

Re: CABG costs 80 percent higher in U.S. than CANADA

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Hawki63@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

> "zee" <outrider@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
> news:1120944062.001361.166630@xx
>> Hospital Costs of Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery in U.S. More
>> Than 80 Percent Higher in U.S. Than in Canada
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>> CHICAGO – Although there are no differences in clinical outcome, the
>> in-hospital cost of coronary artery bypass graft surgery (CABG) in the
>> U.S. is 82.5 percent higher in the U.S. than in Canada, according to a
>> study in the July 11 issue of Archives of Internal Medicine, one of the
>> JAMA/Archives journals.
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>> Cardiovascular disease is a leading cause of illness and death in the
>> U.S. and Canada, with an estimated direct cost in the U.S. of \$209.3
>> billion in 2003, including \$94.1 billion in in-hospital costs alone,
>> according to background information in the article. In 2000, more than
>> 500,000 CABGs were performed in the U.S.
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>> Mark J. Eisenberg, M.D., M.P.H., of Jewish General Hospital, Montreal,
>> and colleagues compared the outcomes and costs of treatment of 12,017
>> consecutive patients (4,698 U.S. and 7,319 Canadian patients)
>> undergoing CABG at five U.S. and four Canadian hospitals.
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>> "In-hospital costs of treatment were substantially higher in the United
>> States than in Canada [an average cost of \$20,673 vs. \$10,373]," the
>> authors report. "After controlling for demographic and clinical
>> differences, length of stay in Canada was 16.8 percent longer than in
>> the United States; there was no difference in in-hospital mortality

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>> [death]; and the cost in the United States was 82.5 percent higher than
>> in Canada."
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>> "Coronary artery bypass graft surgery requires substantial resources
>> in Canada and the United States," the authors conclude. "However,
>> patients undergoing CABG at U.S. hospitals incur approximately twice as
>> much cost compared with those at Canadian hospitals, with little
>> difference in clinical outcome and despite shorter average LOS [length
>> of stay]. The difference in total in-hospital costs is almost equally
>> attributable to differences in direct and overhead costs between the
>> Canadian and U.S. hospitals. This cost differential primarily reflects
>> higher resource prices for products and labor and higher overhead costs
>> in the United States resulting from a nonsocialized medical system.
>> However, U.S. hospitals also appear to streamline services better to
>> reduce LOS, a strategy Canadian hospitals might emulate to further
>> reduce treatment costs."
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>> (Arch Intern Med. 2005; 165:1506–1513.)
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>> Editor's Note: This study was supported by an unrestricted research
>> grant from Pfizer, Inc., Groton/New London, Conn. Dr. Eisenberg is a
>> Senior Physician–Scientist of the Quebec Foundation for Health
>> Research, Montreal. Co–author Kristian B. Filion, B. Sc., was supported
>> by a Canadian Cardiovascular Outcomes Research Team Summer Studentship.
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>> of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Ottawa, Ontario.
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> Canadian docs are paid by the government...thus..at a fixed rate...
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> not so in the US
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> not to mention how many Canadians have their surgeries here in the US rather
> than face a long wait in Canada...

Perhaps you should read the article(s) before you jump in with your
all–purpose knee–jerk and bigoted reply.

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