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Synopsis

The purpose of economic evaluation is to inform decisions intended to improve healthcare. The new edition of *Methods for the Economic Evaluation of Health Care Programmes* equips the reader with the essential hands-on experience required to undertake evaluations by providing a 'tool kit' based on the authors' own experiences of undertaking economic evaluations. Building on the strength of the previous edition, the accessible writing style ensures the text is key reading for the non-expert reader, as no prior knowledge of economics is required. The book employs a critical appraisal framework, which is useful both to researchers conducting studies and to decision-makers assessing them. Practical examples are provided throughout to aid learning and understanding. The book analyses the methodological and policy challenges that face health systems in seeking to allocate resources efficiently and fairly. New chapters include 'Principles of economic evaluation' and 'Making decisions in healthcare' which introduces the reader to core issues and questions about allocation, and provides an understanding of the fundamental principles which guide decision making. A key part of evidence-based decision making is the analysis of all the relevant evidence to make informed decisions and policy. The new chapter 'Identifying, synthesising and analysing evidence' highlights the importance of systematic review, and how and why these methods are used. As methods of analysis continue to change the chapter on 'Characterising, reporting and interpreting uncertainty' introduces the reader to recent methods of analysis and why uncertainty matters for health care decision. The fourth edition of *Methods for the Economic Evaluation of Health Care Programmes* has been thoroughly revised and updated, making it essential reading for anyone commissioning, undertaking, or using economic evaluations in health care, including health service professionals, health economists, and health care decision makers.

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The book covers almost all the aspect of CEA with great details and provides really good perspectives to the field. However, the content in this newer edition is organized very differently from that in previous editions (not in a good way to me). Also, the language in the book is unnecessarily difficult for understanding at the first sight (convoluted long sentences make simple concepts hard to be grasped). As the authors' perspective is from UK or European health system, you will need some extra time to translate into US system.

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