Defining the value of medical interventions. Normative and empirical challenges.

In Europe and other countries different institutions have developed and applied methods for assessing benefits of health care interventions. Moreover, in some countries the methods are embedded in strategies for elaborating a “value for money” employing elaborated attempts of cost-benefit-assessments. These different methods of (cost-)benefit-assessments can be understood as a part of Health Technology Assessments (HTAs) with the common goal of assessing the value of medicinal interventions from different professional perspectives. Regarding the importance of global actors in the health economies and the substantial efforts of some countries in developing and implementing (cost-)benefit-assessments for new drugs and other medicinal interventions it is essential to examine the feasibility of transnational strategies for valuation. Hereby gaining the knowledge regarding national procedures, comparing different approaches of valuation internationally as well as analysing possible country-specific positions from an international perspective is crucial in order to evaluate the potential and limits of transnational strategies. Therefore, the aim of the BMBF-funded VALUEMED-conference is to analyse normative and empirical challenges of defining the value of medical interventions with special consideration to HTAs which have been established in different countries. A thematic focus will be the comparison of HTAs of new drugs in Germany and England. Within predefined thematic areas on normative, theoretical, empirical and practical aspects of defining the value of medical interventions, young international scholars will work on the conference topic by means of disciplinary as well as interdisciplinary methods. The topic as well as the work results will be presented during a public event as well as in a publication.

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