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PRIORITY SETTING IN PRACTICE

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Priority Setting in Health

- ✓ Health care services
- ✓ Prospects for evaluation
- ✓ Health problems for Health Benenit Plans (e.g. Chile)
- ✓ Investments in infrastructure
- ✓ Setting priorities for health research

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How to make priorities?

- ✓ Cost per QALY
- ✓ Deliberation
- ✓ Multicriteria Decision Analysis

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Plan for this session



- ✓ Cost per QALY
- ✓ MCDA



- ✓ Priority setting in practice
- ✓ Experiences in Latin America



- ✓ Challenges and opportunities for implementing methods for priority setting in Latin America

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Challenges and opportunities for implementing Priority Setting in Latin America

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Outline

- ✓ Challenges and Opportunities
 - Methodological
 - Political economy
 - Institutional arrangements

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Methods: Cost per QALY

Advantages

- Systematic
- Scrutable/transparent/reliable
- Well accepted methods
- It offers clear decision rules
- Consideration of opportunity costs
- It facilitates deliberation

Challenges

- Highly technical
- Lack of trained human resources
- Criticism to outcome measurement
- It does not include all possible relevant social values
- Difficulties of measuring threshold

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Methods: Full MCDA

Advantages

- Systematic
- Scrutable/transparent/reliable
- Simple interpretation
- It offers clear decision rules
- It facilitates deliberation
- Comprehensive

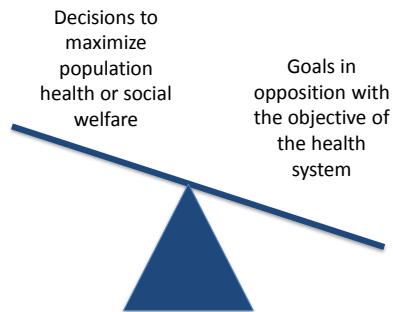
Challenges

- Recent applications in health
- Methodological challenges in all stages
- It does not formally include opportunity costs

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Political economy

- Majority voting model
- Interest groups model
- Bureaucratic decision making



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Challenge: Process

- ✓ Lack of normative
 - Unstructured process (process is not written)
 - Depends on the people working in the MoH
- ✓ Inefficiency
 - If you don't know what is first, you might begin doing the end
 - Risk of spending time in useless work

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Opportunities

- ✓ **Methods**
 - Harmonization in cost-effectiveness analysis and decision modelling
 - Increasing experience in using MCDA
 - Identify MCDA for what!
 - More opportunities for training in LAC
- ✓ **Process**
 - Local experiences in priority setting processes
 - Write a white paper!!

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Opportunities: Institutional Arrangement

- ✓ How to deal with political economy?
- ✓ For health technology assessment
 - Technical body in charge of HTA process
 - Independency
- ✓ For other topics non HTA related
 - Focus on legitimacy
 - Participation
 - Transparency
 - Appealing

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