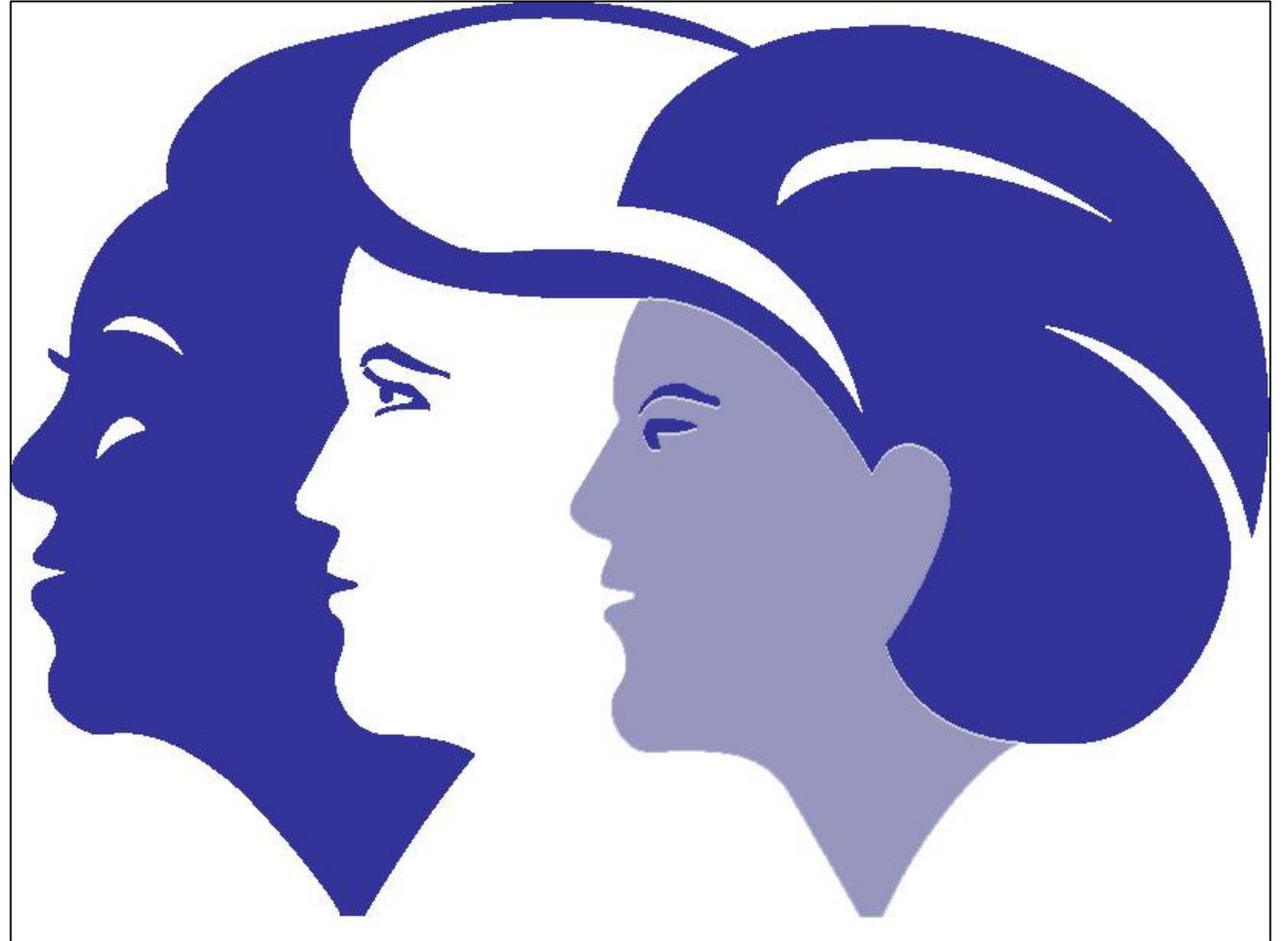


# POPULATION HEALTH IS WOMEN'S HEALTH

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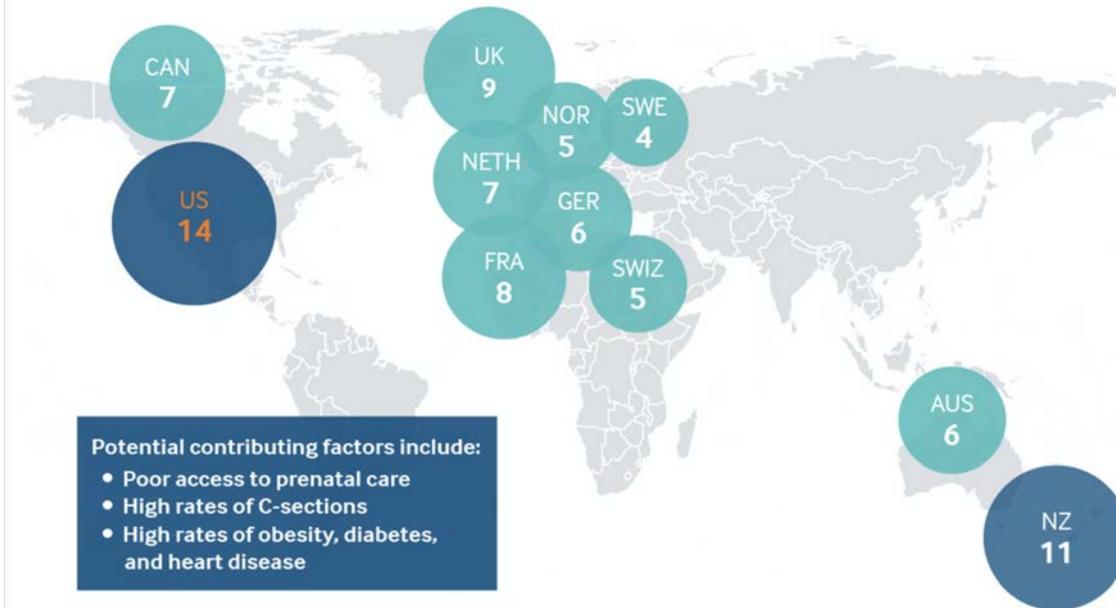
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# WOMEN IN US FAIR EVEN WORSE

## U.S. Women Are More Likely to Die in Pregnancy and Childbirth Than Those in Other Wealthy Nations

Maternal mortality ratio (maternal deaths/100,000 live births) among women ages 15–49



Data: The data reflect UNICEF estimates because of missing internationally comparable data for the U.S. National statistics are available for most countries from the OECD.

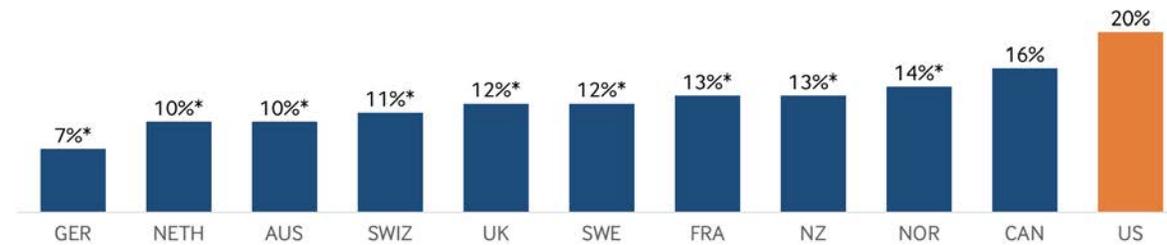
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## WOMEN'S HEALTH

### High Chronic Disease Burden Among U.S. Women

Percent of women ages 18–64 who had two or more chronic conditions<sup>^</sup>



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Notes: <sup>^</sup> Having a chronic disease defined as ever being told by a doctor as having two or more of the following: joint pain or arthritis; asthma or chronic lung disease; diabetes; heart disease, including heart attack; or high blood pressure. \* Statistically significant difference compared to the United States ( $p < .05$ ).

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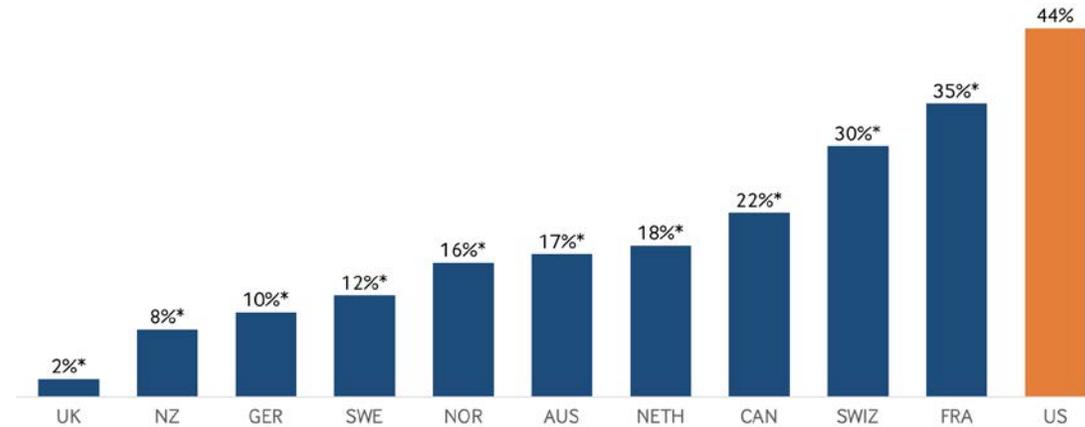
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# WOMEN IN US FAIR EVEN WORSE

## AFFORDABILITY

### Nearly Half of U.S. Women Report Medical Bill Problems

Percent of women ages 18–64 with at least one medical bill problem<sup>^</sup>



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Notes: <sup>^</sup> Medical bill problems include any of the following in the past year: 1) serious problems paying or were unable to pay medical bills; 2) spent a lot of time on paperwork or disputes related to medical bills; or 3) insurance denied payment or paid less than expected. \* Statistically significant difference compared to the United States (p < .05).

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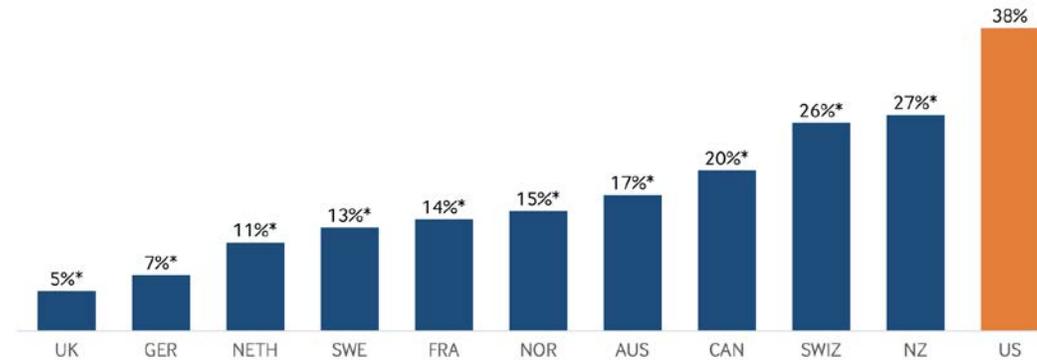
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# WOMEN IN US FAIR EVEN WORSE

## AFFORDABILITY

More Than One-Third of Women in the U.S. Skip Care Because of Cost vs. 5 Percent in the U.K.

Percent of women ages 18–64 with at least one cost-related access problem<sup>a</sup>



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Notes: <sup>a</sup> Cost-related access problems include any of the following in the past year: 1) having a medical problem but did not visit a doctor; 2) skipped a medical test, treatment, or follow-up recommended by a doctor; or 3) did not fill or collect a prescription for medicine, or skipped doses of medicine, because of the cost in the past 12 months. \* Statistically significant difference compared to the United States ( $p < .05$ ).

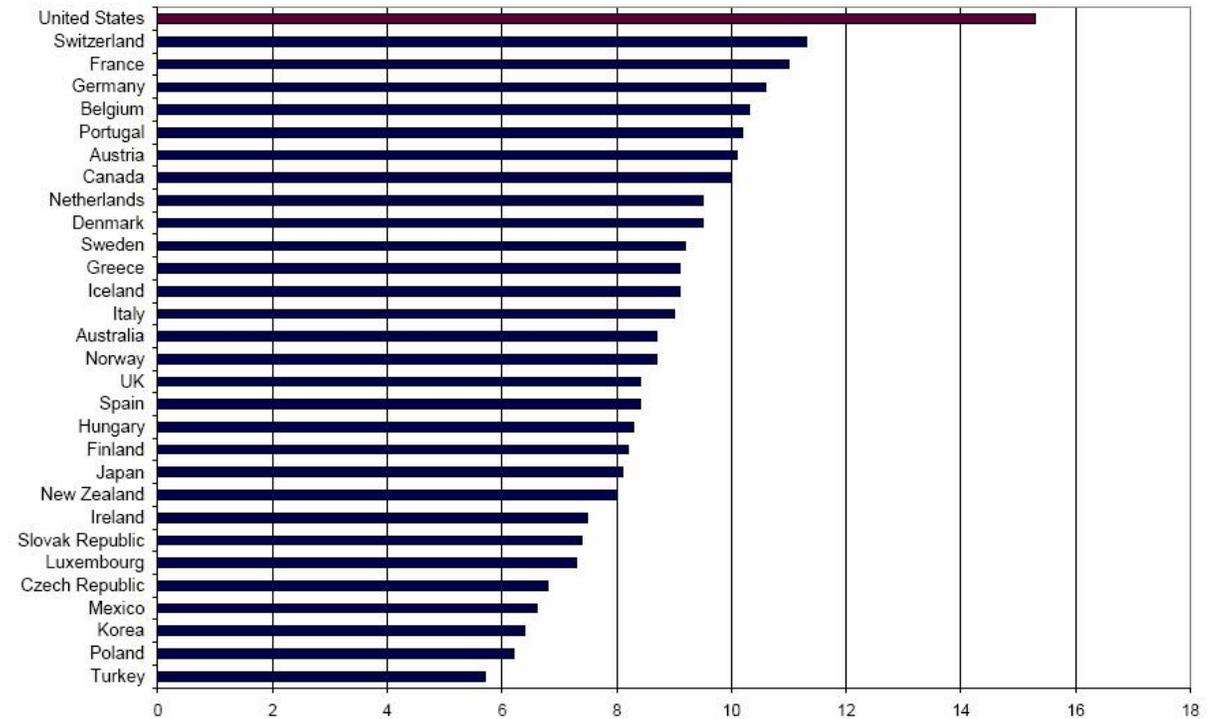
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# SPENDING

- United States spends more than any other country

## Healthcare Spending as % GDP



Source: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, OECD Health Data, 2008 (Paris: OECD, 2008).  
Note: For countries not reporting 2006 data, data from previous years is substituted.

# CMS' Solution to rising cost of Chronic Disease

*The use of financial incentives to encourage value is proliferating through Medicare.*



**2019 MACRA**

Medicare Access & CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015  
a.k.a Doc Fix Bill.



**2015**

Physician Value Based Modifier Program



**2011 ACO Program and Hospital VBP**



**2010 Meaningful Use**

EHR Incentive Program



**2006 PQRS**

Physician Quality Reporting System

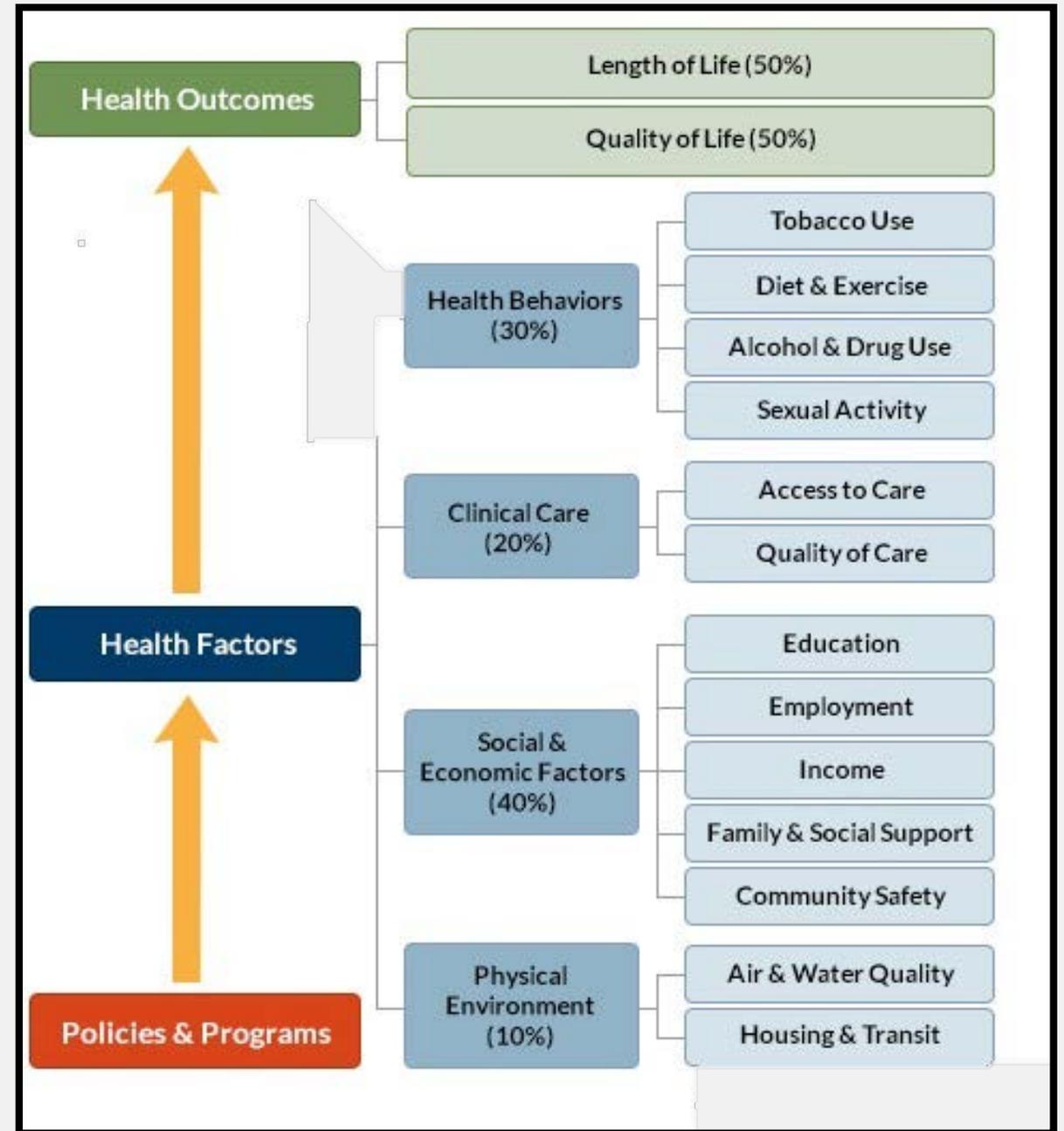


**2003**

Premier Hospital Quality Incentive Demonstration.

# DEFINING POPULATION HEALTH

- Population health is both:
  - the health outcomes of a group of individuals, and
  - the distribution of such outcomes within the group
- Improving population health requires both:
  - clinical management of individuals in the group, and
  - addressing underlying determinants of health status across the group

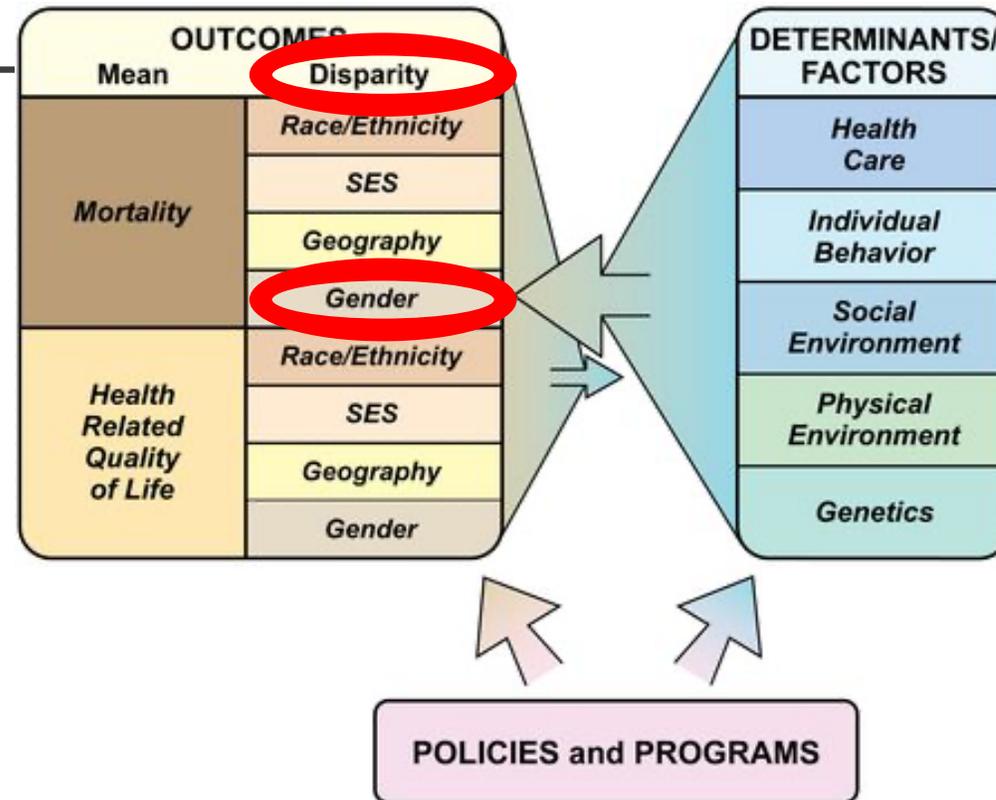


# POPULATION HEALTH

**“the health outcomes of a group of individuals, including the distribution of such outcomes within the group”**

- **Groups are often geographic populations such as nations or communities but can also be other groups such as employees, ethnic groups, disabled persons, or any other defined group**
- **Not just overall health; but also includes distribution of health**

# POPULATION HEALTH



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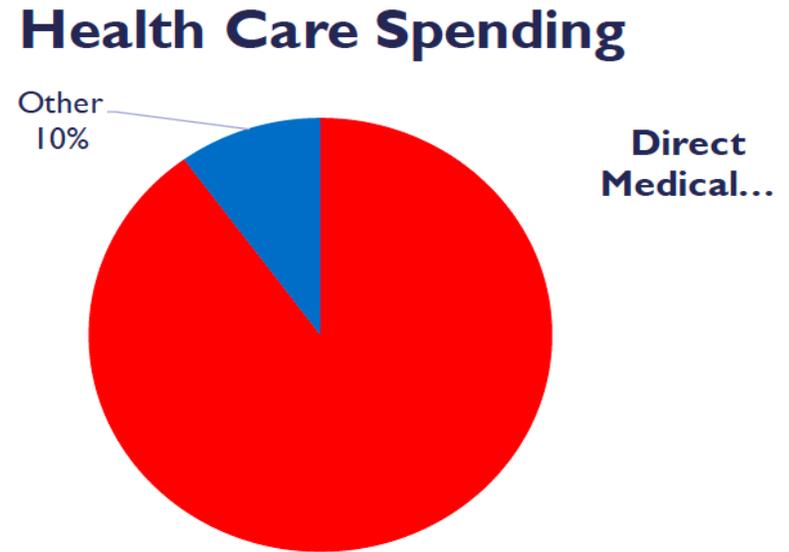
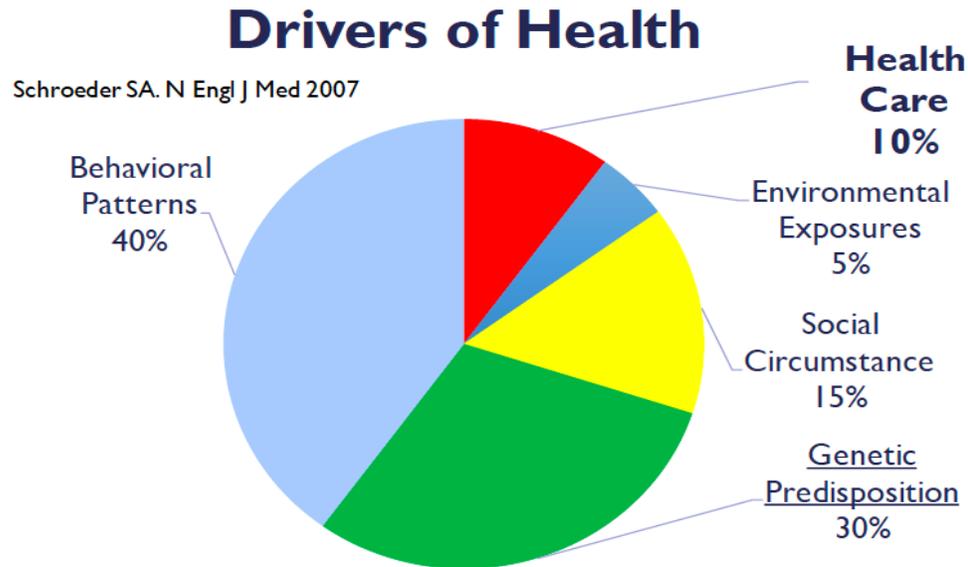
# SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

Enthusiasm around social and medical care integration is growing fast



# INCREASING DISPARITY

## Mismatch: We are Buying Healthcare not “Health”



- 10% of health outcomes are attributable to medical care, while up to 70% are tied to social and environmental factors and the behaviors influenced by them.
- The greatest opportunity to improve health lies in addressing a person’s **unmet essential needs**.

# OVERALL SYSTEM EFFECTIVENESS

How do we bend this curve?

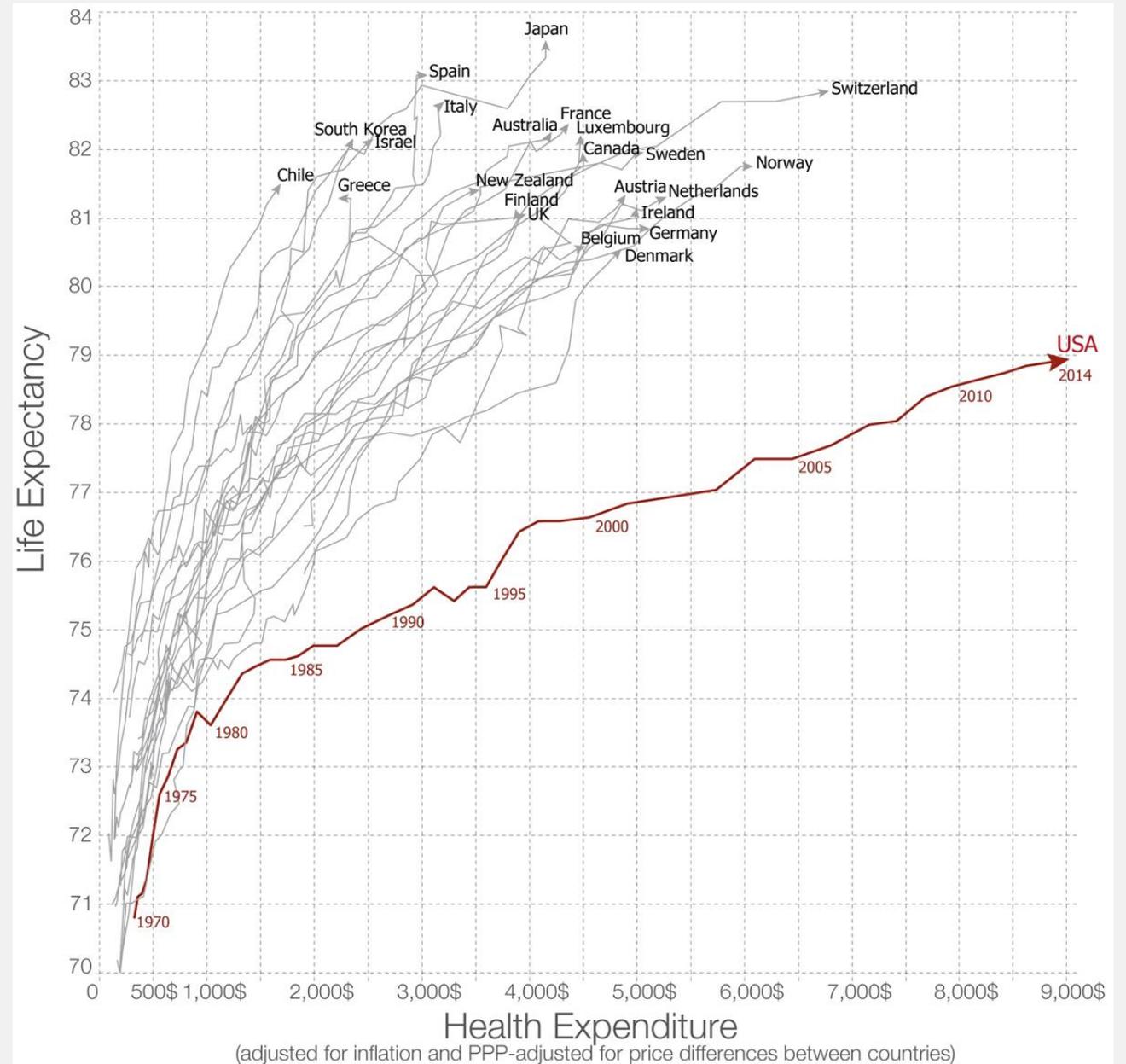


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POPULATION HEALTH WILL NEVER BE  
ACHIEVED UNLESS WE ADDRESS...

# SOCIOECONOMIC DISPARITIES

- Sexism, Racism and Class affect every patient we see
- In the US, we do not address social determinants of health broadly
- This leads to disparate outcomes, ill-informed policies, substandard care and waste yet-more money

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(08\)61690-6/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(08)61690-6/fulltext)

# WOMEN HAVE IT WORSE

- Study published in *Journal of the American Heart Association* raised concerns about gender differences when it comes to quality of care –
  - women with heart disease were 25% more likely to report poor patient-provider communication
  - 12% more likely to experience lower health care satisfaction compared to men.
  - Women were also 15% more likely to report poorer health status based on a standardized quality of life assessment.

## MARS vs VENUS

- Women earn less than men: an avg. of 79 cents for every \$ men make.
- 2/3 of minimum wage workers are women
- Majority of single-parent families are headed by women – healthcare is a constant threat to economic stability

## WHY SHOULD HEALTH SYSTEMS PAY ATTENTION TO WOMEN?

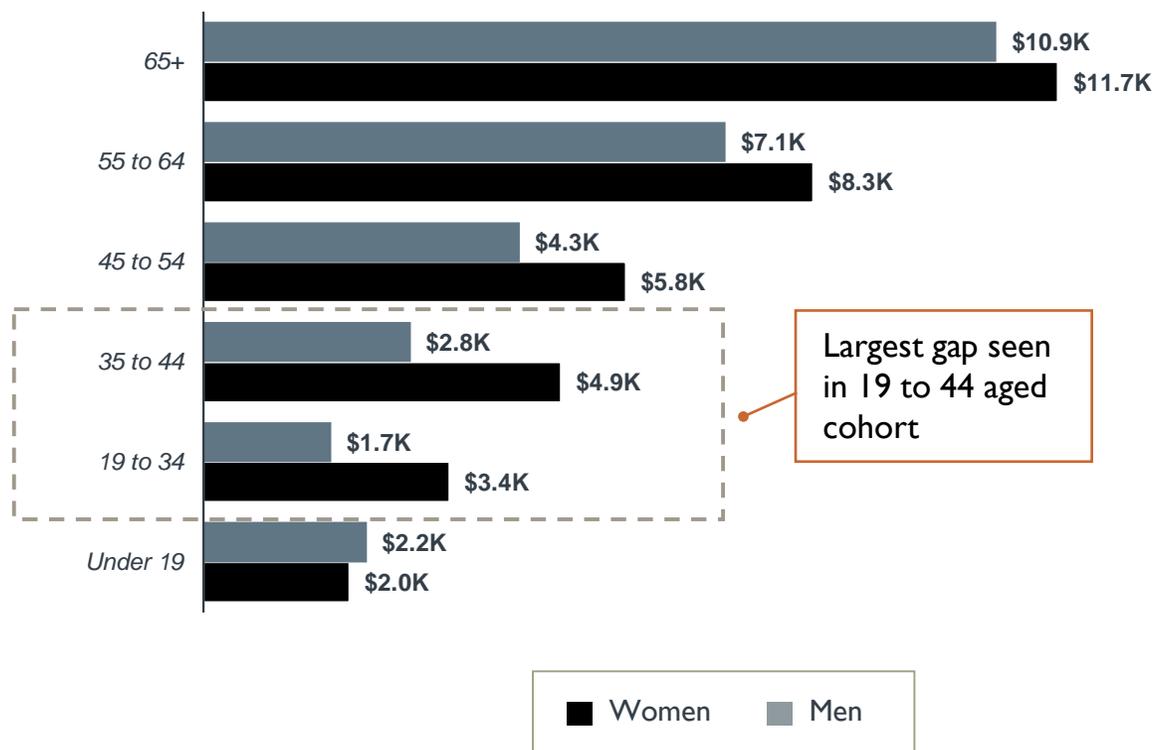
- Women are more in touch with health care pricing and more affected by it than men
- Women own reproductive health
- Women make pediatrician appointments and run elder care
- In 2016, female spending accounted for 56% of total health care spending. Male spending accounted for 44%
- Per capita health spending for females was 25% more than that for males ( \$7860 vs \$6313)

# WOMEN ARE KEY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTORS TO SYSTEMS

Outspending Men Especially in Childbearing Years

## Per Capita Health Care Spending by Age and Gender

2015



# WHY PAY ATTENTION TO WOMEN?

- Women have significant influence on healthcare utilization
- They make 90% of healthcare decision for their families

Yet, strapped for time themselves, many doctors focus on patients to the exclusion of the decision maker accompanying them to the exam room

Drug and medical trials continue to ignore sex differences

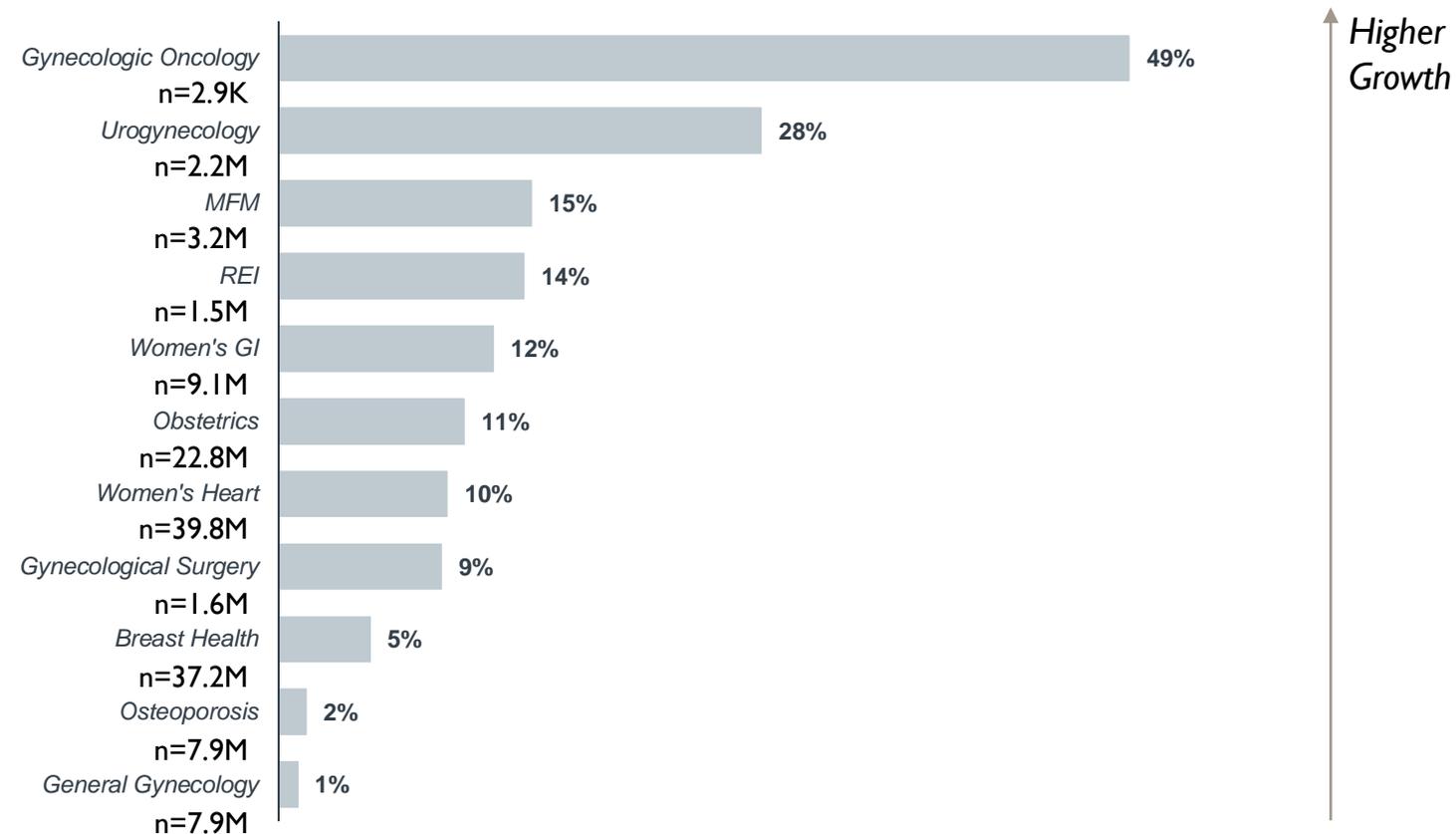
- 63% of Medicare population is Female – fastest growing demographic

# ALL OUTPATIENT WOMEN'S SERVICES POISED FOR GROWTH

As Population Ages, Midlife Demand Rising

## National Women's Outpatient Growth Projections

2017-2022<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>) n-values represent 2017 estimated national volumes.

# FORCES IMPACTING THE WOMEN'S SERVICE LINE FOR HEALTH SYSTEMS

## Discerning Shoppers and Falling Birth Rates Create Competitive Terrain



**OB/GYN is a highly shopped specialty and you must focus on delivery to win both OB and GYN patients.** 47% of new private payer OB/GYN visits are self-referrals. Because most women stay with their regular provider for delivery, providers have to focus upstream—on GYN patients—to attract deliveries. GYN shoppers have a hidden agenda: obstetrics.



**The moms you're competing for are fewer— and older.** Delivery volumes are at a decade-long low while the average age of new mothers continues to rise. In 2017, for the first time in a decade, the only age group with growing birth volumes was women over 40.



**Complex pregnancies on the rise and challenge hospital margins.** The complexity of pregnancy patients is increasing due increased maternal age and to the rise of chronic conditions and the opioid epidemic. Meanwhile, Medicaid margins challenge OB program finances, amidst insurance coverage changes.



**Freestanding birthing centers attractive favorable patients while mobile innovations change access options.** New innovations in women's services are disrupting traditional strategies, with the rise of freestanding birthing centers leading to increased competition for deliveries while virtual care and mobile clinics lead to new access points for care.



**More older women means more midlife care:** Demand for midlife services continues to grow as a result of the aging population, raising the relative importance of these services within the overall framework of women's health care.

# NEW GROWTH OBJECTIVES FOR WOMEN'S PROGRAMS

## Gain Loyalty and Compete Across the Continuum to Grow

### Market Trends

**Consumerism:**  
*Increasing Consumerism*

**Birth Trends:** *Declining Births and Aging Population*

**Birth Complexity:**  
*Increasing Complex Pregnancies*

**Birth Innovations:**  
*Growth in Alternative Birthing Sites*

**Demand for Midlife Services:** *Rising Demand*



### Strategic Imperatives

#### Win and retain patient loyalty

- Increase access, convenience of care
- Effectively communicate offerings
- Deliver on patient experience
- Strengthen referral network integrity

Particularly important for obstetrics

#### Compete across the care continuum

- Strengthen midlife and senior services
- Coordinate care across specialties
- Differentiate with alternative and niche services

# COMPETE ACROSS THE CARE CONTINUUM



## Strengthen midlife and senior services

- Cater to full care continuum across female life stages
- Develop multidisciplinary women's screening services, such as women's heart, gastroenterology, and osteoporosis



## Coordinate care across specialties

- Implement a matrix reporting structure that supports cross-service collaboration
- Use nurse navigators to enhance care coordination



## Differentiate with alternative and niche services

- Consider offering low-intervention, alternative birthing services as an avenue to differentiation
- Determine subspecialty (MFM<sup>1</sup>, REI<sup>2</sup>, urogynecology, etc.) need based on market demand

1) Maternal fetal medicine

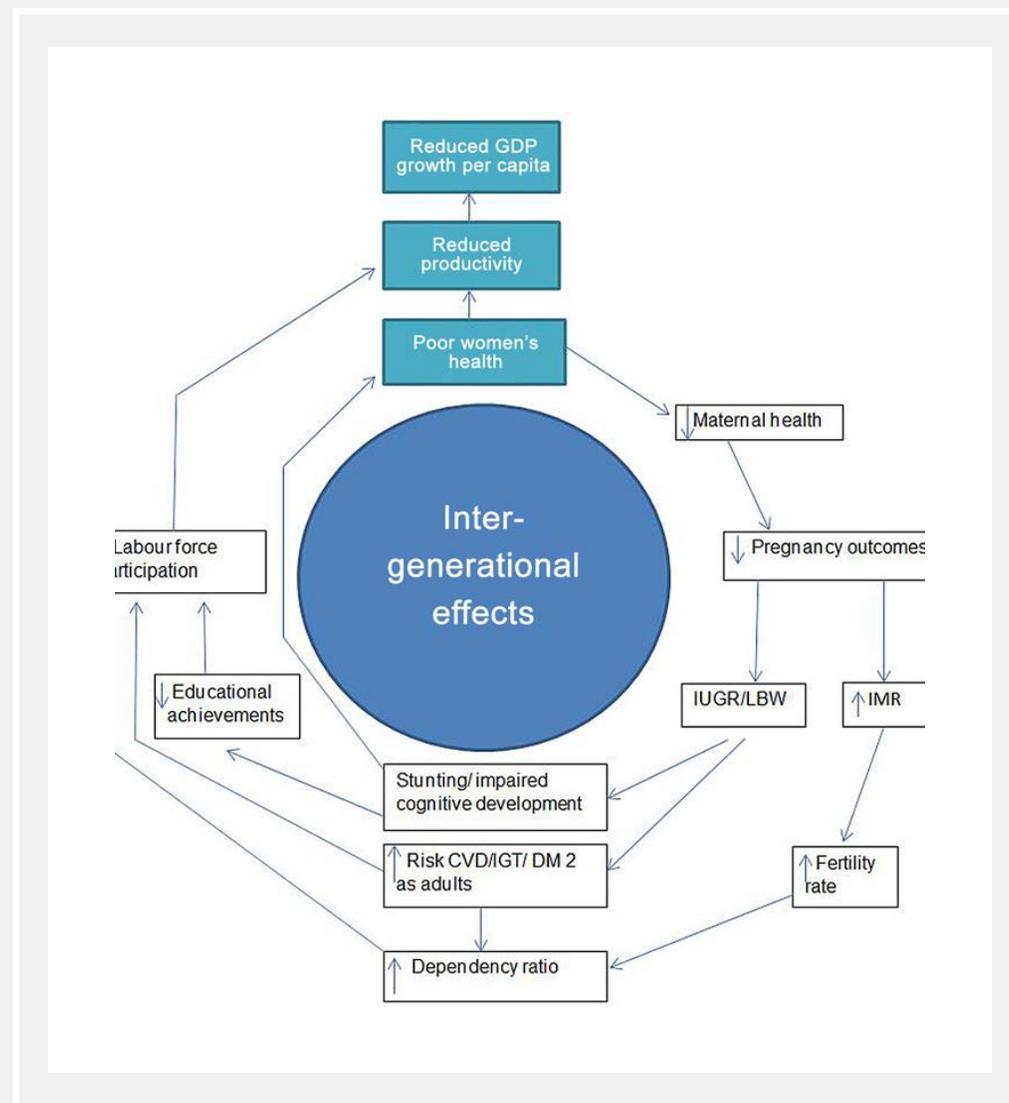
2) Reproductive endocrinology and infertility

# MACROECONOMIC BENEFITS

Healthier women contribute to better educated and more productive societies

Ensuring women's control over their own fertility can boost the pace of economic growth and development

Maternal health is crucial to the health and economic wellbeing of subsequent generations through intergenerational spillovers





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