

Class One: Scarcity Choice and Opportunity Cost

Question: Does an economic perspective have a place when considering the provision of health care for low income persons?

Exhibit One

From the Smile Train Website (<http://www.smiletrain.org/the-problem/>)

The good news is that every single child with a cleft can be helped with surgery that costs as little as \$250. It's a true modern-day medical miracle that gives a child back their life.



Exhibit Two

From the Nets for Life Website (<http://www.netsforlifeafrica.org/malaria>)



Malaria is a common, yet deadly tropical disease transmitted through the bites of infected mosquitoes. It kills nearly one million people every year—the vast majority children under age five.

The cost of a mosquito net is about \$5.00 (<http://www.projectmosquonet.org/>)