

A healthcare model providing care at a high cost and rate of emergency department utilization, no matter the level of quality, is not sustainable



7-country comparison of acute unscheduled care



ED utilization¹

Used the Emergency Department in past two years



Healthcare spend per capita²

U.S. \$8,745
Australia \$3,997
U.K. \$3,289



Same or next day general practitioner appointments¹

Germany 76%
U.S. 48%
Canada 41%



U.S. and Canada have low rates of active physicians at 2.56 and 2.46 respectively per 1k population²



U.S. is a top performer in lower 30-day mortality following ischemic stroke (4.3%) and acute myocardial infarction (5.5%)²



Countries that have robust primary care systems have lower ED use, such as Germany and Australia²



1. Commonwealth Fund (2015). <http://www.commonwealthfund.org/>.
 2. OECD (2010, 2013). OECD Stat. (database). <http://stats.oecd.org/>.