

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT U.S. Health Care Today?

► ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE ◀

1. Since the early 90's, when our nation last attempted to legislate a guarantee of health care for all, the number of people without health insurance has:
A. increased B. decreased C. stayed about the same
2. Since nearly everyone 65+ is insured through Medicare, the proportion of the population under 65 without insurance is closest to:
A. 1 in 6 or 7 B. 1 in 10 C. 1 in 20
3. The percentage of uninsured who are full time workers and their dependents is:
A. 24% B. 45% C. 78%
4. In 2001, 18,000 people in America died prematurely because they lacked health insurance, killing more people than kidney disease, liver disease and AIDS combined. Being uninsured is the _____ leading cause of death in America.
A. 4th B. 7th C. 10th

► NEEDED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS ◀

5. The number of Americans who don't have any prescription drug coverage is:
A. 1 in 20 B. 1 in 10 C. 1 in 4
6. Our U.S. prescription drug charges cost more than the same medication (often from the same factory) in other countries. How much more do we pay than Canadians for the same drug products?
A. 10% B. 25% C. 32%
7. *Fortune Magazine* reports that the 2001 profits of the top twenty Fortune 500 firms ranged from 3.3% to 18.5%. The profit margin for prescription drug manufacturers was:
A. 6.6% B. 8.5% C. 18.5%
8. Which countries allow the advertising of prescription drugs directly to the consumer?
A. all B. the U.S. C. U.S. and New Zealand

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► **COSTS OF HEALTH CARE** ◀

9. In 1987, health care spending in the U.S. was \$1,986 for each man, woman and child. The cost has grown since that time. The estimated 2002 per capita costs are:
- A. \$2,500 B. \$3,500 C. \$5,400
10. The percentage of health care spending for overhead costs in the U.S. is closest to:
- A. 6% B. 12% C. 18%
11. In the 2000 elections, the two industries which spent the most money to lobby Congress were:
- A. tobacco and electric utilities
B. insurance and pharmaceuticals
C. telephone and oil companies

► **HOW WE RATE ON THE WORLD SCALE** ◀

12. In 1999 the American government spent \$2,604 per capita on health care. How does this amount compare to the amount spent by all other governments, including those with national health insurance?
- A. lower B. higher C. about the same
13. The World Health Report 2000 indicates that the U.S. health system spends a higher portion of its gross domestic product than any other country, and ranks _____ out of 191 countries according to its performance.
- A. 14th B. 37th C. 76th
14. Per person health care costs in the U.S., as compared with those in other western democracies, are:
- A. equally as much B. 50% more C. twice as much
15. How many of the world's western democracies have not yet legislated universal health care for their citizens?
- A. only the U.S. B. two C. the three largest

Answers: 1-a, 2-a, 3-c, 4-b, 5-c, 6-c, 7-c, 8-c, 9-c, 10-c, 11-b, 12-b, 13-b, 14-c, 15-a

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