

Meeting opening

The EQUATOR Network
Launch Meeting

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The future is here; it is just not
generally distributed

William Gibson

The future is not a destination
like Beachy Head, waiting for
our arrival; it is something like
the Regent Street and Park
that we have to imagine, plan
and build

“Between 1997 and 2001, there was no evidence of progress in the proportion of trials published in general medical journals that discussed the new results within the context of, or with reference to, up-to-date systematic reviews of relevant evidence from other controlled trials.”

M. Clarke et al (2002)

Discussion Sections in Reports of Controlled Trials
Published in General Medical Journals

JAMA, 287: 2799-2801

TOTAL NUMBER OF TRIALS	26 ('97)	33('05)	18('07)
First trial addressing the question	1	3	3
Contained an updated systematic review integrating the new results	2	0	0
Discussed a previous review but did not attempt to integrate the new results	4	3	5
No apparent systematic attempt to set the new results in the context of other trials	19	27	10

Between 2000 and 2006, the general rate of inflation in the UK was 16%, while periodical prices are estimated to have risen by 39% over the same period. On average, periodical prices have risen faster than inflation in the UK."

Trends in Scholarly Journal Prices 2000-2006

Sonya White and Claire Creaser, Loughborough: LISU, 2007

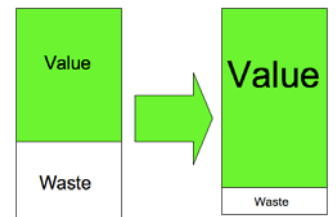
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20th Century Question

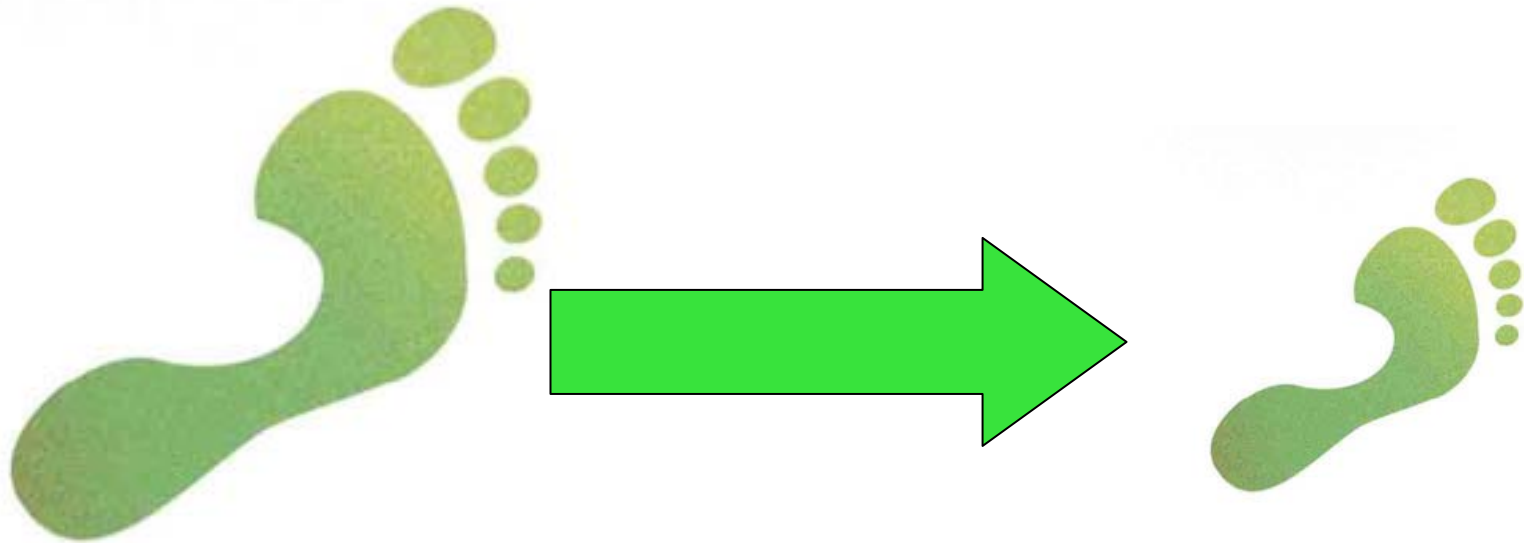
Can our health care costs be reduced?

21st century question

Can our environmental costs be reduced ?



The campaign for greener healthcare



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