

# Healthcare in the U.S.

Obj. 11.7: Identify strengths and weaknesses of the U.S. healthcare system



## Healthcare: Good or Bad?

Are you proud of our nation's healthcare system? Or are you ashamed of it? Or does your feeling about it lie somewhere in the middle? Explain your feelings about the U.S. healthcare system in the box below. Use evidence and reasoning to support your opinion.

DISCUSS

## Money-Driven Medicine

*Discuss with a partner:* Do you think the expression “money-driven medicine” is an appropriate way to describe our health care system? Why or why not?



## MDM: The Film

Watch the film, *Money Driven Medicine*, answering the questions below:

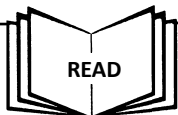
1. What is America good & not so good at when it comes to health care?
2. Explain the analogy: “Medicine in the US today is like....”
3. What other analogy is used for insurance companies?
4. Should medicine work as a competitive market? Why could this be harmful? Beneficial?
5. How did the face of medicine change over the 20<sup>th</sup> century?
6. What is one reason, according to Dr. Berwick, for the outrageous expense of our healthcare today?
7. What is the conflict that doctors today face?



### Strengths & Weaknesses

Summarize the strengths and weaknesses of the U.S. model of health care:

Strengths	Weaknesses



### US Health System: 12-Country Comparison

1. Form a team of 4-6.
2. Review the article “The U.S. Health System in Perspective: A Comparison of Twelve Industrialized Nations,” a study sponsored by The Commonwealth Fund. Skim through to get a sense of the sections and types of data included in the report.
3. Split up the packet among group members. Each of you will read a different section and report back about your key findings.
4. Take notes in the table on the next page. Decide how to best organize your notes. Consider using a table or other graphic organizer tool.
5. After you have read your section, shared information, and taken notes, discuss the main conclusions with your team. Write your conclusion in the space below, following claim-evidence-warrant format:

**CONCLUSION (CLAIM-EVIDENCE-WARRANT)**

**NOTES**



### How to Improve the U.S. Health System

Based on what you have learned, select ONE nation that you feel the United States could learn the most from. For that nation’s health care system, choose three factors that make it work better than our healthcare in the U.S. Use those three factors to form a set of recommendations for the U.S. health care system.

Country	
Factor #1	
Factor #2	
Factor #3	
Recommendations	