

Burden of skin disease and risk factors: where next?



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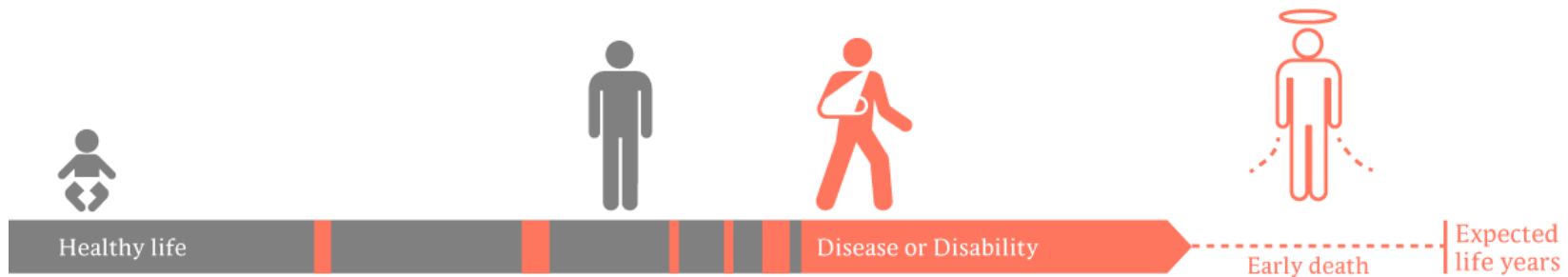
Disability-adjusted life years (DALYs)

DALY

Disability Adjusted Life Year is a measure of overall disease burden, expressed as the cumulative number of years lost due to ill-health, disability or early death

$$= \text{YLD} + \text{YLL}$$

Years Lived with Disability Years of Life Lost



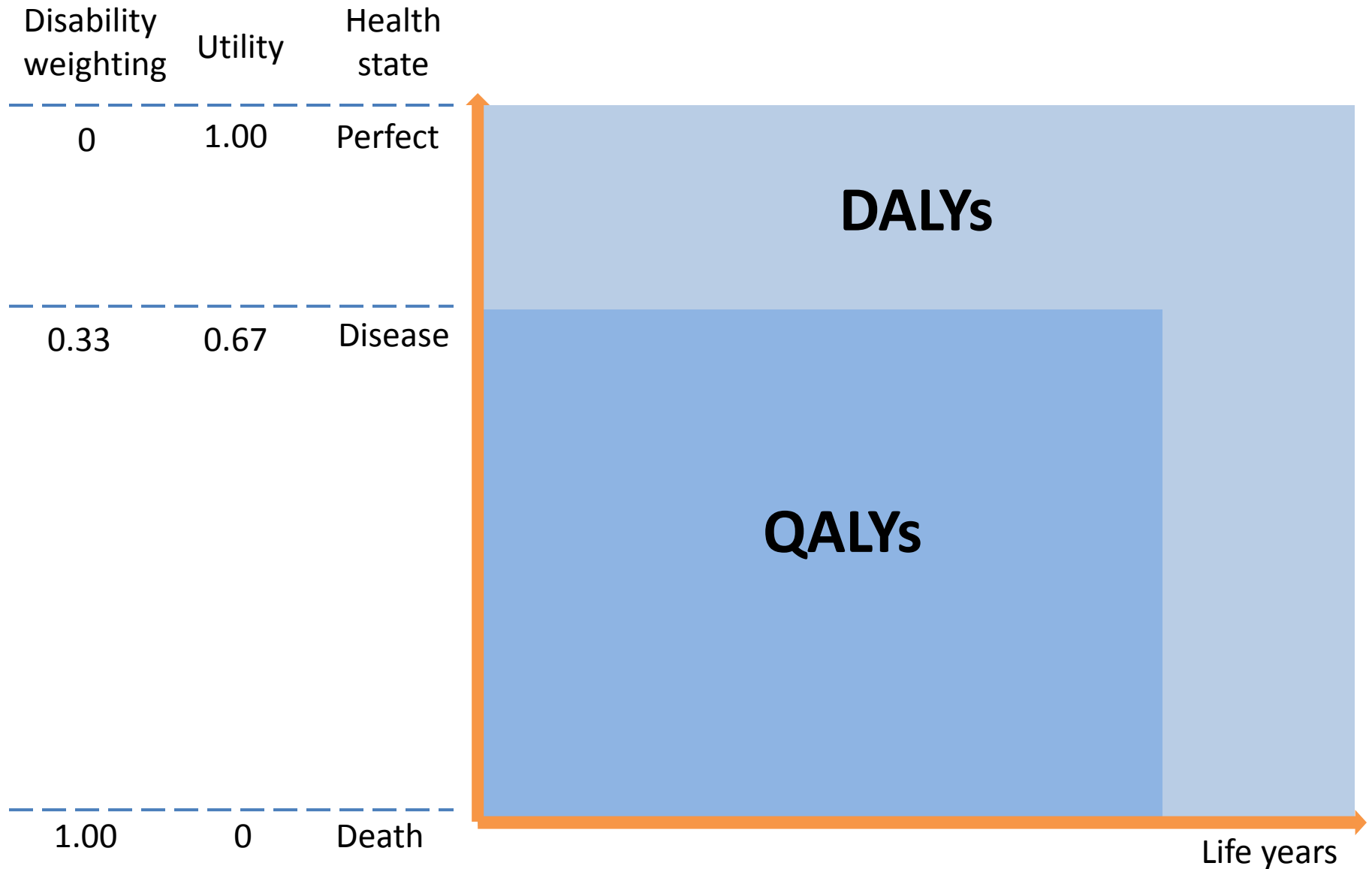
DALYs = The sum of the Years of Life Lost (YLL) + The Years Lost due to Disability (YLD)

where:

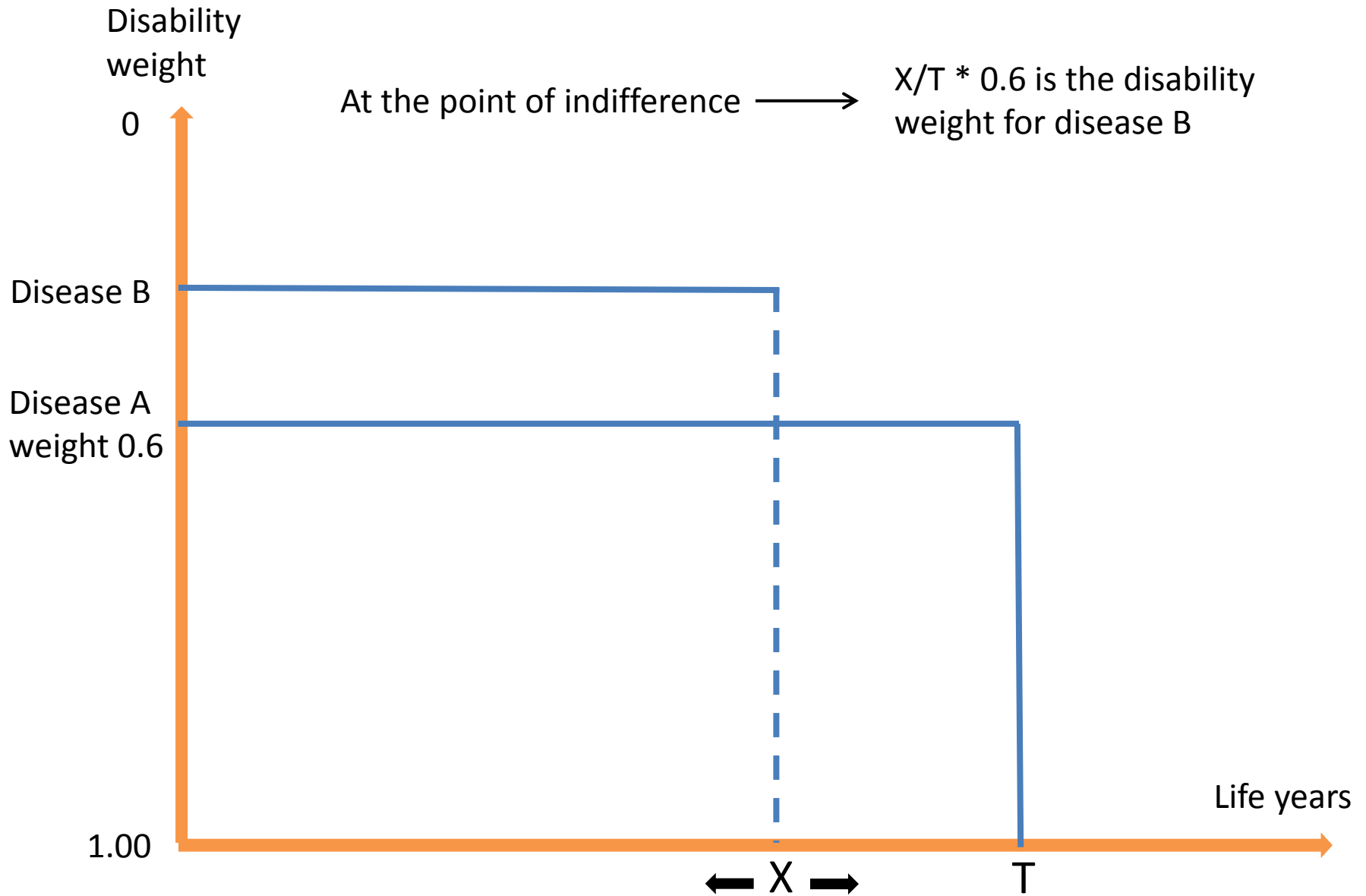
YLL = number of deaths x standard life expectancy at age of death in years
and

YLD = number of prevalent cases x disability weight

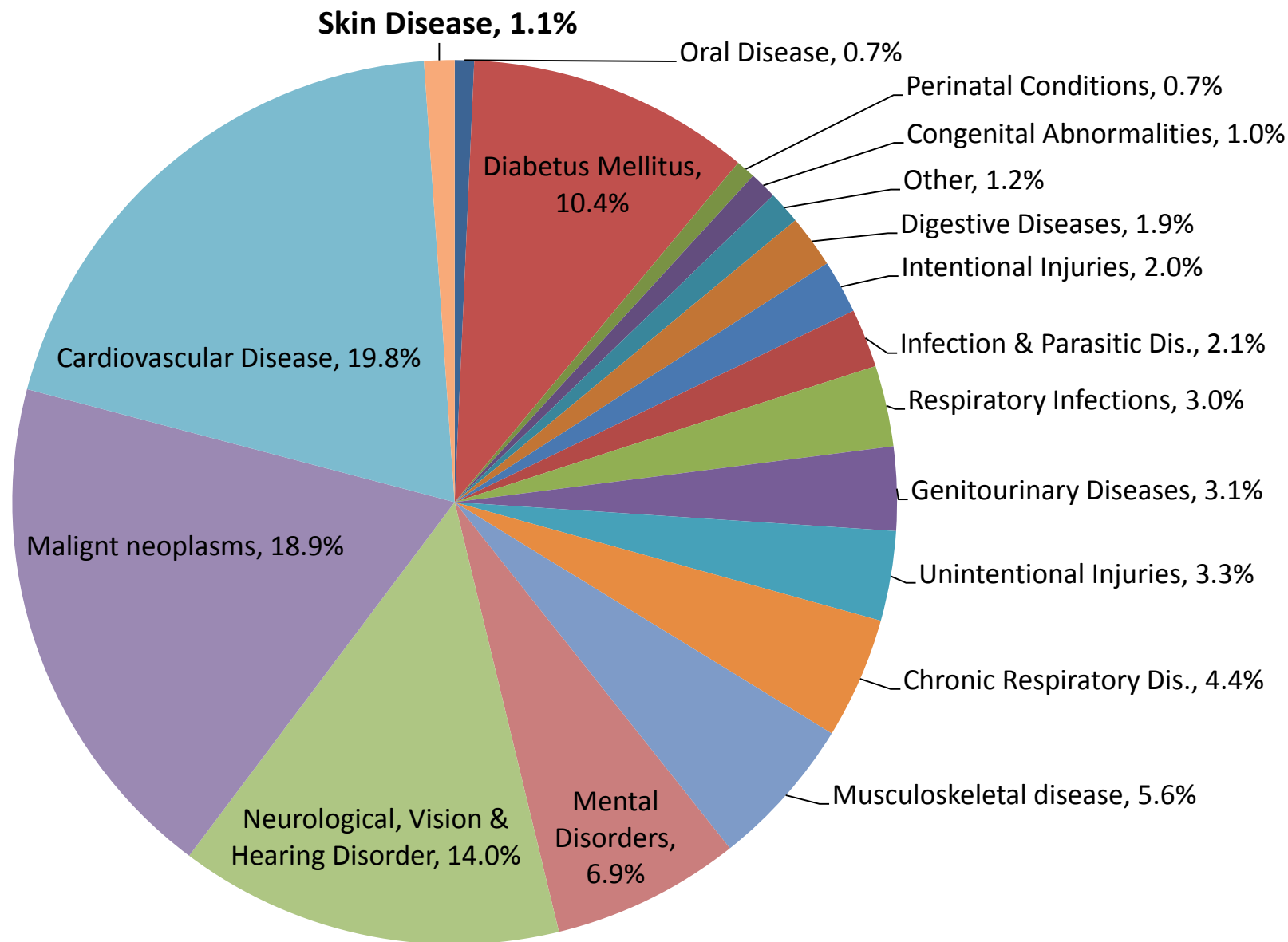
DALYs versus QALYs



Time-trade off



Disability-adjusted life years by cause, S'pore 2010*



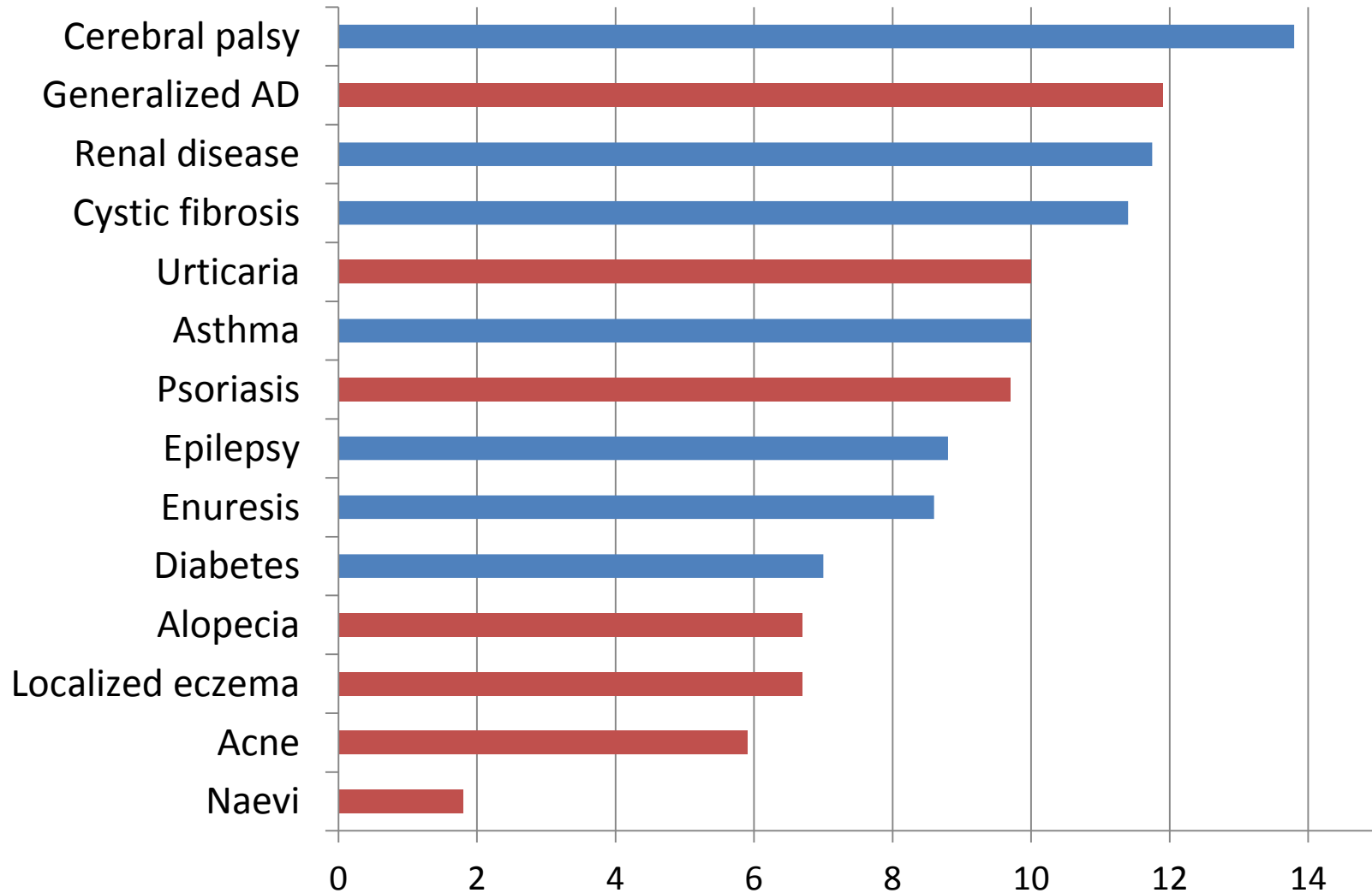
*) Singapore Burden of Disease Study 2010, Epidemiology & Disease Control Division, Ministry of Health, Singapore

What disability weights should capture – examples of PRO:s in studies on skin diseases



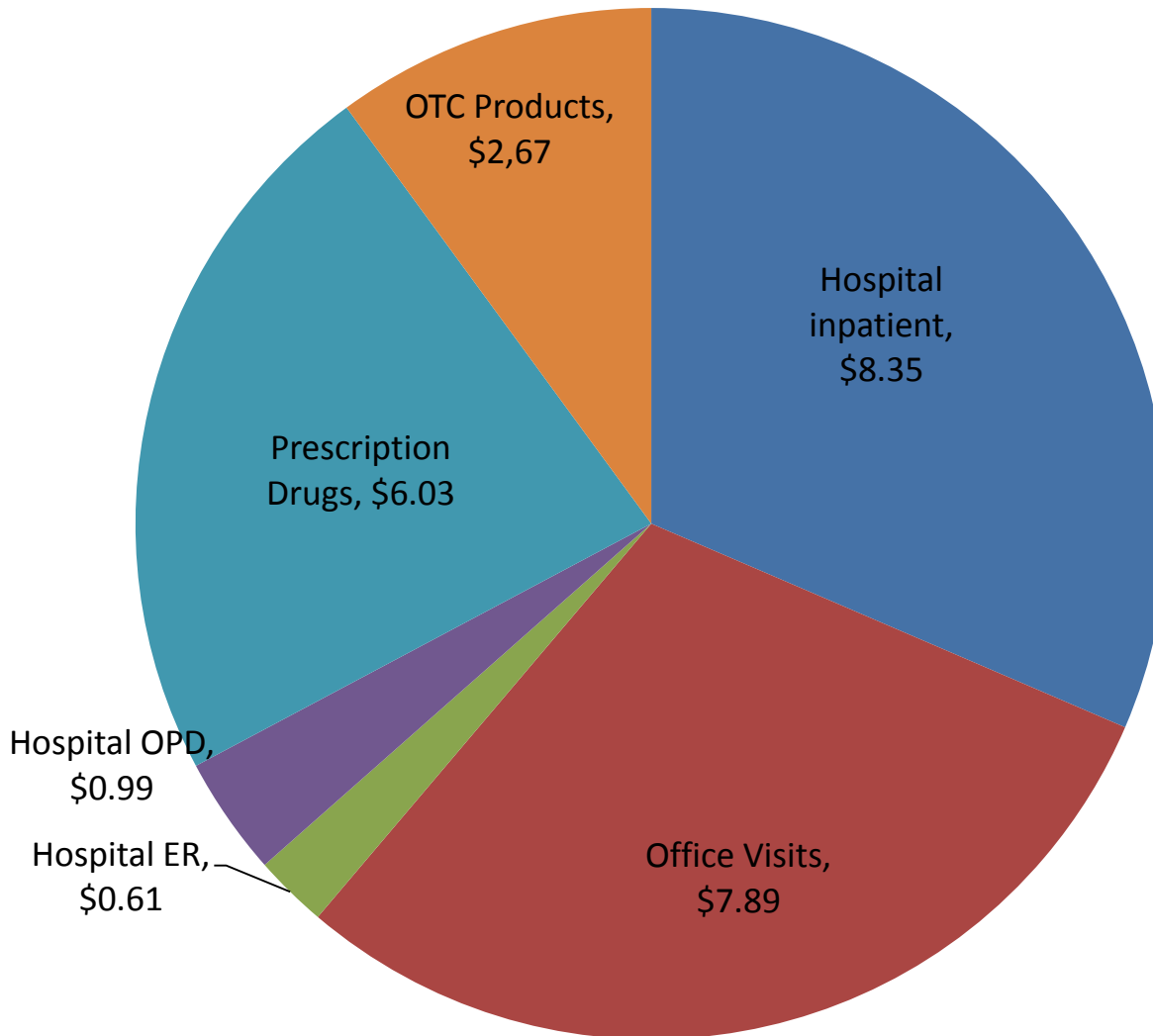
Children's Life Quality Index (CLQI)

Scores for 379 with chronic skin disease and 161 with other chronic disease (Beattie & Lewis-Jones, 2006)

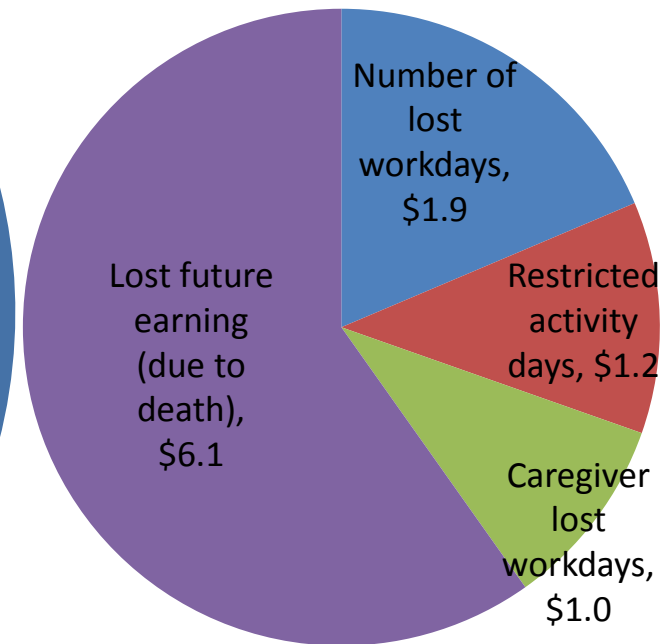


Cost of Skin Disease, US 2004, \$ billions

Health Care Costs



Productivity losses



Alternatives of describing a disease burden

Alt.	Costs	Outcomes measure	Advantage / Disadvantage
1.	-	DALY's	Different diseases can easily be compared / Tied to a certain preference
2.	Direct, indirect and intangible costs	-	Different diseases can easily be compared / Tied to a certain preference
3.	Direct and indirect costs	Impact on health-related quality of life	Transparent and not tied to a certain preference / Difficult to compare

Preferred choice

Where next?

We would be able to make decisions on the choice of therapy from a more holistic perspective that include cost-consequences for a societal perspective and the quality of life of patients and their careers.

- Promote a patient-centered care and get more informed therapy decisions
- Support the development of guidelines
- A better optimization of resources from a broader perspective
- Useful tool prioritization and planning
- An economic framework for program evaluation



Recipe for a happy marriage

Knowledge of what's clinically possible and scientific opportunities (with information on costs)

Information on disease burden with the attached costs

