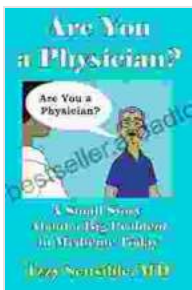


# Small Stories About Big Problems in Medicine Today

Medicine, a field dedicated to the preservation of life and the alleviation of suffering, has made remarkable progress over the centuries. However, beneath the surface of these advancements lie hidden challenges that continue to plague our healthcare systems and impact the lives of countless people.



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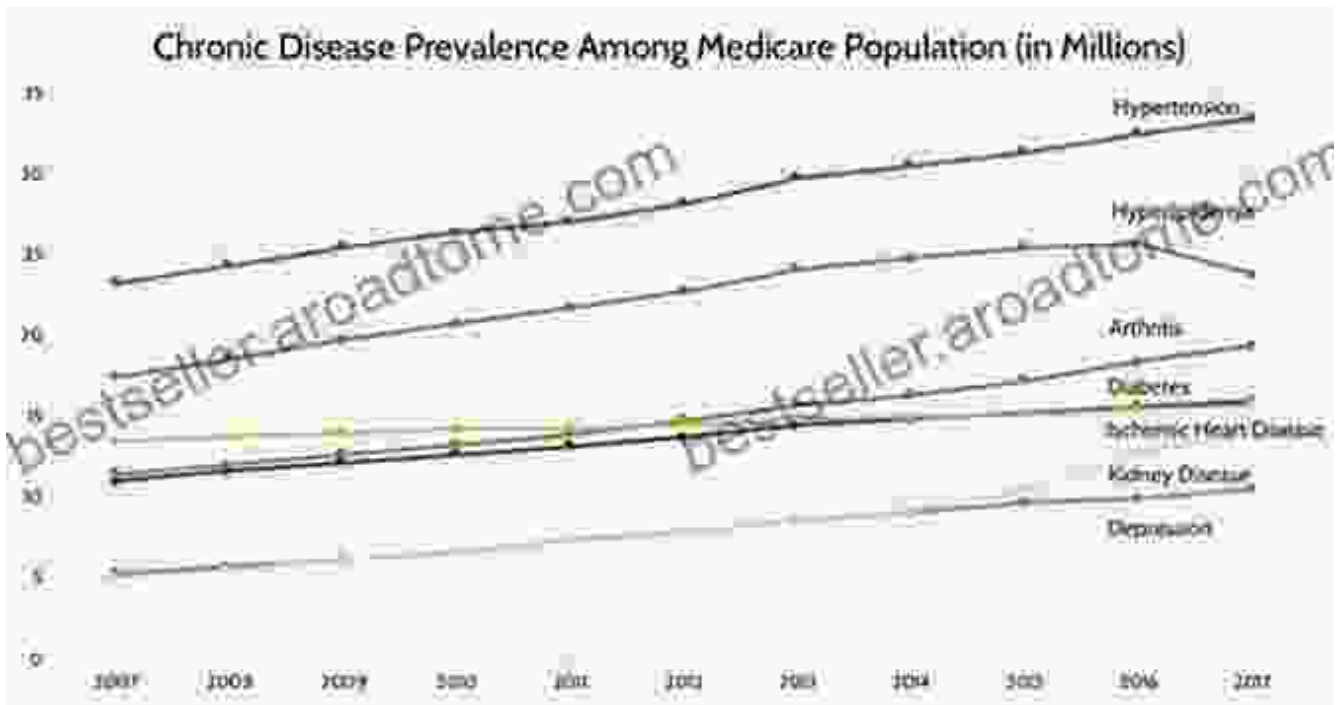
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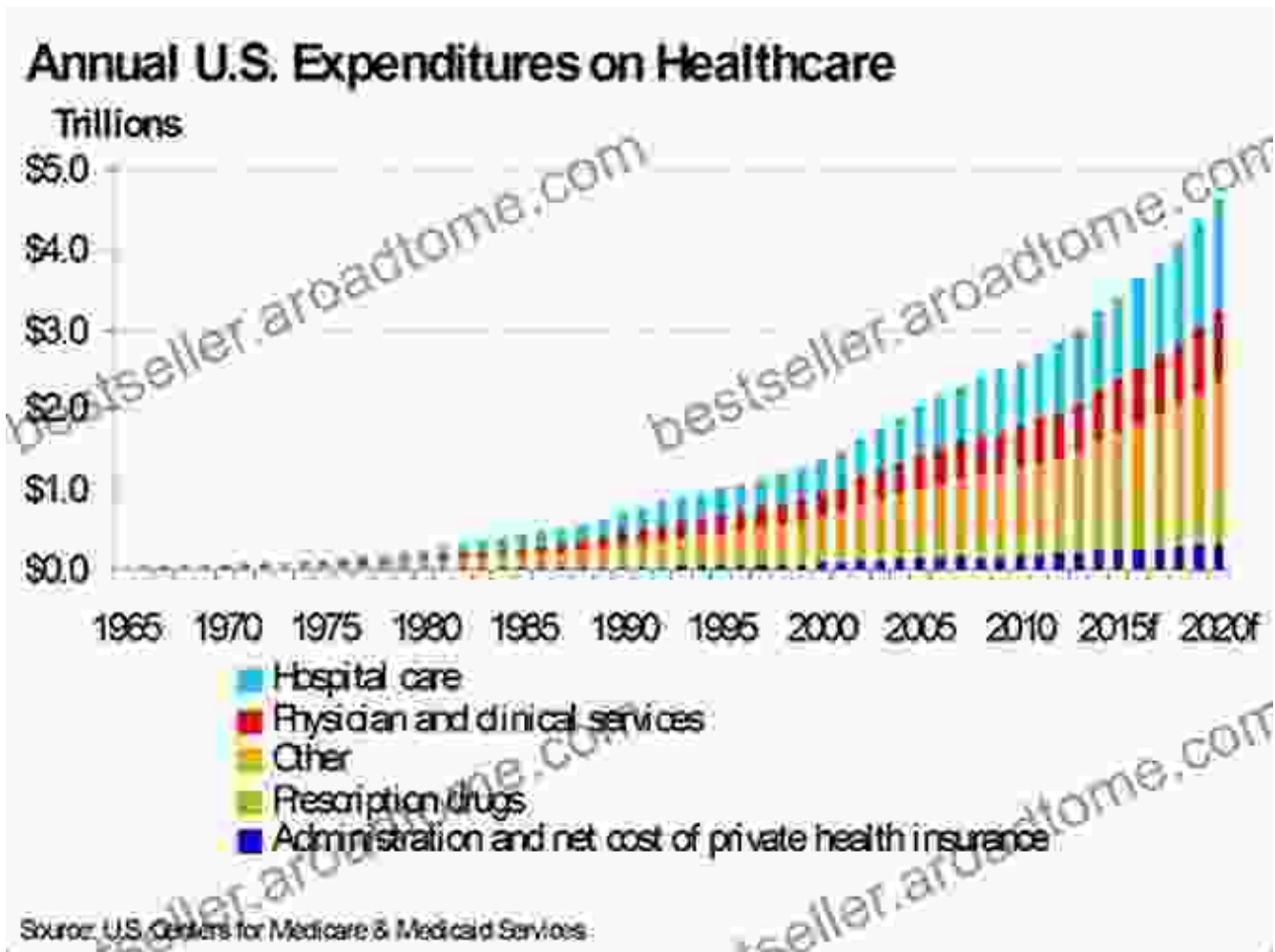
## The Burden of Chronic Diseases

Chronic diseases, such as heart disease, cancer, diabetes, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, are a major cause of morbidity and mortality worldwide. These conditions often develop over time and require long-term management, placing a significant burden on healthcare resources and patients' quality of life.



## The Rising Costs of Healthcare

The cost of healthcare has been steadily rising, outpacing inflation in many countries. This increase is driven by factors such as the aging population, the development of new and expensive treatments, and the administrative costs associated with healthcare delivery.



## The Shortage of Healthcare Professionals

In many parts of the world, there is a shortage of healthcare professionals, including doctors, nurses, and other healthcare workers. This shortage is particularly acute in rural and underserved areas, leading to delays in care and reduced access to healthcare services.



# ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE

## 1. Antibiotics kill bacteria



## 2. Development of resistant strains of bacteria



Non-resistant bacteria



Antibiotic



Resistant bacteria

## The Impact of Social Determinants on Health

Social determinants of health, such as income, education, and housing, play a significant role in health outcomes. People living in poverty or with limited access to resources are more likely to experience health problems and have worse health outcomes.

# Social Determinants of Health

## What Impacts Your Health?



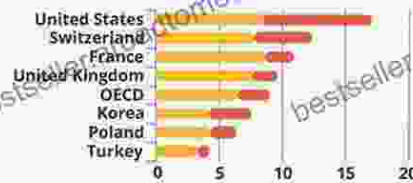
## Adult deaths attributable to social factors



## Health spending uneven across the OECD

Health expenditure as a share of GDP, 2016

Government/Compulsory Voluntary/Out-of-pocket



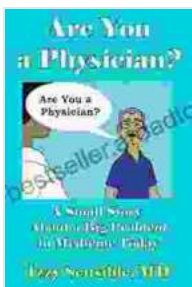
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## Solutions and Strategies

Addressing the big problems in medicine today requires a multifaceted approach that involves governments, healthcare providers, researchers, and patients. Some key strategies include:

- Investing in research and development to find new treatments and cures for chronic diseases
- Implementing policies to reduce healthcare costs and make healthcare more affordable
- Training and recruiting more healthcare professionals to meet the growing demand
- Developing new strategies to combat antimicrobial resistance
- Addressing social determinants of health to improve health outcomes for all

The big problems in medicine today are complex and challenging, but they can be overcome through collaboration, innovation, and a commitment to improving the health and well-being of all people. By understanding these challenges and working together to develop solutions, we can create a healthcare system that meets the needs of present and future generations.



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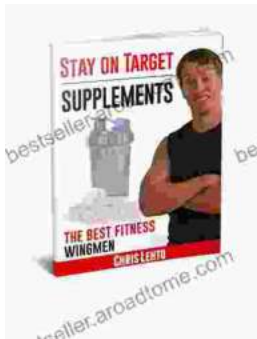






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