

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

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"William Wagner" <Nonsense\_here\_B2wagner@xxxxxxx> wrote in message  
[news:Nonsense\\_here\\_B2wagner-088708.15294510072005@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:Nonsense_here_B2wagner-088708.15294510072005@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

> In article <1120944062.001361.166630@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>,  
> "zee" <outrider@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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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  
>> authors report. "After controlling for demographic and clinical  
>> differences, length of stay in Canada was 16.8 percent longer than in

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>> 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.  
>> 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.  
>> 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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> Death Rate of countries.

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> <http://www.indexmundi.com/g/r.aspx?c=pe&v=26>

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> Bill

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> Garden Shade Zone 5 in a Japanese Jungle manner.

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again..comparing apples and bananas

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in the US...not only is there NO waiting lists for surgeries...

we ALSO operate on 90 year olds....etc...

of course that skews the data...

but ....what would you expect from a bigot???

funny that the PM of Canada recently chose to come across the border for his health care...and pay cash...RATHER than depend upon his own countries "wonderful" system....

hmmmm

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◇ *From:* Sharon Hope

• ***References:***

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