

INFORMATION SESSION TITLE: Breakfast with the NHS Economic Evaluation Database Team Members.

Objectives of the session:

To convey to researchers the usefulness of databases in conducting research. NHS EED is a publicly available database providing structured and critical abstracts of economic evaluations. It has become increasingly important for researchers to be aware of databases such as NHS EED in view of trends in many countries to include an analysis of cost-effectiveness within the formulation of policies concerning health technologies and their use. Increasing numbers of economic evaluation studies are being published, which means that having access to electronic sources that summarise their findings can be helpful both for researchers and decision-makers. NHS EED is also a powerful research tool because it contains a pool of easily accessible, critically appraised information.

The aim of this session is to demonstrate/explain how NHS EED can be searched in order to locate published economic evaluations of interest to the participants. The convenors will be on hand to explain the theoretical issues and structure of NHS EED using selected example studies and their abstracts. Further explanations will be given concerning the CRD commentary of the abstracts, which provides a critical appraisal of the methodology employed in the study and the validity of the results.

In addition, the common methodological issues that raise concern in the conduct and reporting of economic evaluations will be discussed, along with an overview of other economic evaluation databases, including HEED, CODECS, EuroNHEED, the CEA Registry and PEDE.

INTENDED AUDIENCE

Those interested in learning about sources of economic evaluation information and assessing the quality of cost-effectiveness studies.

STYLE OF PRESENTATION

Demonstration, discussion, questions and answers.

PREPARATION NEEDED

Previous knowledge of the principles of economic evaluation.