

Stellingen

behorende bij het proefschrift

*“Economic Evaluation of Psychotherapy for Personality Disorders:
burden of disease, cost-effectiveness, and the value
of further research and active implementation”*

At a societal willingness to pay of €40,000 per QALY, outpatient psychotherapy for cluster B personality disorders and short-term inpatient psychotherapy for cluster C personality disorders can be considered the most cost-effective choice.

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Society saves money by treating personality disorders, conducting further research, and actively implementing cost-effective treatment strategies.

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The narrow focus of scientific attention on borderline personality disorder should be broadened to other personality disorders given the burden from the patient perspective.

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The propensity score method in economic modeling captures the best of two worlds: real-world costs and effects that would be observed in practice, while controlling for initial differences in patient characteristics.

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The EQ-5D, used to generate QALYs, can be considered sensitive to changes in health-related quality of life of patients with personality disorders.

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To entertain the universal null hypothesis and disregard costs in power calculations by the frequentists is, in effect, to suspend belief in the real world and thereby to question the premises of empiricism.

~ K. Rothman

Chocolate is cheaper than therapy and you don't need an appointment.

~ Unknown

Cost-effectiveness analysis raises fears of rationing based on cost and is therefore extremely controversial within the psychotherapeutic community.

Investing in a cost-ineffective program is not simply an unwise use of money – it's a forgone opportunity to achieve greater gains in people's health.

~ Aaron A. Stinnett

Imperfect information is better than none.

~ common knowledge in decision science

Ask five economists and you'll get five different answers - six if one went to Harvard.

~ Edgar R. Fiedler

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