

Top 6 Reasons Single-Payer Healthcare Is Hazardous to Your Health

1. Massive waiting lists for appointments

The massive waiting lists and intolerable delays under Single-Payer Programs are unheard of in the United States...(except at the Single-Payer Veteran's Administration)

In **England alone**, 100K have been waiting more than six months to see a specialist.

2. Life-threatening delays for treatment, even for patients requiring urgent cancer treatment or brain surgery

- ✓ **Median wait time in England after seeing a doctor to start treatment was 20 weeks, or about 4.5 months. In Canada - orthopedic surgeries: wait time 20-52 weeks**
- ✓ **Median wait time for neurosurgery** after already seeing a doctor was **47 weeks -- about 10 months!**
- ✓ Pre-Obamacare data showed that time-to-appointment for Americans averaged **20.5 days** for the least serious problems and even fewer days for serious problems .

USA: 20 Day wait vs. 20 weeks or even 47 weeks in Single-Payer Plans.

3. Delayed availability of life-saving drugs

- ✓ Before Obamacare, the United States was the country where new cancer drugs were most often launched.
- ✓ Obamacare siphoned money directly away from drug developers in order to subsidize hospitals. This increased the cost of cancer care and lowered its quality. Countries with Single-Payer systems are not at the forefront of new innovations for drugs or treatments.
- ✓ England's Single-Payer system has introduced a "**Budget Impact Test**" to cap drug prices, a measure that is specifically designed to further restrict drug access.

4. Limited availability of screening tests

- ✓ The Canadian system fails to deliver regular routine screening tests for the most common cancers including PAP smears and colonoscopies.
- ✓ Americans are screened at a younger age for cancer than in Europe. Consequently, US patients have less advanced disease at diagnosis than in Europe for almost all cancers.

Note:

1. **The U.K. ranks 20th out of 24 western countries for breast cancer survival. The U.S. ranks 1st.**
2. **No nation commits as much money for the treatment of kidney disease through dialysis as does the United States.**
3. **% of Babies born weighing less than one pound that live to reach their 1st Birthday:**

in Canada = 3% in Britain = 4% in USA = 75% !

5. Significantly worse outcomes from serious diseases

- ✓ Delayed access to medications, diagnosis and treatment in Single-Payer Plans produce **significantly worse outcomes, including cancer, heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure and diabetes compared to Americans.**
- ✓ Canadian single-payer system offers at most limited coverage for mental care, dental care, eye care and prescription drugs.
- ✓ Americans enjoy superior access to the best health care including new treatments such as those using stem cells and the new right-to-try legislation that has opened up opportunities for patients to access life saving medications and treatments never before available.
- ✓ **Single-payer systems are inferior to the US system in terms of both Access and Quality**
- ✓ .

Why would anyone want to trade in the world's best medical care for a hit and miss system such as those in South America, Canada, England and Europe?

Not one state in the USA has a Single-Payer plan

6. Rationing

- ✓ Based on data from countries that use Single-Payer, there will not be enough Doctors, hospital beds or money to provide free healthcare for all. Medicare-For-All will deliver sub-standard care, inevitably leading to Rationing-For-All
 - ✓ The UK, Canada and other European countries for decades have used *wait lists specifically as a means of rationing care.*
 - ✓ Rationing will be based on the patient's "Quality-Adjusted-Life-Years."
 - ✓ Rationing panels will decide based on your health history if you are too old, too ill, too out-of-shape with too many bad habits (i.e. smoking, obesity) to deserve expensive medical treatments. This is a fact of life in countries using Single-Payer.
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- ✓ Rationing is all about the money and keeping expensive medical treatments away from patients as much as possible
 - ✓ Private Insurance is outlawed in Canada - there is no escaping the restrictions on treatment
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Single-Payer Healthcare Information:

[Newsweek, Jul 2017: "Single Payer - A Really Bad Idea"](#)

[CNN, Sept 2017: "Why Single Payer Health care is a Terrible Option"](#)

[Heritage Foundation, Sept 2018: "Single Payer Would Make Healthcare Worse for Americans"](#)

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