handout # 4 (A Short Resource Guide)

For collecting data and calculating incremental expenses of implementing an intervention in primary care practice.

You will need an Economic consultant

The most important resource to any researcher collecting data and calculating the incremental expenses of an intervention in health care is an economist, trained in economic evaluation, cost-effectiveness, cost-benefit or economic impact analysis. Such economists are a rather small subset of all trained economists in this country, so please be judicious in who you choose as your consultant.

Methods and How-To Guides


   This is to some extent dated, and seems to have more of an international audience, but the principles and practical applicability to primary care make it highly useful.


   This is a good textbook.


   This is a guide for cost analysis of welfare-to-work, employment, and training programs – the principles are the same and equally applicable to health care interventions.

More inclusive accounts including theoretical underpinnings


   This is a comprehensive account of the theoretical underpinnings of cost and cost-benefit analysis including the estimation of economic impacts of demonstrations. Also has an extensive bibliography at the back.
