How Sustainable Hospitals Are Achieving Major Savings

Webinar

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Learning Objectives

- How hospitals can reap savings and reduce their carbon footprint through sustainability programs:
 - Reduce energy use
 - Waste management
 - Operating room supply efficiencies
- Findings of a recent Commonwealth Fund report from the Healthier Hospitals Initiative (HHI) and Health Care Without Harm through grants from The Commonwealth Fund and The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation:
 - Can Sustainable Hospitals Help Bend the Health Care Cost Curve? by S Kaplan, J.D., et al. And 2 blogs by J Thompson, M.D., CEO of Gundersen Health System, and G Halvorson, CEO of Kaiser Permanente.
 - Examines the sustainability changes undertaken by nine health systems and hospitals across the United.
 - Each hospital realized significant savings, even those that made initial investments to adopt the sustainability program.
 - Savings from such interventions could exceed \$5.4 billion over five years and \$15 billion over 10 years.

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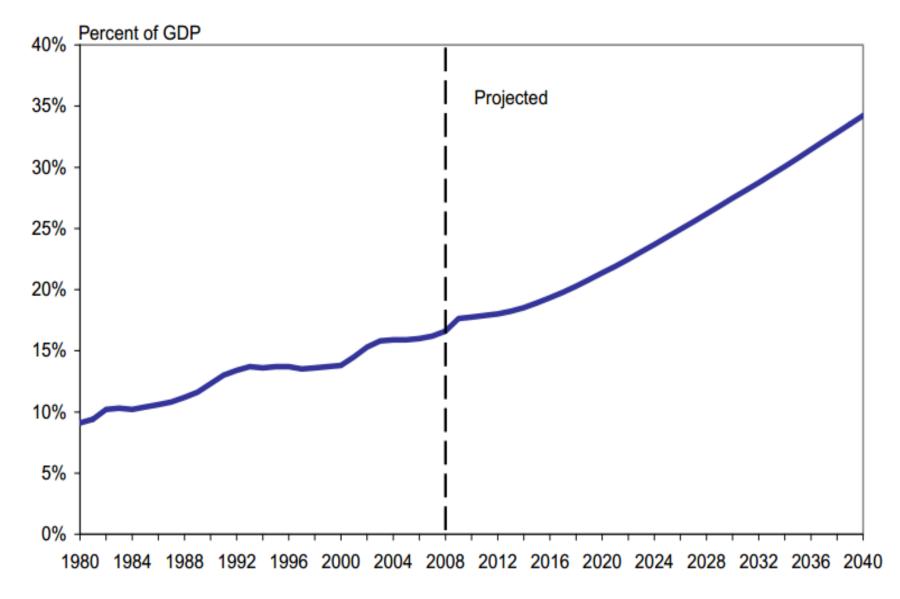
A High-Performance Health System: What Does It Deliver?

A high-performance health system will achieve the following:

- Better care for individuals, described by the six dimensions of health care performance listed in the Institute of Medicine's 2001 report, "Crossing the Quality Chasm": safety, effectiveness, patient-centeredness, timeliness, efficiency, and equity.
- Better health for populations, through attacking "the upstream causes of so much of our ill health."
- Affordable per-capita costs.

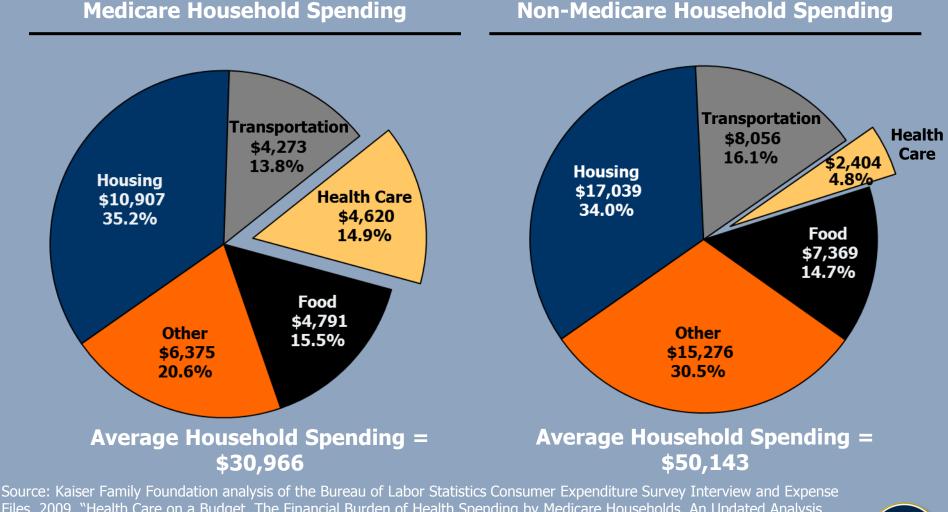
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Figure 1: National Health Expenditures as a Share of GDP, 1980-2040



Source: CEA calculations.

Distribution of Average Household Spending by Medicare and Non-Medicare Households, 2009

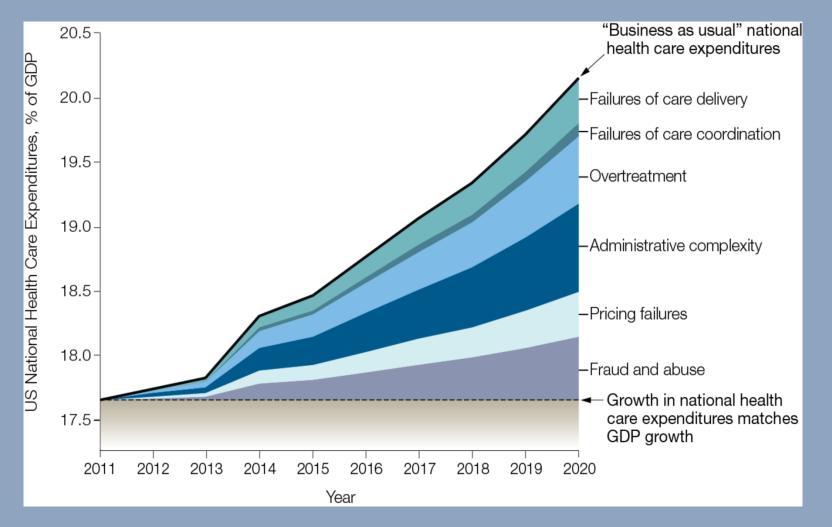


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U.S. Health Care System Waste Wedges



Source: Eliminating Waste in US Health Care; Donald M. Berwick, MD, MPP; Andrew D. Hackbarth; JAMA. 2012;307(14):1513-15/6.

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Panelists

- Susan Kaplan, J.D., Research Assistant Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health
- Sister Susan Vickers, R.S.M., Vice President, Community Health, Dignity Health, a health care delivery system in California, Arizona, and Nevada
- J. Knox Singleton, CEO, Inova Health System in Northern Virginia

