

HOW SHOULD VALUE IN HEALTH CARE BE ASSESSED?

Value is a balance between



of treatments

In health care, the push to move from

VOLUME



TO



VALUE

has led health care stakeholders to try to quantify value through

VALUE FRAMEWORKS



Who are value frameworks meant for? How are they being used?



HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS & PATIENTS

To inform treatment decisions



PAYERS

To inform coverage and reimbursement decisions

If value frameworks are meant to **INFORM TREATMENT DECISIONS** and **GUIDE PAYMENTS**, they need to be **METHODOLOGICALLY SOUND**, use **CREDIBLE** and **TRANSPARENT** assumptions, and meet the **DIVERSE NEEDS** of patients and providers.

Some Challenges in Current Value Frameworks



Use new, **UNTESTED** methodologies



Based on **LIMITED** evidence



Do not include **ALL BENEFITS** that are important to patients



Lack a health system-wide **PERSPECTIVE**



Provide output that is **UNCLEAR** or **CONFUSING** for users

Guiding Practices for Building Value Frameworks That Work for Patients



Done well, they have the power to promote value in **PATIENT CARE** and **OUTCOMES**



Done poorly, they could **MISINFORM** health care decisions and **HARM** patient care and outcomes

To get them right, **CURRENT** and **FUTURE** frameworks should align to core practices:

ASSESSMENT PROCESS

- Involve stakeholders throughout the entire process
- Allow for public comment periods
- Update assessments regularly to keep pace with innovation

METHODOLOGY

- Focus assessments on all aspects of the health care system
- Use established methods and transparent models and assumptions
- Acknowledge uncertainty in input factors by reporting ranges around estimates

BENEFITS

- Include a broad array of factors that matter to patients and society
- Consider individual treatment effects
- View the benefits of a treatment over a long-term horizon

COSTS

- Consider all health care costs and offsets over time
- Ensure costs are accurate and relevant to the user of the framework

EVIDENCE

- Use all of the sound, high-quality evidence that is currently available
- Gather and synthesize evidence in a transparent and robust manner, using accepted practices

DISSEMINATION & UTILIZATION

- Label assessments clearly for their intended use
- Make assessments easy for users to interpret
- Disseminate publicly only after assessments are finalized

But what about budget impact?

Budget impact assessments measure **RESOURCE USE**, not **VALUE**.

Guiding practices should:

- Assess all aspects of care (such as hospitalization or doctors visits), not just medications
- Keep budget impact and value assessments separate
- Consider a longer time horizon that includes all costs and cost offsets
- Acknowledge uncertainty in input factors by reporting ranges around estimates



Read NPC's full [Guiding Practices for Patient-Centered Value Assessment](#)