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Bypassing navigational outbreaks and the appearance of new pathogens is a challenge in assessing economic prevention strategies due to the extremely high level of risk aversion and uncertainty. Here we discuss cost-effectiveness studies and the interpretation of economic analyses in the context of planning and containment of outbreaks, and present issues concerning suppliers, administrators, patients and policy makers in responding to infecting threats. In infection prevention, interventions such as epidemic research and planning, facility management, influenza vaccination campaigns and daily infection prevention can be assessed for positive clinical outcomes per dollar spent in hospital, system or regional level. Deciding what to do in a healthcare facility with a fixed budget for patient safety is also a political priority, as is identifying how to use scarce resources in the most efficient and efficient way possible. Therefore, both the budget impact analysis and the cost-effectiveness analysis (CEA) play an important role in decision-making. Economic principles are often used to decide how to deploy resources to support emergency response and preparedness, personnel, surveillance, advanced diagnostic tests and other critical tasks. The BIA focuses on the direct costs of intervention from the perspective of the entity that covers these costs (usually the hospital system or insurer)— and on the direct costs of the consequences of the intervention, including subsequent hospital, outpatient or pharmacy costs that are more or less likely to be due to intervention. Potential benefits of quality or quantity of life or costs incurred by others, such as patients or society, are not taken into account in quality of life contracts [1]. In contrast, cea revolves around weighing the benefits, disadvantages, and costs of various interventions to identify a strategy that maximizes health outcomes while minimizing costs at the patient level; in general, it is recommended that cea be carried out both from the perspective of the social sector and in the healthcare sector [2]. CEA methods can also be customized to help you decide between several different options for deploying limited resources to optimize population health. Preparedness in the event of an epidemic in emergency situations is a particularly difficult place to apply economic analysis for several key reasons. First, there are high levels of uncertainty, creating wide confidence intervals in the input parameters to any model, which can lead to a large range performance and costs. Secondly, in the face of an unknown and potentially deadly new pathogen, patients, suppliers and policy makers may be very reluctant to risk [3, 4]. Thirdly, costs and adverse effects cannot be evenly distributed; damage and costs may be borne by a small group of patients, health systems or countries. For For interventions to prevent infections can be very beneficial, even if a particular emergency response effort generates a high level of cost without any benefit to the average patient or healthcare system. Here we discuss methods of economic assessment and cost-effectiveness in preventing infections, with an emphasis on the challenges that may arise in creating an emerging pathogen or epidemic, and discuss strategies for confronting these complexities. RESOURCES AND STANDARDS REPORTING IN HEALTH ECONOMICS ASSESSMENTS During a detailed discussion on cost-effectiveness studies not including this review, it can simply be concluded that cea assess how much bang for the buck intervention can bring. These analyses are carried out by examining how a new policy or intervention in relation to an alternative strategy (usually a fixed standard of care) affects health costs and outcomes. This new intervention can be cost-saving (e.g., dominating, producing positive health benefits while reducing costs) or waste (eg, dominated, producing fewer benefits than existing programs and costing more), or it can bring positive benefits, but at an additional cost, or be both less effective and less expensive than current accepted clinical practice. If the intervention is neither dominant nor dominated, then to help policymakers adopt this new technology, it becomes useful to compare the dollars needed to achieve 1 additional unit of effectiveness with the established willingness to pay threshold. While CEA studies focus on the value of intervention as a function of economic cost and clinical effectiveness at individual level, BIA focuses on the costs of the lower line of intervention implementation. The main question the BIA asks is: Is it affordable based on the size and composition of the patient population and the current resources available? BIA is usually conducted from the point of view of hospital administration and/or payer to determine how much it will cost to implement interventions in a specific environment. The significant costs in management contracts are the costs associated with the intervention, as well as any further healthcare resources that are used as a result of exposure (or non-intervention) of the intervention. This is crucial because some interventions that are considered cost-effective by the CEA may not be affordable from the payer's point of view because they affect such a large number of patients, while some interventions that are not cost-effective may have a minimal impact on the overall hospital budget and can therefore be adopted. In general, on-demand resources, infection control departments present BIA, not CEA. The second panel on the the Consolidated Health Economic Evaluation Reporting Standards (CHEERS) is a useful tool for assessing them [5, 6]. The Veterans Affairs Health Economics Resource Center is another helpful resource, with detailed recommendations for conducting various economic studies, including BIA [1]. The point of view is a key aspect of cea and BIA. Different stakeholders have different views on the risks, benefits and costs to be taken into account when deciding whether to accept an intervention. The social perspective is broadest and includes costs related to the use of healthcare, informal care, job loss and productivity, patient time for treatment, parking and transport, costs of resources other than healthcare and many other elements. The impact on global supply chains and lost economic activity are also considerations from a social perspective, but historically it has been less important to include epidemic costs in the analyses, as experience of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) and middle east syndrome (MERS) suggests that these effects may be short-lived and a full economic recovery after refraining from closure is typical; however, given the unprecedented scope of the coronaviral disease epidemic in 2019 (COVID-19), including widespread business closures, these historical models with wider economic impact may not apply [7]. In the prevention of infections, the perspective of the hospital is often presented. This perspective includes procurement costs, staff up time (and lost staff time and paid time off), admission spikes and consequences for the reputation of the facility. The prospects of a payer or insurer are often similar to those of a hospital administration, but local hospital considerations, such as damage to the reputation of the facility and lost income due to paid time off for staff at the time of the outbreak, will not be taken into account as these costs are not borne by the insurer. It is important to note that since hospitals are not reimbursed for emergency materials such as respirators, medical masks, gowns and gloves, these costs are entirely borne by the health care system. However, in certain emergency situations, these deliveries may be delivered through federal or state funds. Patients' prospects include only costs directly paid for by the patient, such as co-payments and deductions, lost wages, over-the-counter medications and childcare. EXAMPLES AND APPLICATION IN INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL In the field of infection prevention, vaccination of healthcare professionals is an example of cost-effective intervention that saves money by reducing employee absenteeism and paid [8]. It is estimated that children's vaccination programs at the policy and population level will save more than $10 for every $1 spent [9]. On the other hand, there are dominated strategies that are clearly not viable in line with current standards, but the public has decided to implement them because these interventions prevent non-events. A classic example is the screening of blood supply to blood-borne pathogens. Early monitoring strategies have been found to be cost-effective at typical payment readiness thresholds; however, it is estimated that increased screening of human immunodeficiency virus with nucleic acid testing for windowed infections costs up to USD 11,2 million per year of age adjusted for quality (QALY) [10]. Although this exceeds the typical willingness to pay thresholds of $50,000-$150,000 per QALY, the public has set zero blood supply as the only acceptable standard [11], so practice is supported. Another category includes interventions that lead to improved performance but do not save costs and therefore require investment from the healthcare system for implementation [2]. In such cases, rigorous cea are useful for explaining the optimal course of action. In cases where the new strategy brings slightly more benefits, but at huge costs compared to the standard care model, the resulting incremental cost-effectiveness index (ICER) may exceed the willingness-to-pay threshold used by the decision-making body, in which case policymakers are likely to choose not to implement the strategy. On the other hand, ICER may be quite small because the incremental benefits are large, while incremental costs are small, leading to the adoption of a new strategy. The final and particularly complex category in the context of preparedness for an outbreak concerns interventions of unknown efficacy in the determination of a new pathogen, such as severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). In this context, patients, healthcare administrations and healthcare providers have higher than usual levels of fear and risk aversion that affect decision-making and planning [4, 12, 13]. At first, it may not be possible to calculate the economic costs of an epidemic due to the many unknown elements associated with this new setting (including new surveillance studies, new treatments, unknown duration of symptoms, mortality and transmission rate; and unknown epidemic duration, to name a few). Therefore, it may simply not be possible to apply strict economic assessments to direct early decision-making during the initial outbreak, and it is possible that the post hoc analysis may conclude that the costs ultimately incurred were very high in relation to the positive results. This does not necessarily mean that the chosen course of action was not the right one. There are other issues that decision-making than the short-term trade-off between direct costs and patient health outcomes, especially in high-quality conditions Uncertainty. On the other hand, interventions implemented to stop the epidemic can be cost-effective and even cost-effective. Facility directors can use a press test to combat high-profile pathogens. To protect the reputation of the facility, which can have a big impact on the financial performance of the health care system, policymakers may be forced to prevent negative publicity by making certain investments that may ultimately not bring many QALYs. For example, while Ebola prevention programs are expensive and have limited usability in most healthcare facilities (most hospitals in the United States will never admit a single Ebola patient), the potential minus lack of a program can be significant. For example, the Dallas hospital where the first Ebola patient in the United States presented experienced a significant drop in revenue and visits to the emergency room in the period immediately after media exposure in the case of Ebola [14]. This negative press led to more than $12 million in lost revenue for the hospital in 2 months [15], although the damage caused by the negative press was only clear in retrospect. This vignette highlights the key challenge of using the CEA to lead emergency preparedness decisions. From the dallas hospital's point of view, the cost of the limited response was high. However, from the point of view of society, insurers and patients who simply chose to seek care elsewhere had minimal impact. RISK AVERSION AND MANY UNKNOWNS: PERENNIAL CHALLENGES Ideally, decisions should be made with plenty of data from rigorous economic assessments assessing potential costs and QALYs generated from several potential infection control strategies. However, this may not be possible in epidemic and emergency situations. Decisions often need to be made quickly, and risk aversion to setting unknown patterns of transmission and mortality - combined with intense media scrutiny - is extremely and understandably high, as the goal is to stop the epidemic and minimize the risk to patients and providers. For example, at the beginning of the Ebola epidemic, there was insufficient data to estimate the number of lives saved by the Ebola prevention program, let alone the QALYs estimate, especially when X-factors such as the media and public reaction were unknown. The main driver in decision-making in preventing a pandemic of infections is risk aversion because the actual risk is unknown or difficult to estimate. If policy makers are not opposed to risk, greater uncertainty about the cost or effectiveness of new technologies may lead to less or greater adoption of technology than normally expected. For example, recent data suggest that medical masks are not respirators for the prevention of influenza in healthcare professionals [16]. Extrapolation beyond influenza This study suggests that pathogens that are drip-borne can be safely prevented in most clinical care facilities with medical masks. These medical masks are cheaper and more widely available than breathing masks, which are designed for filtration of small particles and are better for aerosol-based transmission and aerosol generation procedures [17]. However, despite this high-quality evidence presented with the novel coronavirus, hospitals have returned to recommending ventilators - and sometimes powered air purifying ventilators - for healthcare professionals in a variety of clinical care conditions, including low-risk appointments [18]. This recommendation was motivated by extreme caution and concerns about offering the highest levels of protection to frontline staff when determining limited data and unknown potential for aerosol spread, even if these safeguards may not be better than less costly alternatives such as medical masks [16, 17]. From the point of view of reasseming health professionals about their own protection and ensuring a healthy health workforce, recommending the highest level of protection against risks in advance was a practical and sensible choice, even if the Conservative recommendation was later deemed unnecessary (and therefore ineffective cost). In real-world conditions, it can be difficult to know whether infection prevention interventions were effective and prevent what would otherwise be a serious outbreak or if other forces were conducting epidemic control. Combining multiple interventions further complicates this image. Since multiple interventions are typically made at the same time, it may be impossible to know which package element, if any, was effective and important for reducing transmission. This lack of an alternative scenario can make economic analysis a challenge, even in a post hoc analysis. If few patients contract a new pathogen because anti-infection interventions are effective, it may seem that all the funds spent on prevention have been wasted, when in fact, without an aggressive prevention strategy, millions would be infected. SOLUTIONS AND FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS First of all, we need to use the information and data collected during current and past epidemics to inform future responses. Lessons learned from the H1N1 epidemic, and ultimately from the COVID-19 pandemic, can be used to improve future performance and control. The use of advanced analytical data methods that allow early detection and potentially stopping an outbreak from being maintained at population level is a promising strategy to reduce the costs associated with the emergence of new pathogens. The application of these lessons will require continuous vigilance in the to the continuing threat of a global pandemic in an increasingly interconnected world, a world strategies to identify interventions that have been and have not been effective and how to optimise the implementation of resources. Since outbreaks of new pathogens must produce a high level of uncertainty, it is sensible to adopt an aggressive package-based approach to infection prevention, using a range of measures targeting a number of potential transmission modes that may be more effective and also more costly (e.g. recommending breathing masks rather than medical masks until more data is available on the droplet or aerosol transmission pattern). However, once further data are available, these protocols should only be reviewed and updated with nuanced strategies. While identifying which elements of multifaceted intervention have been effective is challenging, additional research into mixed methods used for retrospective qualitative and quantitative data can help determine which elements of the package were effective and which were not, and therefore help guide future emergency response. In the future, the development of general triaging protocols, which can be widely used in each outbreak and then adapted after new information is made available, can save money by reducing the time spent developing a new protocol during each individual outbreak. A top-down approach, in which the overall protocol is developed by a central federal agency and then locally adapted to optimal use in individual health care systems, would save valuable time and resources. The current approach to SARS-CoV-2, which has been largely decentralised, has led to the inefficient use of time and energy to develop protocols at local level. A centrally targeted and funded system, including local adjustments, would save time, money and resources. This generalized prevention model may recommend broad, aggressive prevention strategies in advance (e.g., recommend airborne precautions, contract precautions, and isolation) and slowly remove beam elements as more information becomes available (e.g., switching to medical masks rather than respirators after a droplet based on transmission is confirmed). This general model of aggressive upfront care with frequent reassessment and local adjustments balances the practical need for keepers to determine uncertainty and a high level of risk aversion with the economic and needs of a particular health care system. CONCLUSION Cost-effectiveness methods can be useful tools for allocating limited infection prevention resources by identifying interventions that maximise health benefits for the largest number of patients. In a global pandemic providers and health care systems are highly risk-aching, which can tip the balance towards more, not less, aggressive infection prevention strategies. Further clouding of the image, relative value and combating foci may depend on the eyes of the beeching. In a pandemic, different stakeholders — hospital system, society, payers — are interconnected in a way that is not intended for other types of medical conditions; coordination of efforts requires local, regional and national responses in a way that the management of non-invasive medical care does not. Additional research is needed to help estimate the costs of the outbreak from the point of view of many actors, including clinicians, administrators, patients and policy makers. Notes Financial support. W. B. E. is supported by the National Institute of Heart, Lung and Blood (grant number 1K12HL138049-01). N. S. is supported by the National Institutes of Health (grant number 1DP2AI144244-01) and the Veteran Affairs Partnered Evaluation Initiative.Potential conflicts of interest. Authors: No reported conflicts of interest. 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