

Dilemma

A dilemma is a [problem](#) offering two unrelated possibilities, neither of which is unambiguously acceptable or preferable. Time and or the perception of the time strongly influences decision-making. The dilemma is sometimes used as a rhetorical device, in the form “you must accept either A or B”; here A and B would be propositions each leading to some further conclusion. Applied incorrectly, it constitutes a false dichotomy, a fallacy.

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[Ethical dilemma](#).

Examples

The dilemma between natural [rupture](#) risk and [adverse outcomes](#) of [intervention](#) is of major concern for patients with [unruptured arteriovenous malformations](#) (AVMs). The existing risk score for [arteriovenous malformation rupture](#) includes factors that are controversial and lacks prospective validation.

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