

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

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>>> 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

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>>> 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  
>>> [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.

NON socialized medical system=====increased salary paid to surgeons...etc in  
the US...=====higher costs

>>> 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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>>> 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.  
>>> Co-author Louise Pilote, M.D., M.P.H., Ph.D., is a Physician-Scientist  
>>> 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...

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- > Perhaps you should read the article(s) before you jump in with your
- > all-purpose knee-jerk and bigoted reply.
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- > zee
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I did

bigoted??? oh...you mean my comment on how many Canadians come across the border??

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