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Empowering Clinicians to Become Clinician Stewards

Through an IllumiCare pilot program sponsored by the Texas Hospital Association, a number of health systems in Texas are empowering their providers by giving them a real-time view of the human and economic cost of their care.

Results across many different hospitals indicate that this transparency does empower the stewardship of clinicians.

Financial Burden on Patients

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3 in 10 Americans report problems paying medical bills, among them

73% Among them cut back on food and other basic needs to pay for their medical bills

Higher utilization and more spending does not equate to better outcomes.

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United States spends almost **80%** more than Germany and **2x** more than Canada, France and Japan

But Life expectancy is almost **2 years** below the OECD average.

The Untapped Potential of the Clinician Steward

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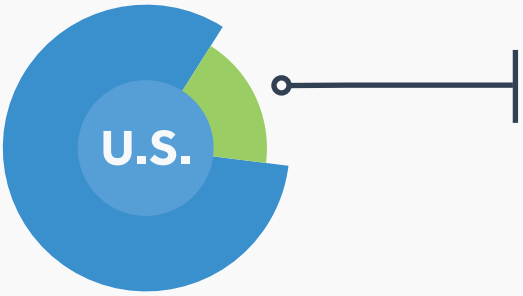
80% of physicians

were unable to accurately estimate the cost of medical tests

None of the physicians estimated with greater than **50% accuracy.**



Cost and Risk Transparency

Spending on hospital care services represents **32%** of total health care spending in 2016, US healthcare's largest spending portion. A figure that is unchanged since 2013.

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Success Factors

Follow the three step transformation from clinician to clinician steward

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2. Unobtrusively educate providers about stewardship opportunities

1. Get providers into an efficiency mindset

3. Promote and encourage administrative reinforcement

Measuring Use and Impact

$170.16 per admission decrease is the cost of inpatient med, lab and rad tests.

5.6% reduction of inpatient radiology costs per hospital.

14.3% reduction in inpatient lab costs

14.2% average reduction of inpatient medication costs

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- Collectively, these hospitals represent 143,338 annual inpatient admissions.
- No negative effects on mortality, readmissions or length of stay have been observed

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