

Economic plan

This plan identifies the areas prioritised for economic modelling. The final analysis may differ from those described below. The rationale for any differences will be explained in the guideline.

1 Guideline

Osteoarthritis (update)

2 List of modelling questions

Review questions by scope area	Q3.4 - acupuncture
Population	Adults with osteoarthritis
Interventions and comparators considered for inclusion	Electroacupuncture Usual care
Perspective	NHS and personal social services
Outcomes	Quality adjusted life years
Type of analysis	Cost utility analysis
Modelling software	Microsoft Excel
Issues to note	

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Review questions by scope area	Q4.1 Oral, topical and transdermal pharmacological treatments
Population	Adults with osteoarthritis
Interventions and comparators considered for inclusion	No pharmacological treatment Paracetamol Oral non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) alone Oral NSAIDs plus proton pump inhibitor (PPI) Topical NSAIDs Strong oral opioids Transdermal buprenorphine
Perspective	NHS and personal social services
Outcomes	Quality adjusted life years
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