

Z- CH # 16

ON-LINE CONTENT (1H)

Review the You tube video “Why Medical Bills in the US are so expensive” on this website <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3NvnOUcG-ZI> and place your answers to the following questions in the Z-CH # 16 drop box by 0800 on March 16, 2023.

In order to receive full credit (1H class time) for this assignment, it must be completed in its entirety by the due date/time assigned. Any assignment not completed in its entirety will result in missed class time.

1. What are the most common ways individuals use to raise money for healthcare costs not covered by insurance? What are your thoughts on using social media to raise money for healthcare costs? What are some of the costs not covered by insurance?
 - GoFundMe is used to fund healthcare costs not covered by insurance. I think that it's okay to use social media to raise money if there is a legitimate health concern such as cancer treatment. Elective surgeries such as plastic surgery generally shouldn't be covered by social media funds. Insurance doesn't cover costs that are associated with accommodation such as hotel rooms.
2. Who are all the entities fighting for monetary payment for healthcare services provided?
 - Physicians, pharmaceutical companies, hospitals, shareholders, hospitals, and insurance companies.
3. What are the metrics used to judge hospitals and do you think these are the appropriate metrics, explain your answer?
 - It's profit based on efficiency and investment. I do think that at least the efficiency of the hospital should matter. Hospitals have to be efficient enough to provide good care but at the same time they can be so quick that patients feel neglected.
4. Explain what “unbundling” is?
 - It's the breakdown of everything that you're charged for in the hospital.
5. If you had the ability to create a health care system from scratch, what would you do differently?
 - I would make it more accessible to everyone and lower the costs of healthcare. Healthcare costs are way too expensive for what care is being provided. No one should be charged \$14,000 to have a c-section for example.