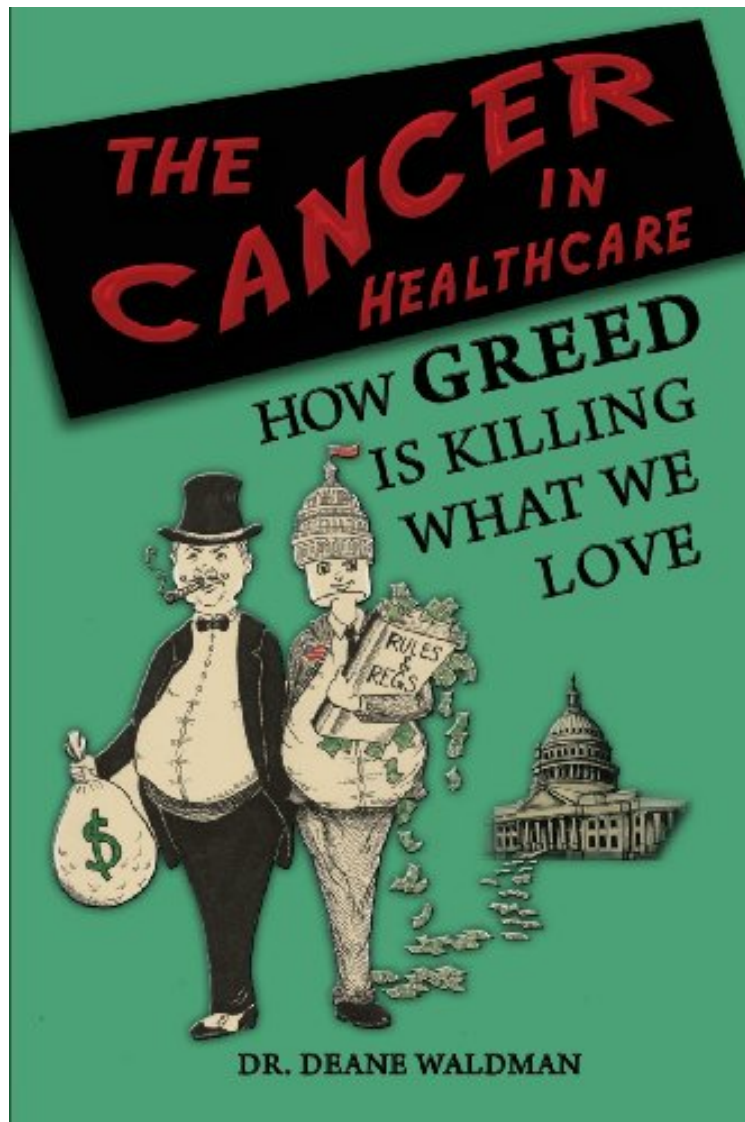


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Excellent discussion of what's wrong with healthcare in the United StatesBy Doug ErlandsonDr. Deane Waldman, a now-retired pediatric cardiologist, in his book "The Cancer in Healthcare" has taken a hard look at what is wrong with our healthcare system in the United States. The root cause is,

as the subtitle of the book indicates, greed. But whose greed is responsible for causing our healthcare costs to be so high and our spending on healthcare to be six percent more of our GDP than in any other country (17.6% in the US vs. 11.6% in Germany and France)? According to Waldman, there is plenty blame to go around. Insurance companies are greedy. The pharmaceutical companies and the medical establishment are greedy. However, the greatest and most insidious greed is that of the governmental bureaucracy that more and more regulates healthcare in our country and overwhelms medical practitioners in a sea of rules, regulations, and paperwork. As a medical insider, someone who has devoted his adult life to serving others, Waldman has seen this firsthand. His book provides many examples of how bureaucracy stands in the way of delivering affordable, compassionate healthcare. Although timely for a number of reasons, perhaps the most relevant comments are reserved for the Affordable Care Act, otherwise known as Obamacare. Waldman does a good job of showing how the rules and regulations of this act will lead to even higher healthcare costs and the rationed treatment that we are already witnessing in countries like Canada and Great Britain. While the book contains more than 200 pages of text, it's a quick, easy, and lively read, one full of examples. At times I found Waldman to be a little repetitive, and the grammarian and proofreader in me spotted some grammatical errors and copying mistakes. But they were few enough to not detract from the overall quality of the book.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I recommend this book for anyone who wants to better understand ...

By Leah Oviedo In his book, "The Cancer of Healthcare, How Greed is Killing What We Love" Dr. Deane Waldman asks us what if doctors and hospitals were paid not for performance, but to make us healthy? I recommend this book for anyone who wants to better understand why health care is failing and be inspired to change our course. Anyone who has dealt with insurance companies, insane doctor bills, a serious illness or major health related scare knows how demeaning and tragic our healthcare system has become. The book starts with an overview of our failing healthcare system that provides more forms than health care, includes research, anecdotes from his and other doctors experiences, and game changing medical laws and regulations that continue to hand over more power to bureaucracy and away from doctors. My favorite part of the book is the last chapter which encourages individual empowerment. "We the People" must work to fix this broken system and insure that good health is a freedom we don't take for granted. If we continue to allow the government to "spend" our way out of trouble we will simply continue to grow the cancer.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Easy, entertaining read, will make the Bad Guys squirm

By Jane Orient Jane Orient, MD Yes, there is plenty of Greed--mostly in places hidden from public view. The Third Party Payment, Compliance, and Quality industries siphon off billions. Their nano-management devours your doctor's time, energy, and morale. Dr. Waldman's style is lively and lucid, and the book is packed with facts. It is not just another boring recital of platitudes. His real life examples leave no doubt as to how absurd and sick the system is. His institution was "out of compliance" because an inspector found a doorstop in a specimen room and discovered that the books on the top shelf of his office were too close to the ceiling. Read it and weep, laugh, or both.

Healthcare Has Cancer! You're spending more and more (and more) on healthcare. Is Obamacare giving you what you want? Something is very wrong with our healthcare system. Some blame insurance companies. Some point to hospitals. Others accuse the government of being greedy for more power. But there's something far more insidious and dangerous at work....

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The Cancer in Healthcare: How Greed is Killing What We Love exposes the greedy behemoth that demands to be fed at the expense of our health and our future. But there's hope! You can take control of your health and your health care. Liberal, conservative, libertarian, or independent-we are all Americans. We must fight this Goliath together. We need to take charge of healthcare and stop the out-of-control cancer that is killing everything we love. For teaching purposes: CinHC can be useful in higher learning, especially in management schools. Systems thinking is a vital part of any management curriculum. The Cancer In Healthcare is an excellent demonstration example of how systems thinking can be effectively applied to a "sick" system, such as healthcare.