

The Problem is Poverty: Why Poverty and Income Inequality Are at the Core of America's High Health Care Spending

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What accounts for the high rate of healthcare spending in the United States? Why do we spend more on healthcare than the great majority of other developed nations and yet achieve outcomes that often are relatively unsatisfactory?

These questions are addressed in this timely and thought-provoking presentation made by Kurt Mosley, from Merritt Hawkins, the nation's leading physician search and consulting firm, and the answer is clear. The problem is POVERTY.

While waste and inefficiency clearly exist, poverty is at the core of America's high healthcare spending, not the greed or ineptitude of the nation's physicians, hospitals and other healthcare providers. Using data and analysis from the landmark book, *Poverty and the Myths of Health Care Reform* by the late Richard "Buz" Cooper, M.D., Mr. Mosley demonstrates the impact poverty has on healthcare spending and why addressing the societal determinants of health is so critical

Learning Objectives: Having participated in this educational activity the learner should be able to....

- Differentiate the impact of Poverty vs. "waste" and "inefficiency"
- Recognize the fallacy of "supplier-induced demand" and Roemer's law
- Assess the impact of the Dartmouth Atlas of Healthcare's "hospital referral regions"
- Summarize the policy making decision behind the physician shortage
- Describe the impact of poverty on utilization of healthcare services
- Identify examples of the "poverty/utilization nexus"
- Define the role of population health management
- Determine future challenges and identify solutions

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