The Ultimate Question
Facing Our Health System!

**Will We Continue to Allocate An Increasing Proportion Of Our National Income To Health Care?**
I think YES, But We Still Need To Slow The Growth In Spending!

We must figure out a way to eliminate harmful care and reduce care where benefits are less than costs!
Alternative Levels of Healthcare
Services And Improvements to Health Outcomes

Inputs of Healthcare

Health Outcomes

Dollars

Costs of Care

Economic Optimum

Maximum Impact

#1

#2

#3

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Inputs of Healthcare
No Serious Argument That We All Would Agree That Good Health Care Assumes #1!
But What About #’s 2 and 3?
Hard Nose Economist or Perfectly Healthy 32 Yr. Olds Might Choose #2

But There Are Also A Number of Medical Analyst and Business Leaders That Are Suggesting That We Need To Move Closer To #2
Nevertheless---Most Practicing Physicians, Health Professionals, Patients and Federal (FDA, Medicare) and State (Medicaid) Law Requires, Believes or Acts As If---

#3 Is The Gold Standard of Quality Health Care
Unfortunately, There is Evidence That The American Health Care System or Some Areas Are Providing Care In Excess of The “Gold” Standard!

(The Region of Harmful Care)
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1. Economic Optimum
2. Maximum Impact
3. Costs of Care
4. Harmful Care

#1

#2

#3

#4
The Future Policy Debate In The U.S. Will Be----

Should Public Funds Be Used To Pay For Services Beyond #2?