

Propositions

MOVING BEYOND THE QALY

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1. Outcome measurement in economic evaluations needs to be tailored to the goals of the services which are being evaluated. (this thesis)
2. The ICECAP-O measures more than health related quality of life. (this thesis)
3. Nursing Home Residents in physical restraints have worse wellbeing than older people without physical restraints. (this thesis)
4. Background characteristics such as nursing experience, can influence responses of proxy respondents completing the ICECAP-O. (this thesis)
5. The use of a wellbeing instrument instead of a health-related quality of life instrument does not necessarily increase the measured effectiveness of an intervention. (this thesis)
6. Every QALY has its price.
7. Frailty is a practical, unifying classification of elderly patient's care that directs attention away from organ-specific diagnoses towards a more holistic viewpoint of the patient and their predicament.
8. Longer articles in general medical journals on average are quoted more often than shorter articles.
9. Frequent use of Facebook leads to a reduction of subjective well-being in young people.
10. The uptake of e-health interventions in frail elderly is low.

11. It's not worth doing something unless you were doing something that someone, somewhere, would much rather you weren't doing. (Terry Pratchett)