The Swiss Healthcare Model: Is It Relevant to the United States?

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THE SWISS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

THE REGULATED HEALTH CARE SYSTEM OF SWITZERLAND
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THE SYSTEM OF REGULATED HEALTH CARE

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ACHIEVEMENTS
Countries ranked by life expectancy, 2016

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Quelle: OECD Health Data, 2018.
Covid-19: New Cases Switzerland

 Hinweis: Zahlen vergangener Tage können rückwirkend korrigiert werden.

 Grafik: jg, SRF Data • Quelle: BAG • Daten herunterladen

 swissinfo.ch
General Public: How satisfied are you with the overall performance of the Swiss Health Care System?

Specific Aspects of the Swiss Health Care Systems: Distance to Next Primary Care Doctor (2012)

Question: How long does it take you to get to your primary care doctor? (N = 5889)

- <5min: 28%
- 6-10min: 28%
- 11-15min: 17%
- 16-30min: 20%
- 31-60min: 5%
- >60min: 1%
- No answer: 1%

Study by gfs Bern, October 2012
Physician Satisfaction with Practicing Medicine

Source: 2012 Commonwealth Fund International Health Policy Survey of Primary Care Physicians.
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THE PRICE FOR THESE ACHIEVEMENTS
Health care costs in Switzerland, 1960 - 2018
Bio CHF
Funding regime of the healthcare system
Total costs 2018: CHF 81'892m

- Social insurance: 42.4%
- Private households: 27.3%
- Public purse: 6.6%
- Private insurance: 1.8%
- Other private funding: 22.0%

1 Including compulsory basic health insurance
2 Foundations etc.
Health Care Spending as a Percentage of GDP, 1980–2013

* 2012.
Notes: GDP refers to gross domestic product. Dutch and Swiss data are for current spending only, and exclude spending on capital formation of health care providers.
Source: OECD Health Data 2015.
Health Care Spending: Annual Growth Rate (% above GDP Growth)

USA
17.1%
10.6%

+ 2.5%
+ 2.0%
Health Care Spending: Annual Growth Rate (% above GDP Growth)

- USA: 2018
- Switzerland: 2060

17.7%
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CHALLENGES AHEAD OF US
- High and rising health costs
- Structures overly focused on acute care
- Shortage of qualified health professionals
- Lack of transparency (e.g. costs, quality)
- No cushioning of social inequalities
- Limited progress with digitalisation
Global Innovation Index
2013–2019

1. Switzerland
2. Sweden
3. USA
4. Netherlands
5. United Kingdom
6. Finland
7. Denmark
8. Singapore
9. Germany
10. Israel

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DISCUSSION