

11 QUESTIONS TO HELP YOU WORK WITH A HEALTH ECONOMIST

NAME

PROJECT

1. What is your research question?

2. What is your economics research question?

Think about the decision you are trying to inform and who will make it. Do you think you will improve health or reduce costs or both?

3. What is your population and setting?

4. What is your intervention?

5. What is your control or comparison group & why?

Think about current and best practice.

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6. What are your outcomes?

Think about clinical and quality of life outcomes, costs and resource use, as well as the time frame for your outcomes.

7. What data will you use?

8. What role do you want the health economist to play?

9. How will you pay for the health economics component?

10. What is the time frame for your project?

11. How are you ensuring your research is patient oriented?

This template is designed to help you think about your research and how health economics might be part of it. It is important to talk to a health economist early in the study design process, so it is OK if you don't know all the answers yet. But, thinking about these questions will help you get the most out of your first meeting with a health economist.