

Medical Care Cost

I. Medical Care Costs

- A. Role of cost
- B. Cost accumulation
 - 1. Resources
 - 2. Availability
 - 3. Financing
 - 4. Access
 - 5. Procedures
- C. Definition of Cost
 - 1. Consumer/financiers
 - 2. National perspective
 - 3. Providers
- D. Expenditures vs. Costs
 - 1. Accounting
 - 2. Economic

II. Health Care Spending

- A. Indicators
 - 1. GNP
 - 2. GDP
- B. Amount of spending
- C. Measuring prices
 - 1. CPI
 - 2. Limitations
- D. Measuring expenditures
 - 1. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
 - 2. US prices
 - 3. US expenditures
 - 4. Need for timely and complete data systems
- D. Trends in National Health Expenditures
 - 1. Causation
- E. Reasons to contain costs
- F. Reasons for escalating costs

III. Operational Capital Flow

- A. Funding mechanism
 - 1. Purchaser
 - 2. Payer
 - 3. Means of payment
 - 4. Basis for funding
 - 5. Receiver of funds
- B. Problems, Solutions, Barriers