

20 SHOCKING FACTS



ABOUT HEALTHCARE IN THE US

Curious to learn more about the state of healthcare in the United States? Being the wealthiest country in the world, one might expect the US to set the bar when it comes to healthcare. While healthcare in the US does have a multitude of positives in comparison to other developed countries, we'll take a look here at 20 shocking facts about healthcare that may surprise you.

1 27.8 MILLION AMERICANS DO NOT HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE

Representing **8.5%** of the population

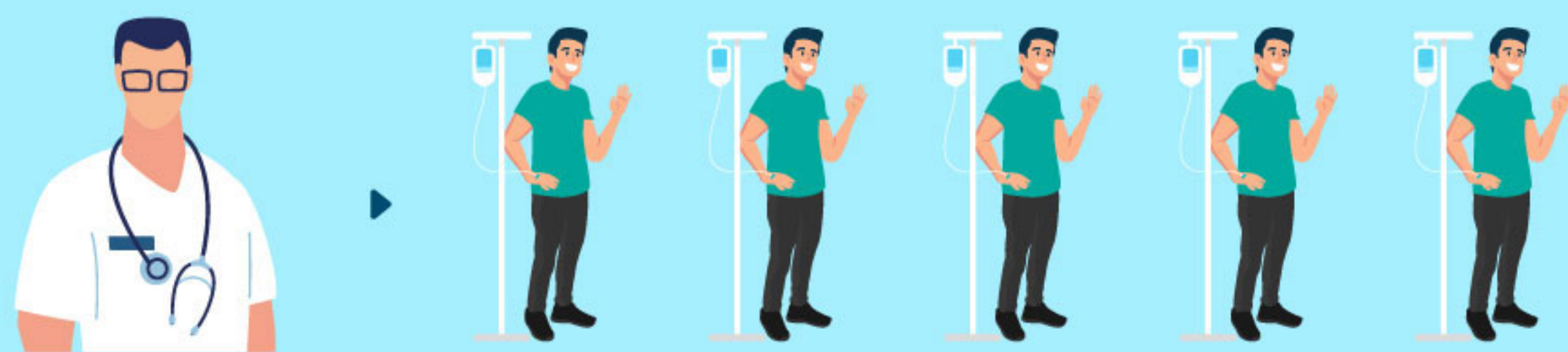


2 56% OF AMERICANS DON'T BELIEVE THEY HAVE ACCESS TO THE BEST HEALTHCARE IN THE WORLD

Only **23%** believe they do have access to the best healthcare while **21%** are undecided.



3 THERE ARE **2.6** DOCTORS FOR EVERY **1,000** PATIENTS IN THE UNITED STATES



4 AMERICANS SEE THEIR PHYSICIANS LESS FREQUENTLY THAN PATIENTS IN MOST OTHER COUNTRIES

On average, citizens in the U.S. go to the doctor just **4 times** a year, compared to the **12.9 times** per year Japanese patients see their doctors.



4x



12.9x



Only Switzerland, New Zealand and Sweden have a **lower average** number of doctor appointments than the United States.

5 MANY DOCTORS NOW SPEND MORE TIME ON PAPERWORK THAN SEEING PATIENTS

A primary care physician who spends **5 minutes** of face-to-face time with a patient will spend another **19.3 minutes**, on average, working on that patient's electronic health records (EHRs).



6 THE AMERICAN HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY WAS WORTH **\$24.7 BILLION** IN 1960. IT IS NOW WORTH **\$3,504 TRILLION**.

The US air ambulance industry is a **\$4 billion** industry with **2.7% growth** over the last 5 years



7 HEALTHCARE AS A % OF GDP (GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT) IN THE US HAS INCREASED FROM **5%** IN 1960 TO **18.2%** IN 2018

Experts credit this increased percentage to the rising medical costs in the US rather than as an indication of changing governmental priorities.



8 THE PER CAPITAL PRICE OF HEALTHCARE PER YEAR IS HIGHER IN THE UNITED STATES THAN IN ANY OTHER NATION IN THE WORLD

America spends nearly **2.5 times** as much per person as the United Kingdom does



9 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR HEALTHCARE IN

THE US AVERAGE ABOUT **8%** WHILE OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AVERAGE BETWEEN 1 AND 3%



10 HALF OF ALL HEALTH-CARE SPENDING GOES TOWARDS

ROUGHLY **5%** OF THE US POPULATION



11 EMPLOYERS PAID ABOUT **75%** OF HEALTHCARE COSTS IN 2018 WHILE EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTED THE REMAINING **25%**



12 A RETIREE IN THE UNITED STATES, WHO HAS MEDICARE, CAN EXPECT TO PAY AROUND **\$5,000** OUT OF POCKET FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES A YEAR.

Medicare typically only pays **80%** of the bill



Some types of coverage are not covered at all by medicare. **Nursing care** is one example of this.

13 ROUGHLY **4%** OF AMERICANS DECLARE BANKRUPTCY AS A RESULT OF HIGH MEDICAL BILLS

BANKRUPTCY

14 **1.4 MILLION** AMERICANS WENT OVERSEAS FOR MEDICAL CARE IN 2017 TO SAVE MONEY



15 **20 TOP-SELLING** MEDICATIONS WORLDWIDE

COST ON AVERAGE THREE TIMES MORE IN THE UNITED STATES THAN THEY DO IN BRITAIN, WHERE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES ARE REGULATED.



16 YOU'LL PAY **10 TIMES** AS MUCH FOR THE ANTI-CANCER DRUG AVASTIN IN THE US THAN IN THE UK.

In the United Kingdom, Avastin cost around **\$470**. The exact same drug in the United States during the same period cost **\$3,930**.



17 AS OF 2018, THE MOST EXPENSIVE DRUG IN AMERICA IS HORIZON PHARMA'S ACTIMMUNE, WHICH COSTS **\$52,321.80** PER MONTH, OR A STUNNING **\$671,861.60** PER YEAR.



18 OVER **7** OUT OF **10** AMERICANS ARE CONSIDERED OVERWEIGHT. NEARLY **4** OUT OF **10** AMERICANS ARE CONSIDERED MORBIDLY OBESE.

19 **300,000** PREMATURE DEATHS A YEAR IN THE UNITED STATES CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO **OBESITY**



20 OBESITY-RELATED HEALTH ISSUES COST OVER **\$150 BILLION** A YEAR IN THE US ALONE

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