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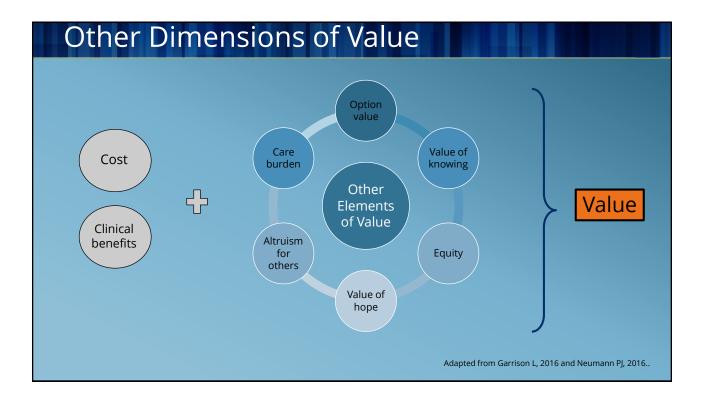
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# Nonmarket Valuation in Health Economics

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# Non-Market Valuation Methods

- Conventional cost-benefit analysis traditionally based on values revealed in market transactions
- Many important decisions require information about values for which there are no markets or existing markets involve administered prices that do not represent actual values
- Development of nonmarket-valuation methods in environmental economics

A Short History of CEA and CBA

### **HEALTH**

- 1970
   Fanshel, Bush, and Torrance health indexes
- 1976
   Zeckhauser and Shepard use term QALYs
- 1977
  Weinstein and Stason CEA for health
- 1980 Pliskin on QALY theory
- 1996
   Gold et al. standards for CEA

## **NON-HEALTH**

- **1974**Mäler theory of nonmarket valuation
- 1981 Reagan Executive Order 12291
- 1989
   Mitchell and Carson on empirical methods
- 1992 Exxon Valdez oil spill
- 1994
   Federal standards nonmarket valuation

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# Mental-Health Community Values Direct Costs - Medical care - Lost productivity - Housing - Social services - Crime - Family disruption - Distress at seeing homeless people - Spillover effects of drug abuse - Personal concerns about crime - Diversion of public resources from other health and social priorities

# Research Strategy

- What is the value of related community benefits without reference to mental health?
- What is the value of a generic mental-health program relative to other budget priorities?
- What is the value of a program for treating the named mental-health condition?

# Which kinds of problems are most important?

Suppose the [STATE] legislature were considering expanding current programs to reduce the numbers of people who are unemployed, commit serious crimes, or are homeless. Expanding these programs would help more people to live, work, learn, and participate more fully in their communities.

Suppose also that your state representative sent you a letter asking whether he or she should vote for or against expansions of existing programs.

Example Question-Related Community Benefits

		Please check which program benefit is <u>most</u> important and which program benefit is <u>least</u> important.	
Type of Program Benefit	Size of Program Benefit	Most Important Benefit (check ONE)	<u>Least</u> Important Benefit <i>(check ONE)</i>
Homelessness	1,000 fewer people per year		
Unemployment	500 fewer people per year		
Number who commit serious crimes	250 fewer people per year		
If paying for the program would require increasing your taxes by [\$600 per year (\$50 per month)], would you want your representative in the state legislature to vote for the program expansion?			
<ul><li> → Yes</li><li> → No</li><li> → Don't know or not sure</li></ul>			

# What kinds of programs would you prefer?

Suppose the [STATE] legislature were considering two budgets for expanding three programs. Suppose also that your representative sent you a letter asking which budget he or she should vote for if any.

Mental health program plus 2 of:

- Disaster Relief
- Motor-Vehicle Safety
- Food Safety
- Unemployment

### **Example Question-Budget Priorities** Program No Budget Change Budget A Budget B Disaster-relief program No change 500 more people helped per year 250 more people helped per year Mental-health program No change 1,000 more people helped per year 500 more people helped per year Motor-vehicle-safety No change program 250 fewer serious injuries per year 150 fewer serious injuries per year \$240 per year \$480 per year No increase Increase in your taxes (\$20 per month) (\$40 per month) Which option would you want your representative to vote for? No Budget Change Budget A Budget B

# What is the value to you of a program to treat [named condition]?

Suppose the [STATE] legislature were considering expanding an existing mental-health program to make a new effective medicine available specifically to people with [named condition] whose current treatment is not working for them. We would like you to think about the program expansion shown here.

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# Example question-Named condition Program Current Budget **New Budget** Increased number of people with [named condition] successfully No change treated 1,000 more people per year \$480 per year Increase in your taxes No increase (\$40 per month) Would you want your state representative to vote for the new budget? → Yes → Double cost → Halve cost → No → → Not sure → → Halve cost

# Challenges to Nonmarket Valuation Validity

- Hypothetical bias
- Use values versus existence values
- Anchoring
- Yea-saying
- Incentive-compatibility
- Payment-vehicle effects

