

Review of: "Modelling the Clinical and Economic Impacts of Foundation-Funded versus Staff-Driven Quality Improvement Mental Health Strategies"

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Reviewers' Comments to Author:

This study aims

- To present an established clinical measurement system combined with standardized cost evaluation strategy to assess the respective cost/benefit impacts of four service innovations.
- The study would benefit from additional clarifications and a change.
- Specific comments are included below.

Abstract

- The summary is very long it would be beneficial to make it more concise.
- The conclusion is very vague, it lacks the specificity of the subject.

Introduction

- Clarify how the program works.

Methods

- Add more information about the materials and methods used in the research.
- Indicators used to assess clinical impact are not well developed:
 - While the system of care was fortunate enough to have a robust clinical outcome measurement embedded in the regional information system for the purpose of evaluation, operationally was and remains in later years by and large an afterthought on the part of directorship to consider the including the evaluation cycle at the project or innovation design phase.
 - Indicators of performance measurement: was measured in terms of the cost saved comparing the same outcomes.

Results

- Well presented.

Discussion

- Well presented.

Conclusion

- The conclusion is missing in the manuscript.