

# Drug Pricing and Value

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# Overview

Discuss the Problem



Review Proposed Ideas



Panelists Share Open Remarks



Everyone Invited to Participate in Open Discussion



Consider Action Opportunities



# Martin Shkreli

## Turing Pharmaceuticals

In 2015, bought and increased price of Daraprim which is used to treat toxoplasmosis, often seen in HIV patients, by 5000% from \$13 to \$750 per tablet.



# Huge Valeant price hike on lead poisoning drug sparks

and

In 2015, bought and increased price of two heart drugs: Nitropress by 512% and Isuprel by 212%

In 2015, bought and increased price of Calcium EDTA, a decades old drug, by 2700%  
Increased price from \$950 per vial to \$26,927

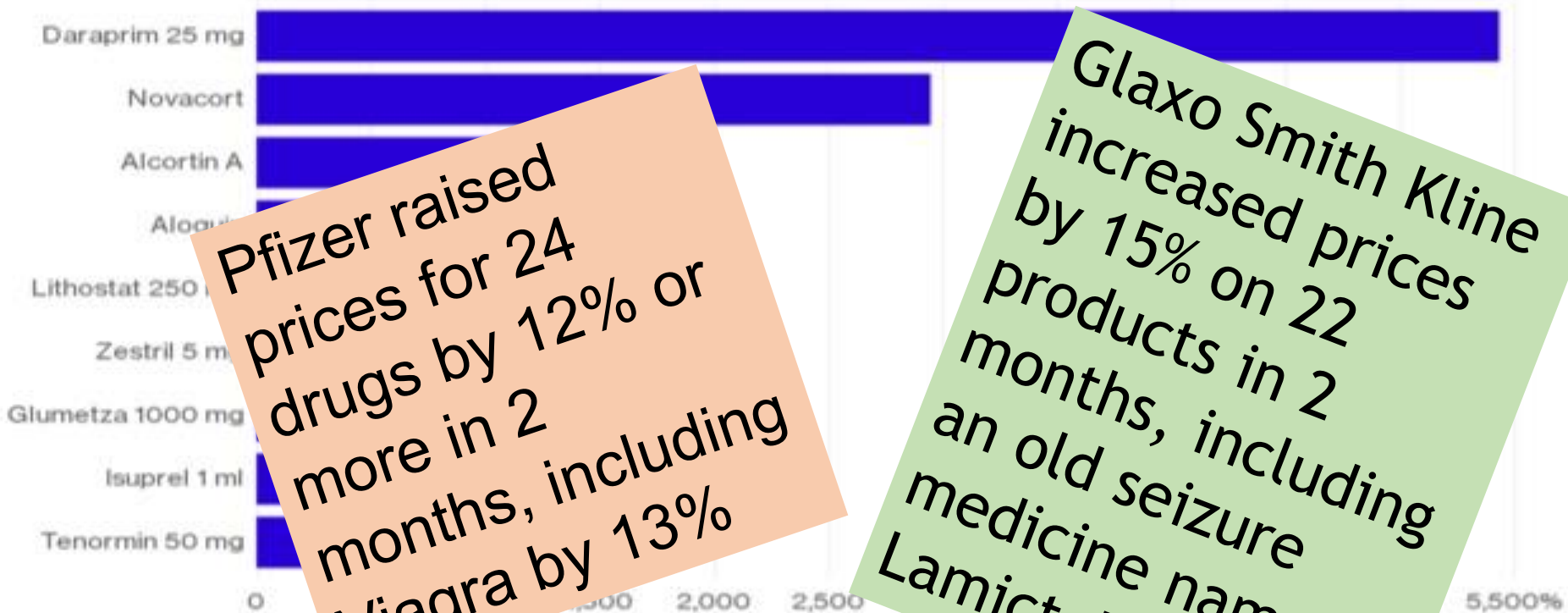
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# Problem: Drug Prices Sky Rocket!

## Drugs With Big Price Hikes

Some brand medicines for heart problems, skin conditions, high blood pressure, parasite infections, and kidney issues have had enormous price spikes recently on a percentage basis.

■ Percent price increase, December 2014 to January 2016



Pfizer raised prices for 24 drugs by 12% or more in 2 months, including Viagra by 13%

Glaxo Smith Kline increased prices by 15% on 22 products in 2 months, including an old seizure medicine named Lamictal

Source: DRX, a unit of Cornerstone Research Inc.

Note: Price changes calculated from late December 2014 through January 15, 2016.

Bloomberg

Bloomberg. Feb 2, 2016 Shkreli Was Right: Everyone's Hiking Drug Prices

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-02-02/shkreli-not-alone-in-drug-price-spikes-as-skin-gel-soars-1-860>



# The BIGGER PROBLEM:

20 of the Top 25 Drug Expenditures in 2015 saw price increases driven by Brand Drugs

Humira  
increased  
37%!

**Table 3.** Top 25 Drugs by Expenditures Overall in 2015

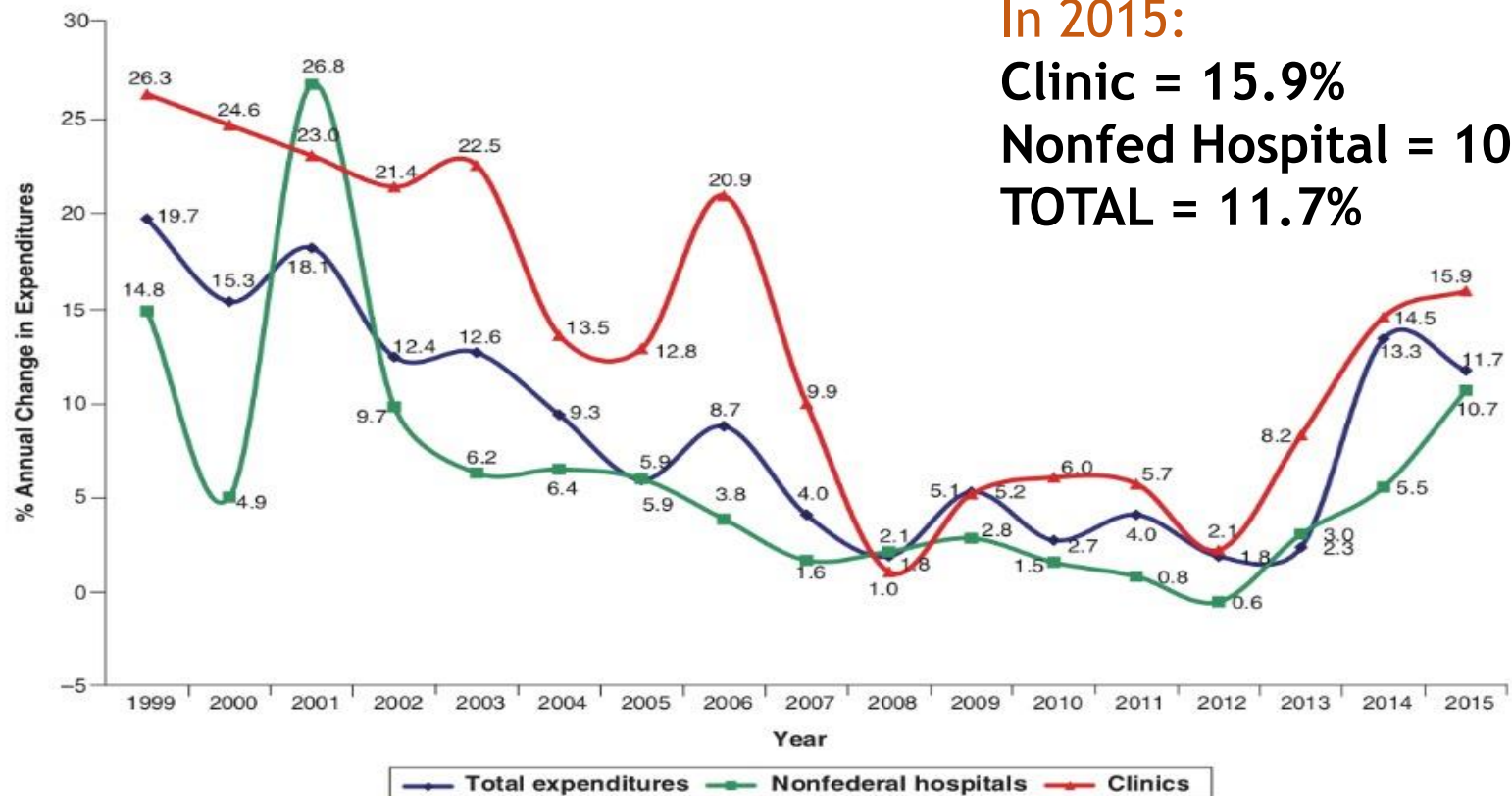
Drug <sup>a</sup>	2015 Expenditures (\$ Thousands)	Percent Change From 2014
Ledipasvir–sofosbuvir	14,256,452	... <sup>b</sup>
Adalimumab	10,555,712	37.1
Insulin glargine	9,199,002	16.3
Etanercept	6,558,015	13.3
Rosuvastatin	6,415,420	9.3
Aripiprazole	6,364,092	-20.6
Fluticasone salmeterol	5,348,330	1.9
Infliximab	4,983,314	10.7
Esomeprazole	4,581,231	-23.0
Insulin aspart	4,519,650	28.8
Glatiramer	4,493,395	12.1
Pegfilgrastim	4,111,876	7.3
Sitagliptin	4,107,780	18.5
Insulin lispro	3,829,984	23.2
Pregabalin	3,820,486	23.4
Interferon beta-1a	3,750,432	1.1
Rituximab	3,634,107	4.9
Tiotropium bromide	3,573,982	7.2
Insulin detemir	3,558,944	34.8
Dimethyl fumarate	3,469,448	20.0
Bevacizumab	3,137,829	8.8
Epoetin alfa	3,078,543	-9.1
Albuterol	3,051,641	10.2
Sofosbuvir	2,988,767	-61.9
Oxycodone	2,960,431	-3.4

<sup>a</sup>For each drug listed, the expenditures shown are the total for brand and generic products and for various dosage forms.

<sup>b</sup>Not calculated because product was not available for entire year in 2014.

# Percent Annual Change in Drug Expenditures from 1999-2015

Figure 1. Annual growth in drug expenditures, 1999–2015.



# 2016 Drug Projections

Projected an  
11-13%  
increase in  
total drug  
expenditures  
overall in  
2016

- 15-17% increase in clinic spending
- 10-12% increase in hospital spending

Am J Health-Syst Pharm. 2016;  
73:1058-75

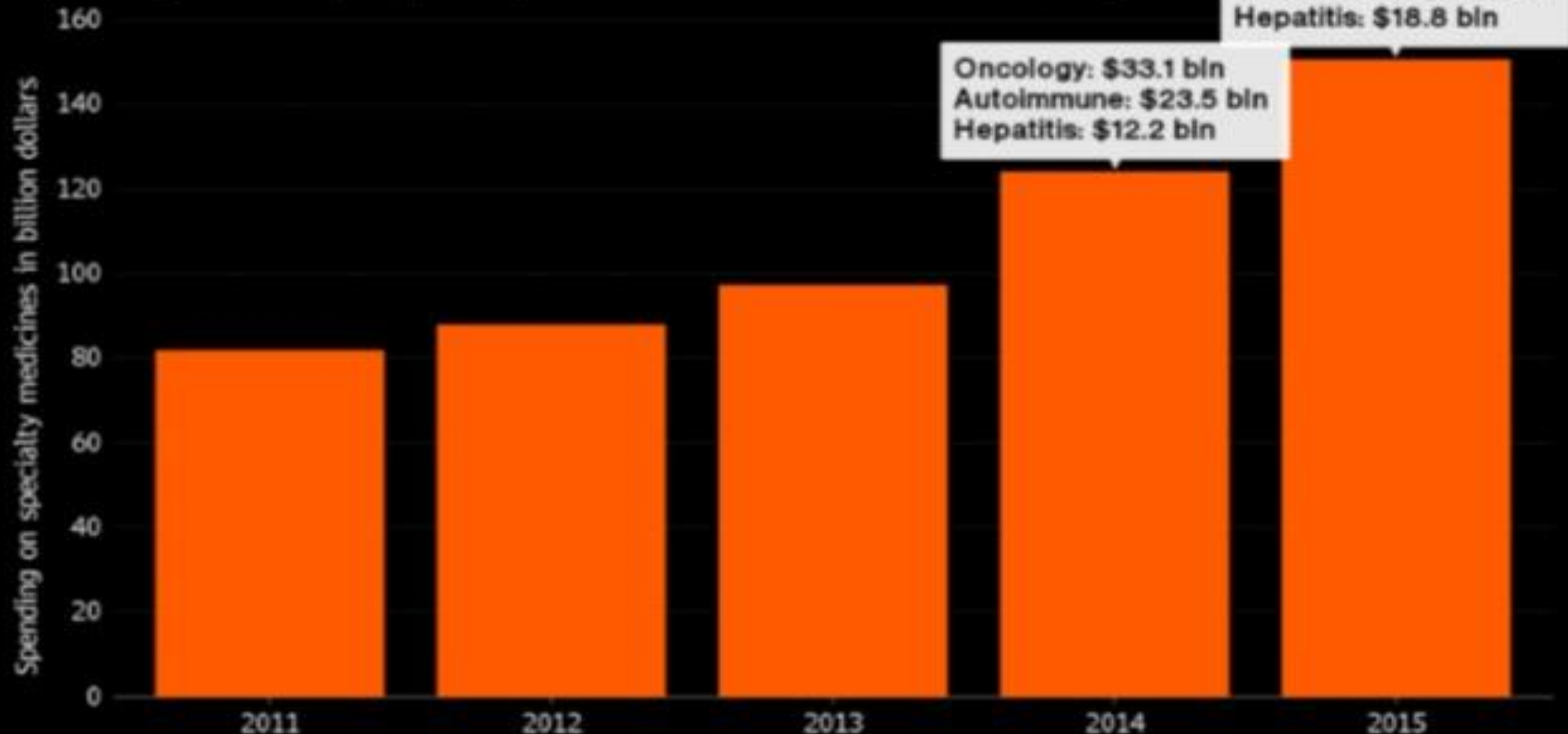




# The BIGGEST PROBLEM: Specialty Drug Spending Trend

## Specialty Drugs Doubled in Five Years

Spending driven by hepatitis, autoimmune diseases and oncology



# Specialty Drugs

Used by 1-2% of population

Represents 37% drug spend in 2015

- Represents 18% increase from 2014

Estimated to represent 50% of drug spend in 2018

[www.lab.express-scripts.com](http://www.lab.express-scripts.com)



# World's Most Expensive Drug

Glybera  
approved in  
Europe in  
2012 =  
\$1 million  
per  
treatment  
for rare  
Lipoprotein  
Lipase  
Deficiency

Not FDA  
approved

First Gene  
Therapy

Used once  
in Germany

Approx. 70  
gene  
therapy  
studies in  
phase III  
studies...so  
they are  
coming!



# Pharmaceutical Manufactures: Need their Research and Innovation

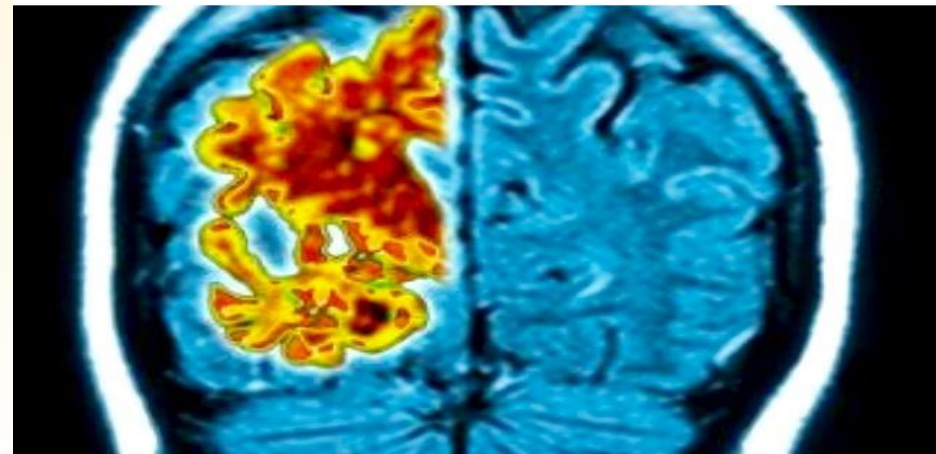
  
**GARDASIL<sup>®</sup> 9**  
Human Papillomavirus  
9-valent Vaccine, Recombinant

## Alzheimer's drug clears away sticky plaque in the brain

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**Hepatitis C**  
**CURED**

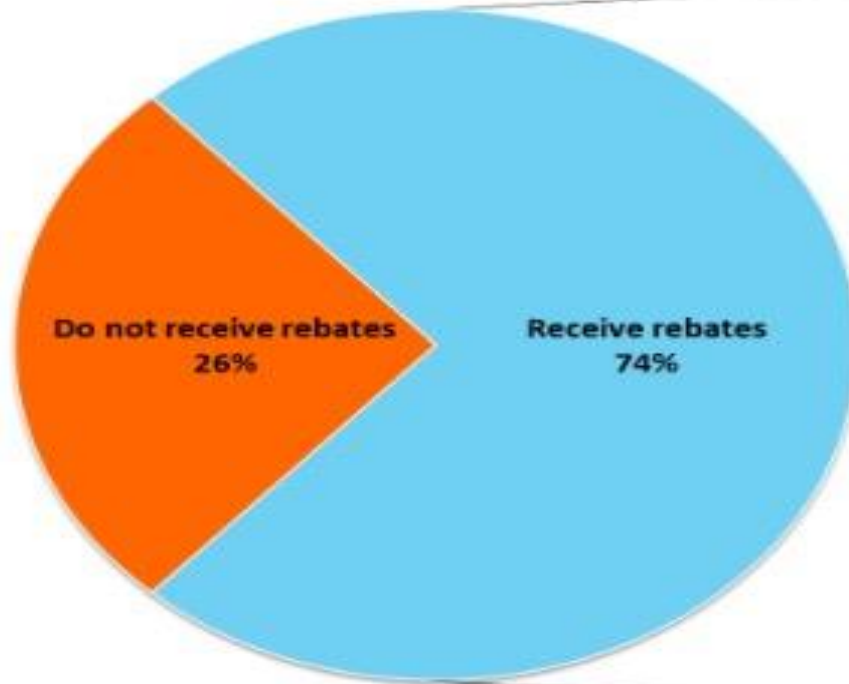


The new drug was shown to eliminate up to 94 per cent of the plaque believed to cause Alzheimer's disease

# PBMs obtain Rebates from Pharma to Reduce Employers Costs

2015-2016 Prescription Drug Benefit Cost and Plan Design Report  
(surveyed 302 employers)

## Employer-Sponsored Plans, 2015



### Type of Rebate Arrangements



Data exclude respondents who were not sure or did not know if their company received rebates. Responding companies that received rebates but were not willing to provide details on rebate arrangements were allocated proportionately into the four rebate categories. Totals may not sum due to rounding. Source: Pembroke Consulting estimates based on 2015-2016 Prescription Drug Benefit Cost and Plan Design Report, PBMI, 2015. Published on Drug Channels ([www.DrugChannels.net](http://www.DrugChannels.net)) on January 14, 2016



# How Did We Get Here?

**Market exclusivity = protected monopoly for brand drugs**

- FDA

**Prescribing choices**

- Prescribers, payors, patients and policy makers

**Negotiating power is limited if want access to all meds and if don't have data to make value-based decisions**

- Payors

**Pharma set prices based on what "market can bear"**

- Pharma transparency

**The availability of generic drug access is delayed**

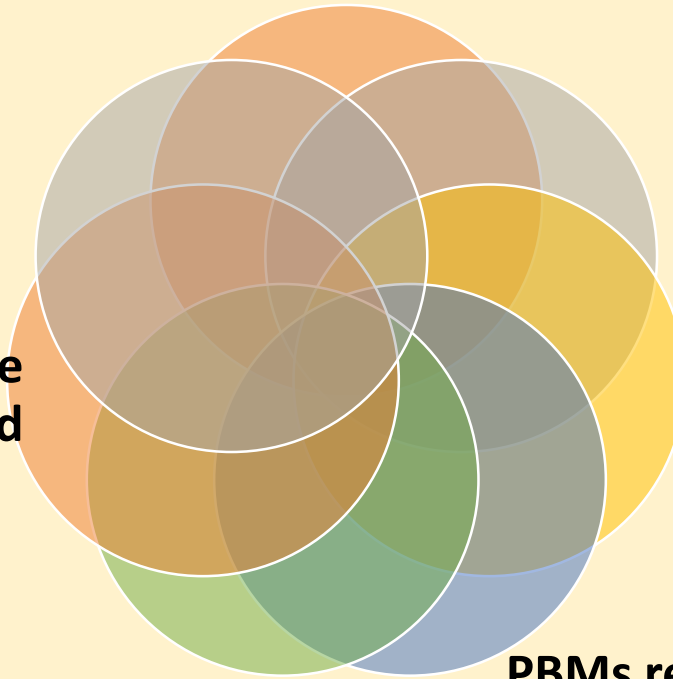
- FDA

**Consolidation of generic manufacturers**

- Congress

**PBMs receive rebates and terms which are not fully disclosed**

- PBM transparency



# Solution Ideas



As we are moving forward with aligning payment for providers from volume to value (ACO's, EPHC, etc.), we must start aligning drug payment to value.



# Innovative Contract Models

## Outcomes Based

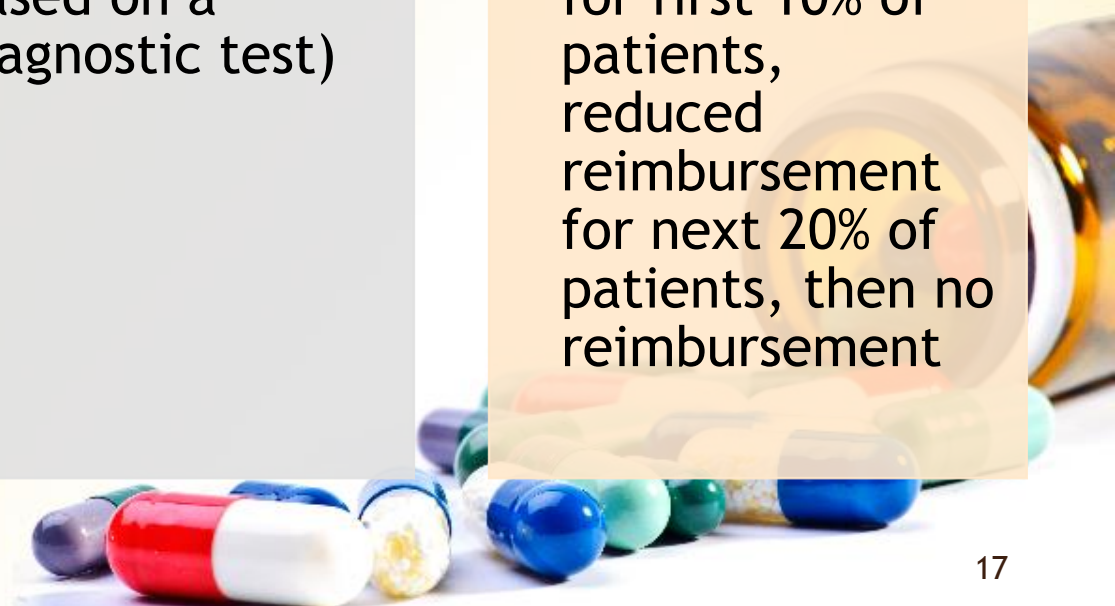
- Scenario: Full reimbursement for responders, reduced reimbursement for partial responders, and no reimbursement for non-responders

## Risk Type Based

- Scenario: Reimbursement linked to VALUE and level of risk factors (e.g. based on a diagnostic test)

## Financial Utilization Based

- Scenario: Price volume agreement with full reimbursement for first 10% of patients, reduced reimbursement for next 20% of patients, then no reimbursement



# Dr. Aaron Carroll

## Reference Drug Pricing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XTI8JCvSqec#action=share>  
<https://www.patreon.com/posts/making-drugs-6640605?login=dave%40hoi.com>

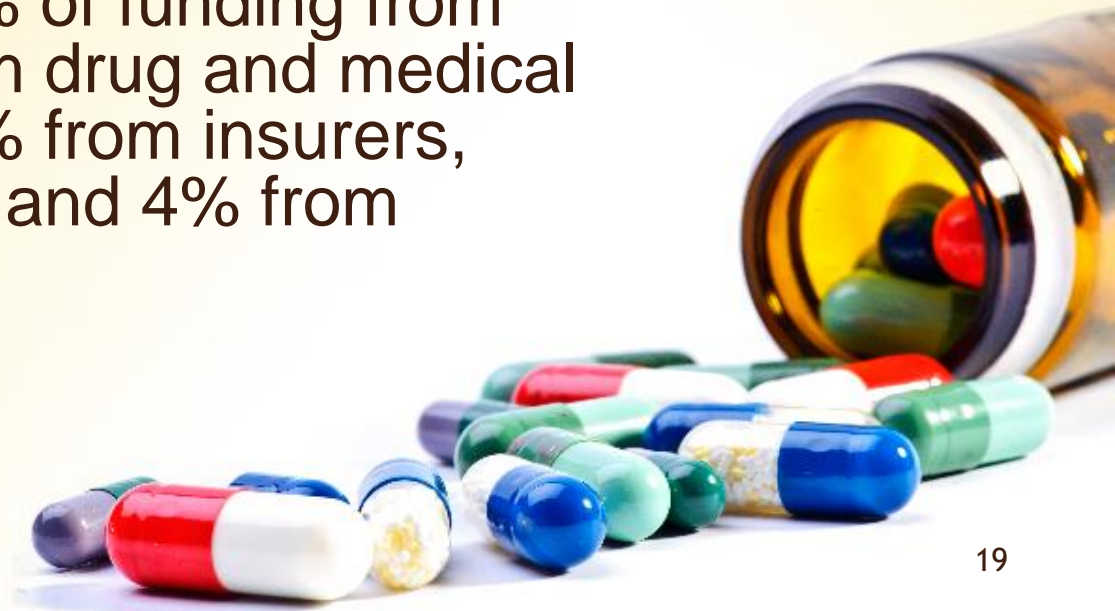


**EUROPEAN DRUG  
PRICING**



# Institute for Clinical and Economic Review (ICER)

- ICER started in 2006 as an academic research project at Harvard Medical School and became a separate entity in 2013
- Use evidence to ensure sustainable access to high value care for all patients
- Not-for-profit with 70% of funding from foundations, 17% from drug and medical device companies, 9% from insurers, doctors and hospitals and 4% from government grants
- <https://icer-review.org>



# ICER Drug Assessment Expansion

- Produce 15-20 reports per year on highest impact NEW drugs near time of FDA approval
  - Opportunity to do “class reviews” examining older drugs
- All reports include
  - **Full review of comparative clinical effectiveness**
  - Analyses of the improvement in patients’ lives, thus look at Quality of Lives Years gained not just life years gained
  - Analyses of potential budget impact for health system
  - “Value-based price benchmarks”
- All reports debated in public with voting on evidence of effectiveness and value



# Reports: Drugs

- Hepatitis C
- PCSK9 inhibitors
- Entresto for heart failure
- Second and third-line Rx for multiple myeloma
- Treatments for non-small cell lung cancer
- Migraine drugs
- Type 2 diabetes
- ADHD



# Future Drug Report Topics in the Pipeline

- Psoriasis
- Rheumatoid arthritis
- Multiple sclerosis
- Abuse-deterrent formulations of opioids
- Atopic dermatitis (eczema)
- Osteoporosis
- *Gene therapy (not yet confirmed)*
- *CAR-T cancer drugs (not yet confirmed)*



# How ICER Reports have been used to Drive Value

## PRICE MEETS BENCHMARK

- Mandatory inclusion in formulary
- First tier with zero or low co-pay
- No prior auth required for providers
- Create value-based “pathways”
  - Higher payment for clinicians and/or lower out of pocket for patients
  - Allow entry into pathway for all drugs meeting value standard

## PRICE EXCEEDS BENCHMARK

- Lower tier or allow exclusion
- Full exercise of step therapy, etc.
- Reimburse up to value-based price
- Create value-based “pathways”
  - Lower payment for clinicians and/or higher out of pocket for patients
  - Deny entry into pathway





# ICER Pilot Opportunities Available to Forum Members

Move to a  
value-based  
formulary

- Indication-specific pricing
- Outcomes-based contracting
- Tie formulary placement or inclusion to meeting value-based price benchmark
- Performance-based add-on payments for physicians using pathways with high value drugs
- Tie reimbursement to the benchmark price (reference pricing)
- Could combine the above with low or no cost-sharing for patients and no prior authorization/utilization management for physicians



# Panel Discussion

- ❖ Christan Royer, Indiana University
- ❖ Anu Dhamecha, Community Health Network
- ❖ Jason Dohm, Express Scripts Inc.
- ❖ Craig Hunter, Eli Lilly Corporation



# Question: Indiana University

**Mylan  
increased  
EpiPen  
price by  
600%  
from \$100  
to \$600**



**Mylan  
offered  
patients  
coupons  
of \$300 to  
cover part  
of their  
out-of-  
pocket  
costs**



**From an  
employer  
lense, are  
coupons a  
good or  
bad  
strategy,  
and why?**



# Question: Community Health Network



PBM held accountable for pharmacy costs



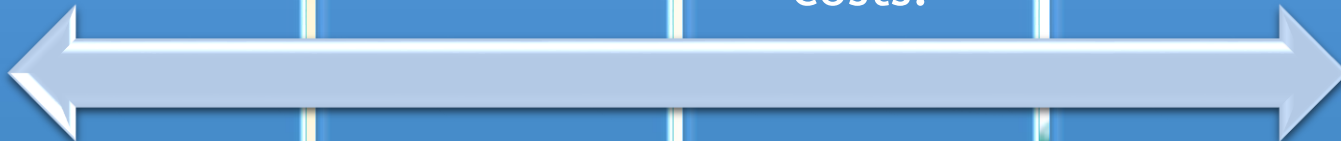
Health Plan held accountable for medical costs



Do you combine this data to look at TOTAL Health Care costs?



Is this important for determining outcomes of meds?



# Question: Express Scripts

What types of innovative contract models (outcomes based, risk type based, utilization based) could play a role in an ACO arrangement in which an ACO enters into shared savings or full risk agreement linked to total cost of care, including pharmacy costs?

What are the Barriers and Challenges (logistic, financial, legal) which limit the ability to implement innovative contracting models?



# Question: Eli Lilly

Your thoughts on the following two assertions:

1. Although prices are often justified by the high cost of drug development, there appears to be no evidence of an association between R & D costs and prices; rather, prescription drugs are priced in the United States primarily on the basis of what the market will bear.

2. What innovative strategies are being considered to address high drug costs?

