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**INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON HOW TO DEVELOP GUIDELINES WITH
COST IN MIND**

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Practice guidelines have most commonly been based on considerations of clinical effectiveness of interventions, with relatively limited, if any, discussion of economic consequences. I will provide an overview of the efforts to include cost and cost-effectiveness analysis in practice guidelines by groups in the U.S. I will also discuss potential benefits and challenges associated with including costs or cost-effectiveness analysis in guidelines, including methodological challenges. Among these challenges are lack of agreement on appropriate thresholds for cost effectiveness in the U.S., limited high-quality analyses of cost effectiveness, and concerns about the applicability of economic analyses in a highly diverse health-care system.