Dr. Kuntz has spent the past 30+ years building decision-analytic models for a range of chronic disease interventions. Through her experience with different applications, she has explored the implications of several assumptions that underlie state-transition cohort models. She will discuss some of these findings, such as how one models disease-specific mortality, how one defines health states, and how one extrapolates beyond trial data can matter.

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