

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL 1.

Example choice set, DCE breast cancer

Imagine the following situation:

- You have been told by your GP you need hospital care to treat breast cancer.
- You may only choose between hospital A or hospital B.
- Both hospitals are practically identical (e.g., travelling facilities options such as a bus stop located nearby, and the number of parking places are the same for both hospitals), and thus differ only in characteristic presented.

For each situation:

- 1) Compare both hospitals according to each attribute presented.
- 2) Given the information presented, in which hospital would you like to be treated?
- 3) Please indicate at the bottom in which hospital would you prefer to be treated.

It is important to note that your decision is never considered right or wrong.

| Hospital: | Hospital A | Hospital B |
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| 1. Patient experiences The level that other patients are satisfied with the attention, explanation and time received from the hospital staff. Higher values reflect better scores. | Below average | Average |
| 2. Clinical outcome indicator An indicator of hospital quality that reflects the share of resections for which the tumor resection margin was shown to be tumor-positive in the first surgery in breast saving therapy. Lower values reflect better scores. | 10% | 5% |
| 3. Waiting time The number of working days you have to wait until the first appointment. | 5 working days | 15 working days |
| 4. Travel distance The number of kilometers from your home to the hospital. | 15 kilometers | 8 kilometers |
| 5. Recommendation The person or persons who recommends you the given hospital. | Nobody in particular | Your General Practitioner |
| In which hospital would you prefer to be treated? | | |