Integrative Medicine: A Foundation for Prospective Health Care

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c. 3,500 BCE



Factors Impacting Medicine: 1890s

Anatomy

Physiology

Histology

Pathology

Chemistry

Biochemistry

Metabolism

Pharmacology

Pharmaceutics

Germ Theory

Infectious Diseases

Microbiology

Immunology

Allergy

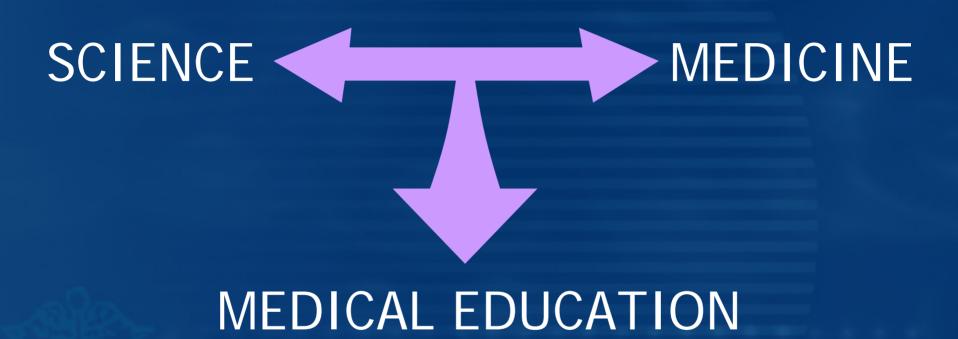
Physics

Roentgenology

Radioisotopes

Radiotherapy

Flexner Report: 1910



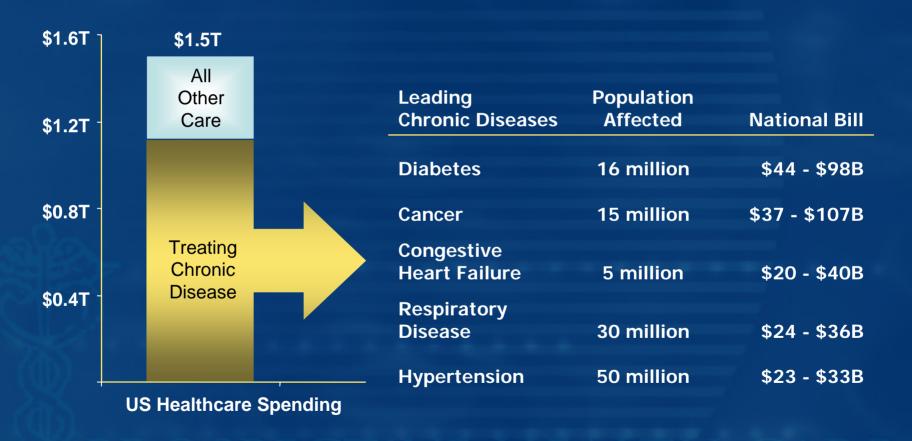
Structure of academic health center

Contemporary Practice of Medicine

- Disease oriented
- Specialty-based
- Find it, fix it
- Reactive
- Sporadic intervention
- Physician-directed

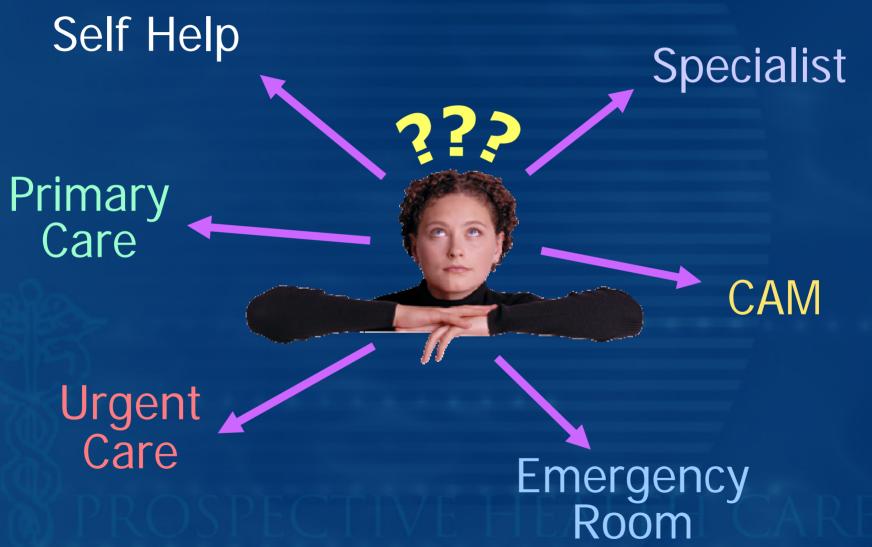
Health Care Today: Reactive

Total US Health Care Spending 2002: \$1.5 Trillion

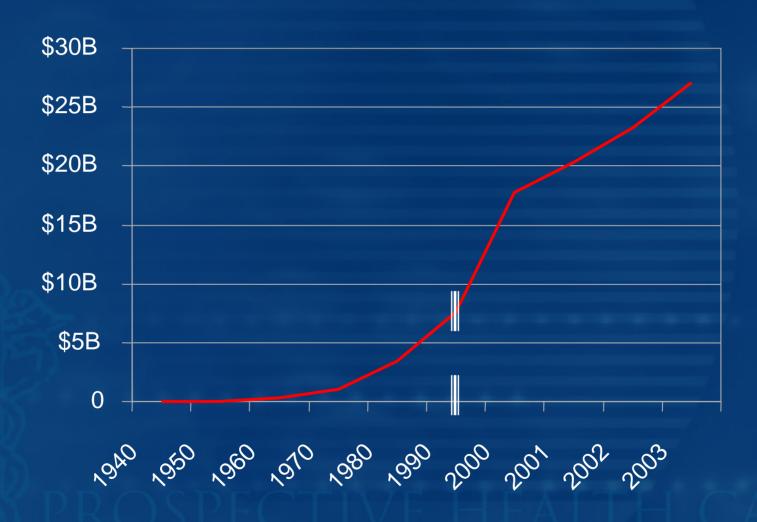


Source: American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, American Lung Association, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive & Kidney Disease.

Fractionated Health Care



NIH Appropriations

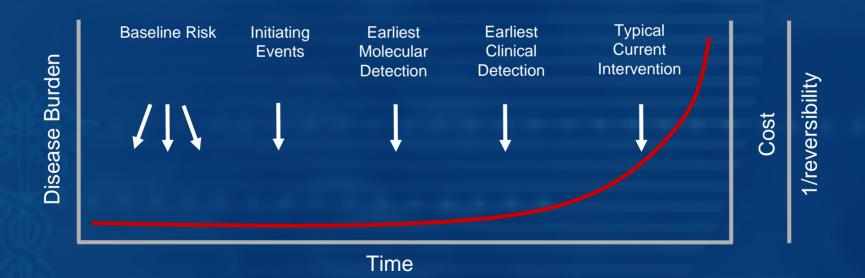


Genomics and Health

- Therapeutic proteins
- Therapeutic targets
- Pharmacogenetics
- Gene therapy
- Susceptibility profiles

The Inflection and Opportunities for Intervention

Health Care Cost vs. Disease Progression



Paradigm Shift

Traditional Medical Evaluation and Record

- Chief Complaint
- History of Illness
- Past Medical History
- Family History
- Social History
- Physical Exam
- Diagnostic Tests
- Assessment and Plan

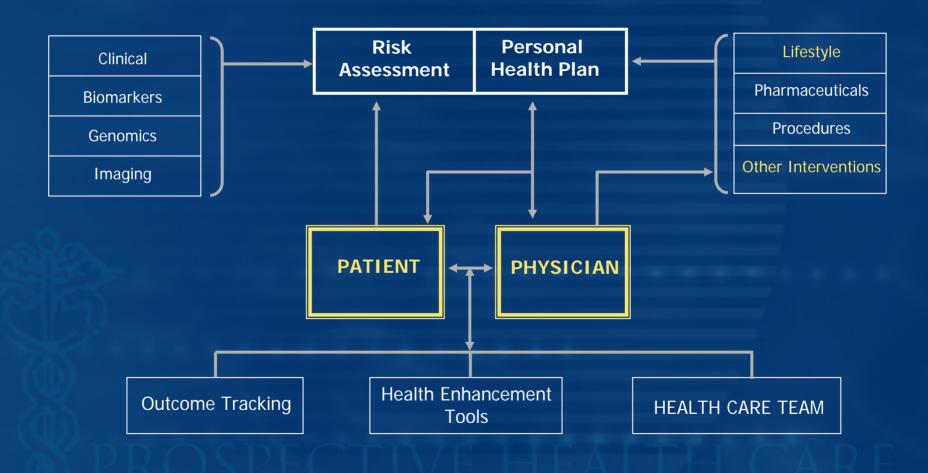
Prospective Evaluation and Record

- Health Profile Summary
- Current (immediate)
 Health Status
- Health Risk Analysis
 - Genetic
 - Environmental
 - Lifestyle
- 1 year health plan
- 5 year health plan

Needs for Prospective Health Care

- Health risk assessment tools
- Therapeutic evaluation tools
- Aligned health care providers
- Aligned reimbursement systems
- Motivated and Engaged Individuals

Model for Personalized Health Plan



Role of the Individual (Patient)

- Promote wellness: Body and mind
 - Nutrition
 - Exercise
 - Stress reduction
 - Mindfulness
- Specific prevention strategies
- Therapeutic partnership with provider

Role of the Provider

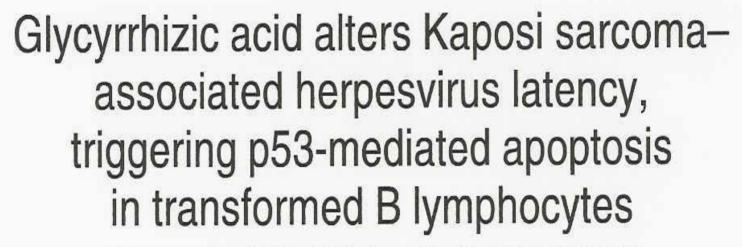
- Diagnostician
- Mentor
- Partner
- Suggester/Provider of therapeutic options

Mission of Integrative Medicine

Integrative medicine is an approach to the delivery of health care that draws on the best of the scientific approach to medicine but refocuses on:

- The responsibility of the physician to involve the patient in their health
- The importance of compassion and caring
- The willingness to entertain non-conventional modalities with informed skepticism and scientific evaluation
- The recognition of the importance of the mindbody relationship in well being
- Prospective health planning

Research article Related Commentary, page 591



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Licking latency with licorice

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Numerous viruses cause latent infections in humans, and reactivation often results in pain and suffering. While vaccines for several of these viruses are available or currently being studied in clinical trials, and antiviral therapies have been successful in preventing or treating active infection, therapy to eradicate latent infection has lagged behind. A new study reported in this issue of the JCI shows that treatment of cells latently infected with Kaposi sarcoma-associated herpesvirus (KSHV) with glycyrrhizic acid, a component of licorice, reduces synthesis of a viral latency protein and induces apoptosis of infected cells (see the related article beginning on page 642). This finding suggests a novel way to interrupt latency.

Integrative Medicine: Pillars of Prospective Health Planning

- Awareness
- Mind-body medicine
- Movement/exercise
- Nutrition
- Spirituality
- Complementary and alternative approaches

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Above all, integrative medicine encompasses the caring bond between the patient and the caregiver and the responsibility of the latter to enable the patient to benefit from the full array of modalities which can be shown to improve health.