify What Is Important to Patients

Guidance for Industry, Food and Drug Administration Staff, and Other Stakeholders

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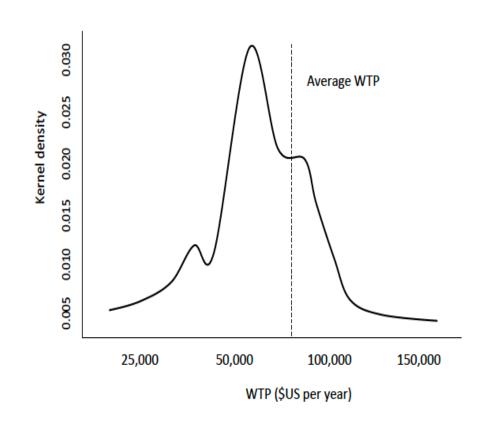
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Treatment Feature	Treatment A	Treatment B	Neither treatment A nor treatment B
Number of relapse in 2 years	2 relapses	No relapse	
% patients with disability progression in 2 years	0%	15%	
Patient with disability			Neither treatment A nor treatment B
Patient with NO disability			
% patients who have severe adverse events	20%	5%	
Patient with severe adverse events			
Patient with NO severe adverse events	† † † † † † † † † † † † † † † † † † †		
Route of administration	Intramuscular injection	Oral	
Frequency of administration	60 times a month (twice daily)	30 times a month (once daily)	
Out-of-pocket cost per month	\$6,000	\$0	





















# A New Method to Incorporate Uncertainty in Health Technology Evaluation

### (Adding Uncertainty into HTA)

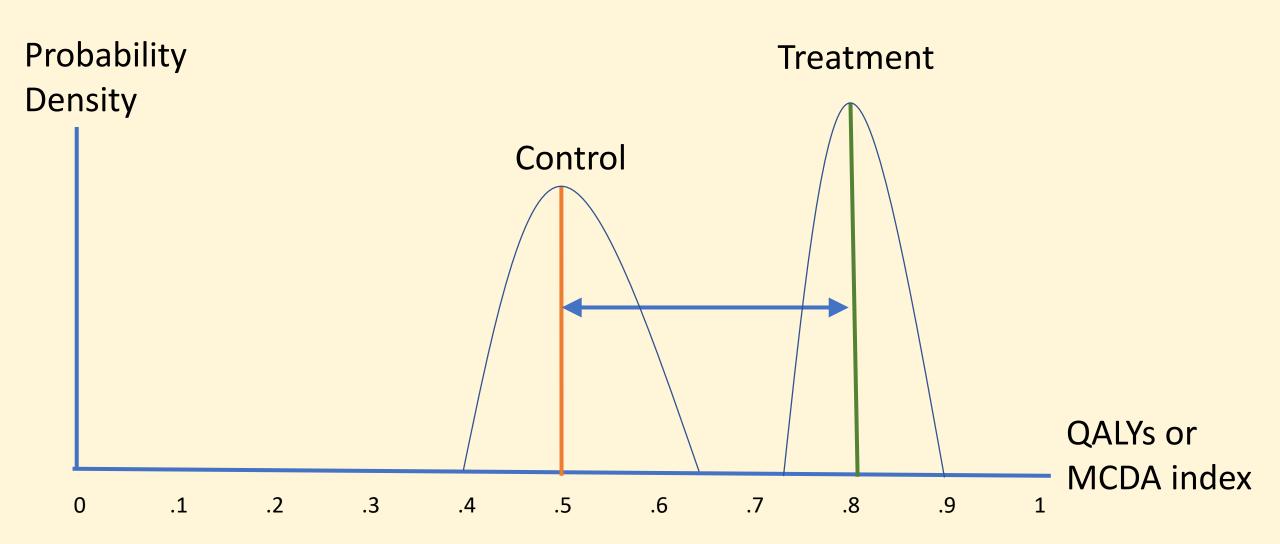
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### Standard HTA compares mean outcomes



### We add outcomes' uncertainty to the value story

- Just like financial markets measure risk in investment portfolios
- People dislike uncertainty and will pay to reduce it
- That's why people buy insurance
- Less variance is "good"
- More positive skewness is "good"

### The math is no fun!

$$\epsilon \approx \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{2} r^* \left[ \frac{\mu_T}{\mu_S} \right] \Delta \Sigma^2 + \frac{1}{6} \pi^* r^* \left[ \frac{\mu_T}{\mu_S} \right]^2 \Delta \Gamma_1 \dots \right\}$$



Let's call it the Risk Adjustment Factor (RAF)

$$\epsilon = RAF$$

No, not the Royal Air Force



### What do we know about the RAF?

- It measures the relative error from omitting uncertainty
  - RAF = 1 mean "no error" in measuring health benefit
  - RAF = 2 means true value is 2X what differences of means shows
  - RAF = 0.5 means true value is ½ of what differences of means shows
- It matters more when:
  - Average treatment effects are similar
  - Health loss is large
  - Differences in variance are great
  - Differences in skewness are great

### You can actually measure this stuff!

- Need to measure variances of outcomes in addition to means
- Also desirable to measure skewness
- If you have big enough samples, add kurtosis (fat tails)

- Combine these with estimates of people's risk attitudes
  - Risk aversion (declining marginal utility)
  - Prudence (declining risk aversion)
  - Temperance (declining prudence)

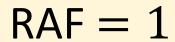
### Why RAF Matters

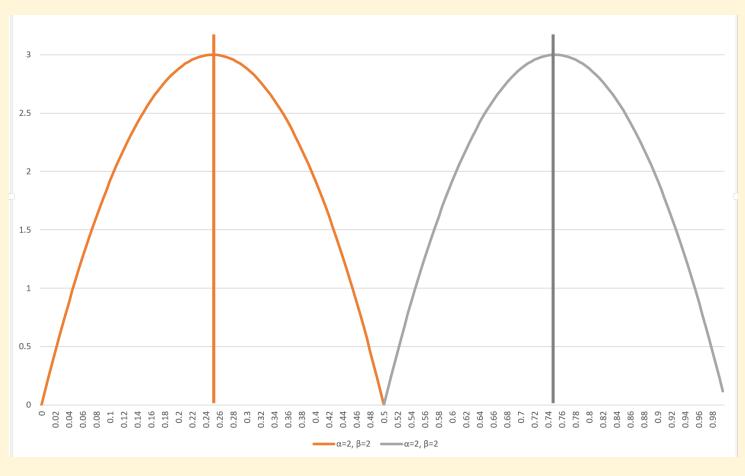
- $ICER_{CORRECT} = ICER_{MEANS}/RAF$
- Example 1:
  - RAF = 1.3333
  - ICER using means = \$200,000 per QALY
  - Correct ICER = \$150,000 per QALY
- Example 2:
  - RAF = .66
  - ICER using means is \$150,000 per QALY
  - Correct ICER = \$225,000 per QALY





### **Identical Variances**

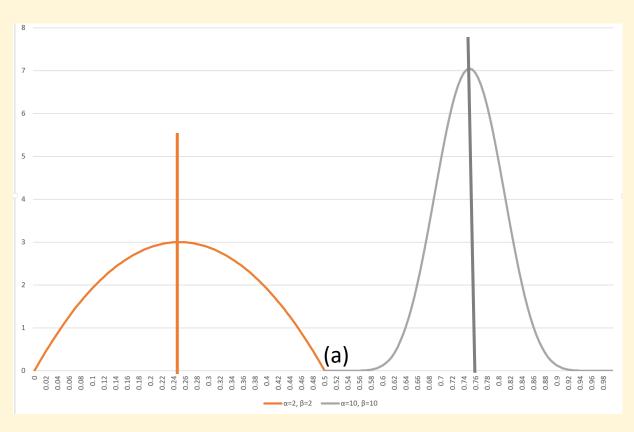


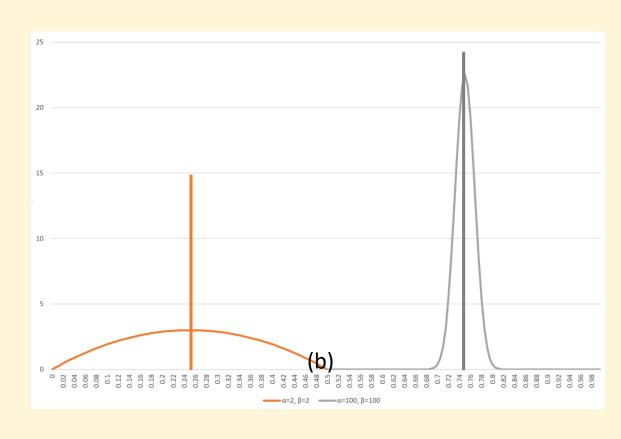


### As variance shrinks, value grows

RAF = 1.038

RAF = 1.049



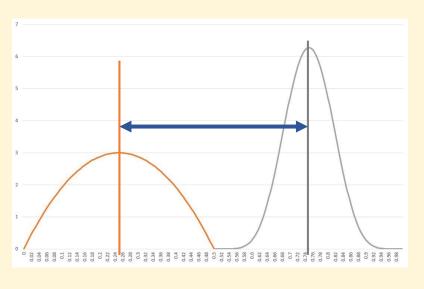


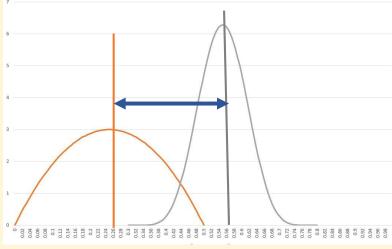
### Variance matters more when differences of means are smaller

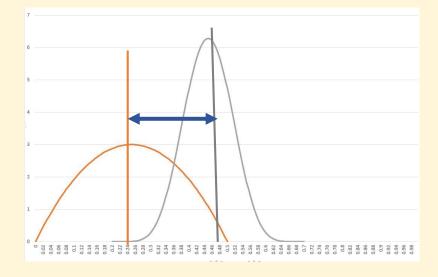
$$RAF = 1.038$$

$$RAF = 1.10$$

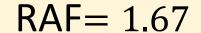
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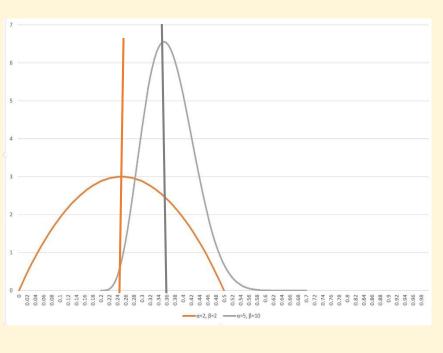




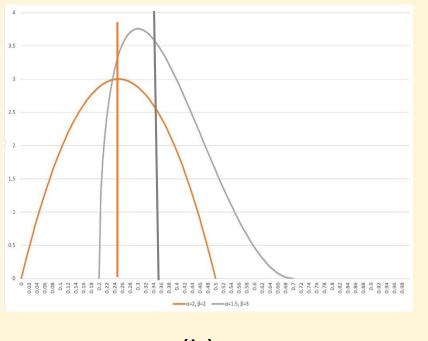


### Sometimes even skewness matters a lot

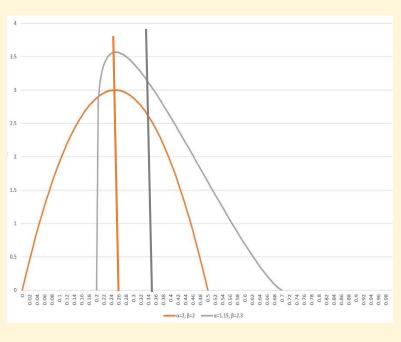




RAF = 1.22



RAF = 1.07



(a)

(b)

(c)

### New Data Needed from RCTs (etc.)

- Variances already estimated
  - to measure precision of differences in means
- Skewness never reported, but easy to estimate.
  - Requires bigger "N"
- Kurtosis may be generally irrelevant.
  - Can't know until we look.
  - Requires even bigger "N"

### Thank you for your attention!



### 2019 Value Assessment Challenge Awards

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Optimizing Representativeness and Enhancing Equity through Patient-Engaged Healthcare Valuation

Lori Frank, PhD and Thomas W. Concannon, PhD, RAND Corporation

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### Thank you!

### Please stay and join us for our reception



