

## Empowering Clinicians to Become Clinician Stewards

Through an IllumiCare pilot program sponsored by the Texas Hospital Association, a number of health systems in Texas are empowering their providers by giving them a real-time view of the human and economic cost of their care

Results across many different hospitals indicate that this transparency does empower the stewardship of clinicians.

### Financial Burden on Patients

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**3 in 10** Americans report problems paying medical bills.



**73%** Among them cut back on food and other basic needs to pay for their medical bills.

### Higher utilization and more spending does not equate to better outcomes.



United States spends almost **80%** more than Germany and **2x** more than Canada, France and Japan

But Life expectancy is almost **2 years** below the OECD average.

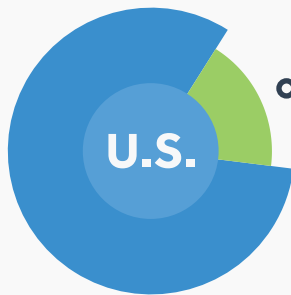
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### The Untapped Potential of the Clinician Steward

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**80% of physicians** were unable to accurately estimate the cost of medical tests  
None of the physicians estimated with greater than **50% accuracy.**





## Cost and Risk Transparency

Spending on hospital care services represents **32%** of total health care spending in 2016, US healthcare's largest spending portion. A figure that is unchanged since 2013.

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## Success Factors

Follow the three step transformation from clinician to clinician steward

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2. Unobtrusively educate providers about stewardship opportunities

1. Get providers into an efficiency mindset



3. Promote and encourage administrative reinforcement

## Measuring Use and Impact

\$170.16 per admission decrease is the cost of inpatient med, lab and rad tests.

**5.6%** reduction of inpatient radiology costs per hospital.

**14.3%** reduction in inpatient lab costs

**14.2%** average reduction of inpatient medication costs

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- Collectively, these hospitals represent 143,338 annual inpatient admissions.
- No negative effects on mortality, readmissions or length of stay have been observed

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