Sustaining Change Efforts: Lessons Learned

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Positive views of government's handling of terrorism, disasters; negative views on public health, poverty

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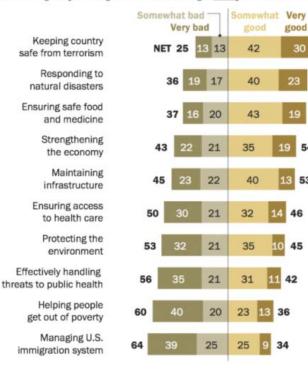
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% who say the federal government is doing a _____ job in each area



Note: Don't know responses not shown. Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted July 23-Aug. 4, 2020.

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Nurses Still Rate Highest for Honesty and Ethics

Please tell me how you would rate the honesty and ethical standards of people in these different fields -- very high, high, average, low or very low. (% Very high/High)

	2019 %	2018 %	2017 %
Nurses	85	84	82
Engineers	66		
Medical doctors	65	67	65
Pharmacists	64	66	62
Dentists	61		
Police officers	54	54	56
College teachers	49		
Psychiatrists	43		
Chiropractors	41		
Clergy	40	37	42
Journalists	28	33	
Bankers	28	27	25
Labor union leaders	24	21	
Lawyers	22	19	18
Business executives	20	44 °	
State governors	20	17	16
Stockbrokers	14	14	
Advertising practitioners	13	13	12
Insurance salespeople	13		
Senators	13		
Members of Congress	12	8	11
Car salespeople	9	8	10
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U.S. Health Care from a Global Perspective, 2019: Higher Spending, Worse Outcomes?

January 30, 2020 | Roosa Tikkanen and Melinda K. Abrams

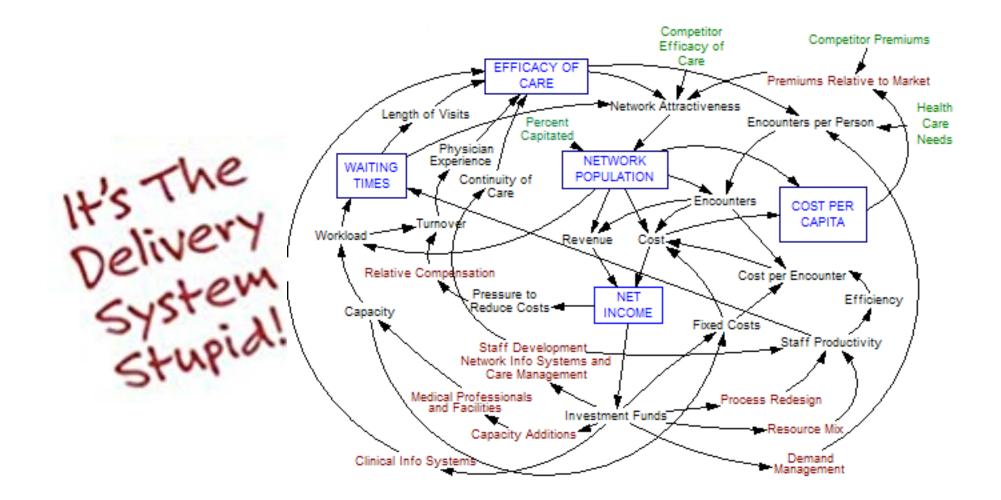


U.S. Highlights

•Spends nearly twice as much as a share of the economy on health care as other OECD countries — yet has the lowest life expectancy and highest suicide rates among the 11 nations.

•Has the **highest chronic disease burden** and an **obesity rate two times higher** than the OECD average.

•Has among the highest number of hospitalizations from preventable causes and the highest rate of avoidable deaths.



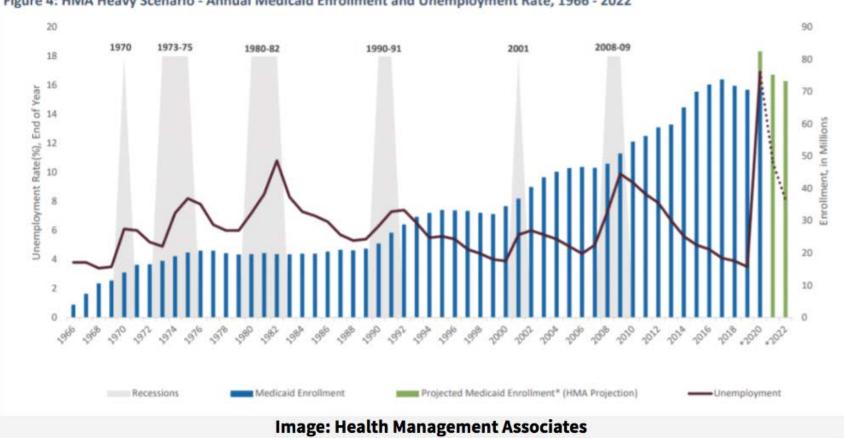
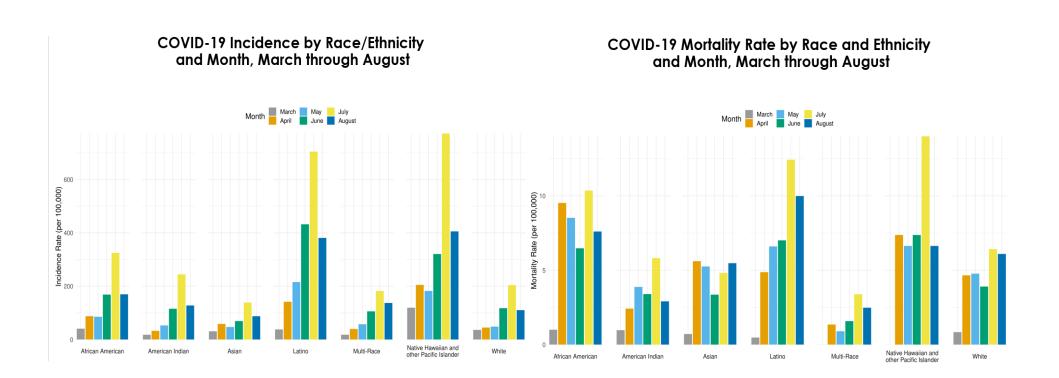
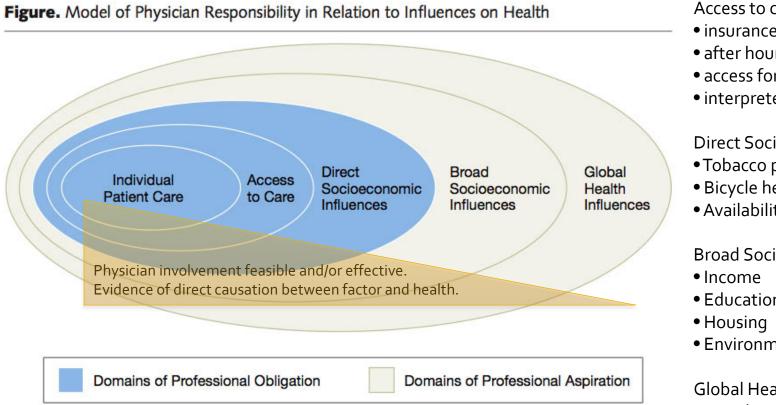


Figure 4: HMA Heavy Scenario - Annual Medicaid Enrollment and Unemployment Rate, 1966 - 2022





Defining Clinician Responsibility



Access to care

- insurance coverage
- after hours care
- access for disabled patients
- interpreters for LEP patients

Direct Socioeconomic Influences

- Tobacco policy
- Bicycle helmets
- Availability of clean needles

Broad Socioeconomic Influences

- Education
- Environmental pollutants

Global Health Influences

 Distribution of resources, knowledge and opportunity

Doctoring Across The Language Divide

Trained medical interpreters can be the key to communication between physicians and patients.

BY ALICE CHEN

PREFACE: It's fortuitous that "patients" and "patience" are pronounced the same. Their link as homophones continually reminds us that physicians' communicating with their patients-and the patience it involves-is essential to good doctoring. When one factors in different languages and different cultures, communicating becomes an even more layered process requiring additional patience-and perseverance. California physician Alice Chen speaks three languages; nonetheless, she found herself one language short with a patient who spoke only Arabic. As Chen details in her essay, the only communication with her patient that she could trust was provided by a trained medical interpreter; she finds it inexplicable that despite the growing need for this important specialized service and its proven effectiveness, the too, although people from two different cultures ostensibly speak the same language, it doesn't mean that they truly understand one another. In his essay, physician-professor Jack Coulehan looks back on a summer almost forty years ago project in Jamaica-and realizes that with time and patience, he has finally understood what was said to him.

THE FIRST TIME I MET Mrs. Haddad, I was running late. She was sitting on the exam room's metal folding chair, covered head to toe in the black hijab worn by some Muslim women. Her face was exposed but expressionless and didn't change when I walked into the room. A man seated beside her stood up immediately.

persevenue. California physician Alice Chen speaks three languages nonetheless, she found herself one language short with a patient who spoke only Communication with her patient that she could trust was provided by a trained medical interpreter; she finds it inexplicable that despite the growing need for this important specialized service and its proven effectiveness, the need for trained medical interpreters is often swept under the carpet by policymakers. Then, too, although people from two different cultures

"Hi, Fm Dr. Chen. Fm sorry to have kept you waiting. What language do you speak?" Mrs. looks back on a summer almost forty years ago when he and his wife worked on a public health project in Jamaica—and realizes that with time and patience, he has finally understood what was said to him. "Hi, Fm Dr. Chen. Fm sorry to have kept you waiting. What language do you speak?" Mrs. Haddad said nothing. The man—her husband, as it turned out—answered instead, "She speaks Arabic. But I speak English." Mr. Haddad was slender with an open, animated face, wearing a dark blue T-shirt and dark pants and holding a cell phone.

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People in the future will need to learn organization the way their forefathers learned farming.

— Peter Drucker

If you want to go fast go alone . If you want to go far go together .

African proverb

For of those to whom much is given, much is required.

- John F Kennedy