

CASE STUDY:

Advice on modifying a questionnaire to capture influenza-induced productivity losses

In order to provide data to demonstrate societal value in health-technology appraisal submissions, a client aimed to measure productivity losses caused by influenza. Current questionnaires were not appropriate for illnesses of a short duration, and they were targeted towards measuring productivity loss in adults, rather than children.

York Health Economics Consortium (YHEC) conducted a rapid review of the literature and evaluated existing questionnaires for measuring productivity loss in both adults and children caused by an illness of a short duration.

YHEC identified an existing questionnaire that assessed work productivity and that had separately been modified to assess productivity loss in short term illness in one context, and to assess adult and child productivity loss in another context.



On the basis of this review, YHEC recommended the modifications that could be made to the questionnaire so that it would retain validity, while being able to fully capture influenza-induced productivity loss in both adults and children, as well as providing statistical analysis advice.

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