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?
Many people without health insurance turn to fundraising to raise money for healthcare costs without insurance. There are many websites that make this possible such as gofundme.com. Social media websites such as Instagram and Facebook are also used to raise money for healthcare costs. I believe that using social media to raise money for healthcare costs is a great way to raise money for healthcare if it is needed. It's a great way to help people and build comradery in your community. Some healthcare services that are not covered by health insurance include dental services, vision services, hearing aids, some prescription drugs, weight loss programs and procedures, infertility treatment, and even sterilization reversal.
2. Who are all the entities fighting for monetary payment for healthcare services provided?
The entities fighting for monetary payment for provided healthcare services include physicians, shareholder, insurance companies, pharmaceutical companies, and hospitals.
3. What are the metrics used to judge hospitals and do you think these are the appropriate metrics, explain your answer?
The metrics used to judge hospitals today are profit, return on investment, and efficiency. I believe efficiency is an appropriate metric to judge a hospital off of because the more efficient a hospital is, the more likely it is that patients will receive good care. However, profit and return on investment are not appropriate metrics to judge hospitals because when hospitals are judged based on these things, they start to value money over the health of the patients.
4. Explain what "unbundling" is?
Unbundling in healthcare involves using multiple codes for pricing on individual parts of procedures and treatments.
5. If you had the ability to create a health care system from scratch, what would you do differently?
If I could create a new healthcare system from scratch, the first thing I would do differently is stop the monopolization of certain life-saving drugs such as epinephrine and cancer treatments so that anyone who needs to access them can regardless of their economic status. I would also create a universal system based on philanthropy once more, similar to that of other countries. Overall, I would like to see a healthcare system that cares about people more than it does money and profits.