Sustainable Health Care What's the biggest Problem?





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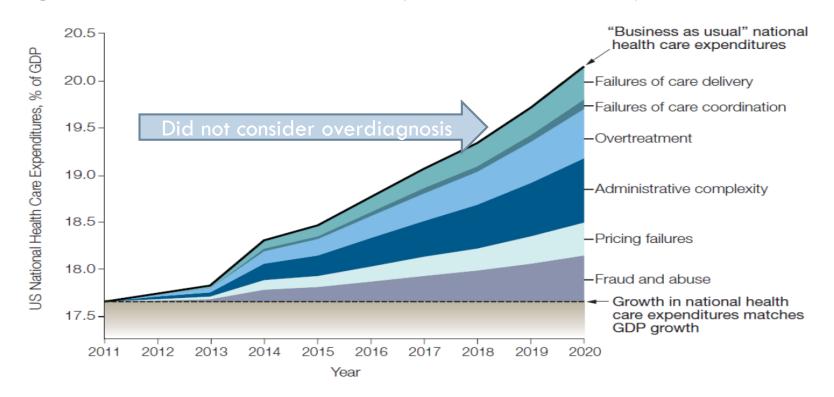




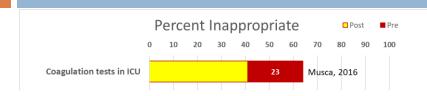
Sources of health care "waste"



Figure 11: Areas of Waste in US Health Care (Berwick and Hackbarth 2012)



Overtesting and Overtreatment



Audit-based measures of overuse of medical care in Australian hospital practice

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Internal Medicine Journal 49 (2019) 893-904

Australian Studies that:

- 1. Assessed % Inappropriate
- 2. Improvement Intervention
- 3. Re-Assessed %



Andrew

www.prostate-cancer.org.au/mens-personal-journeys/

Age 45: pilot license renewal exam found PSA of 6.3; biopsy showed prostate cancer (Gleason 6).

<u>Urologist:</u> "You have prostate cancer and you will be dead in 3 years if you do not have it out immediately, and I can fit you in next Thursday.".

<u>Refused treatment</u>; chose monitoring; PSA steadily rose <u>Age 66</u> - no treatment and in good health How many men are like Andrew? ■ Today's Paper

The facts behind prostate cancer over-diagnosis



It's well known the management of prostate cancer in Australia has been seriously flawed, but now researchers have discovered the extent of the flaw.

They found 41 per cent of prostate cancers were "over-diagnosed" across the country in 2012.

While 2012 was the most recent period analysed, they showed the lifetime risk of an Australian man being diagnosed with prostate cancer rose dramatically in the previous 30 years.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

41% overdiagnosed

= About 8,000 men/year
Most have surgery (\$20K+),
> \$160M / year

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Lifetime risk of prostate cancer overdiagnosis in Australia: quantifying the risk of overdiagnosis associated with prostate cancer screening in Australia using a novel lifetime risk approach 8

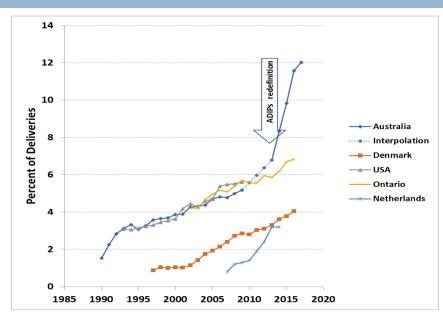
Thanya Pathirana^{1, 2}, Andrew Hayen³, Jenny Doust¹, Paul Glasziou¹, Katy Bell^{1, 4}

BMJ Open, 2019

Are you at risk of being diagnosed with gestational diabetes? It depends on where you live

Sarah lives in London, in her first pregnancy. At 26 weeks, her 75g glucose test shows a fasting level of 5.5 mmol/l and 2-hour level of 7.5mmol/l - under cut-offs for gestational diabetes. Sarah is delighted.

Donna lives in Warwick – has the same results but is diagnosed with gestational diabetes. Donna is devastated. She need more testing, visits, possibly insulin, and can't deliver locally.



Two Australian studies found no benefit of change (Sexton, 2018; Cade 2019) Cost around \$30M / year

Overdiagnosis & Overdefinition

"Medical science is making such remarkable progress that soon no one will be well" - Huxley









Daily Mail

Takeaway treats that could save your life Eat to Beat Diabetes pullout

Obesity and lack of exercise to blame

Oh Tom. what

Should heart age calculators be used alongside absolute cardiovascular disease risk assessment?

Carissa Bonner 2 o, Katy Bell, Jesse Jansen, Paul Glasziou, Les Irwig, Jenny Doust and Kirsten McCaffery

BMC Cardiovascular Disorders BMC series - open, inclusive and trusted 2018 18:19

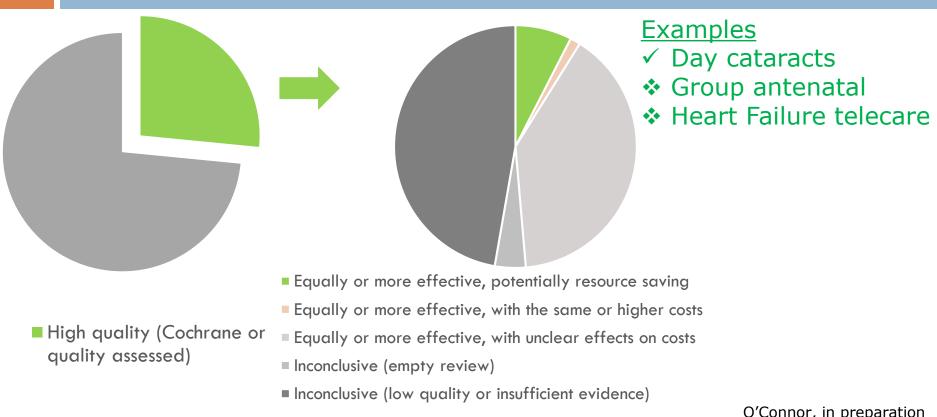
Gains from Better Pricing?

Expenditure	Annual Cost	%savings?	Comments
Pharmaceuticals (PBS)	\$13 Billion	0-10%	Complex
Prostheses	\$2.4 Billion	13%	Underway
Assistive Devices	\$3 Billion	0%	-
Other, eg fees			

Duckett S. Grattan Institute Report, 2017 Prostheses List benefit analysis, MTAA, August 2017 Summers MP, AHR, 2018

Care Delivery models

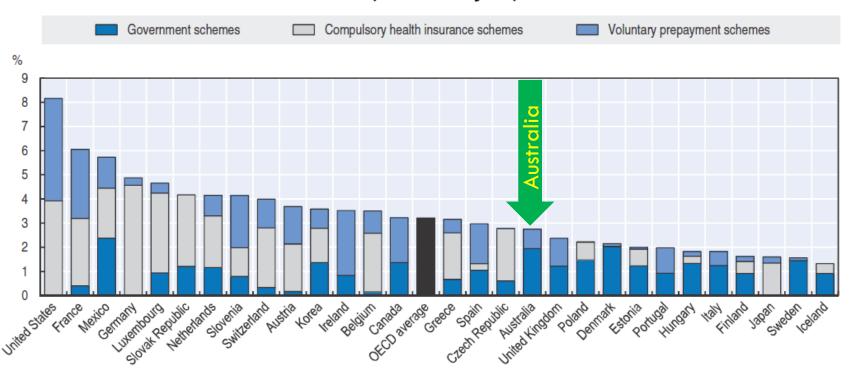
Quality of reviews, findings of high quality reviews



O'Connor, in preparation

Australian Administrative Costs: low

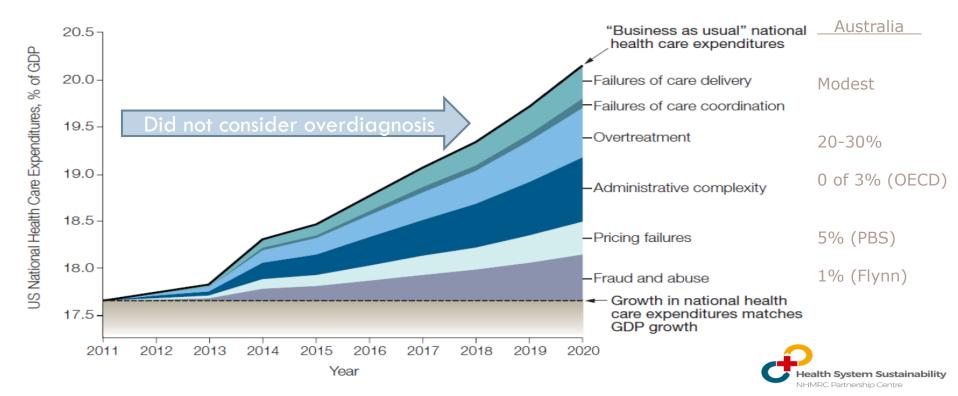
Figure 6.2. Administration as a share of current health expenditure by financing scheme, 2014 (or nearest year)



Note: Compulsory health insurance schemes predominantly refer to social health insurance (SHI) funds but can also refer to compulsory health insurance provided by private insurers. Voluntary prepayment schemes mainly refer to voluntary health insurance schemes. The

Causes and growth in "waste"

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Right Care



"Defining the right care and understanding the forces that work against it constitute a crucial pathway to real affordability. Failing to do so will leave universal access to high-quality, cost-effective, and compassionate care an ever-receding mirage."