

How would you choose?

This is an individual exercise to highlight the difficulty in prioritizing the allocation of scarce resources.

You have \$20,000 which will fund one of the scenarios described. What will you spend your money on and why?

Steve is an 18 year old man who was the victim of a car accident. He has severe facial scarring, an unstable C-spine which has been bolted and psychological problems as a result. Plastic and spine surgery would correct the scarring and spinal instability.



Miranda is a 65 year old woman who has been waiting for many months to get a hip replacement. Soon, she will no longer be able to live alone. Her only son lives 200 miles away. The hip replacement would allow her to live independently.

Joanne is a 42 year old woman with no family. She has recently been diagnosed with HIV secondary to drug abuse. She no longer takes drugs. Anti-retroviral treatment will make her life expectancy normal.



11 year old Daniel has cancer. He has a 50/50 chance of survival. There is, however, a new treatment that has shown promise in cases such as his.