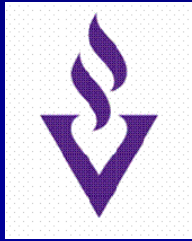




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Issues for the session

1. Should we be picking a winner?
2. Are Australians that different?
3. Does one size fit all?
4. Should we be starting again?



Should we be picking a winner?

- Can we pick a winner?
- Should our goal be a single value for each health state?
- If two approaches give different values what do we do?.
- Are any other approaches worth trying:
 - HUI
 - 15D
 - Direct valuation using TTO/ SG



Are Australians different?

- Do we need an Australian specific instrument?
- Do we need algorithms/ value sets based on the Australian population
- How do we use utility values/DALYs from overseas populations?



Does one size fit all?

- Can generic MAU instruments/DALYs be used for all diseases?
- Can they be used for all populations (e.g. which can be used for children?)
- What is missing from the current instruments/ approaches?



Should we be starting again?

- Can we really measure QOL in a single index?
- Should we be using money to value changes in health states?
- Who should we be eliciting values from?
- How do we capture benefits beyond individual health? (e.g. social capital)