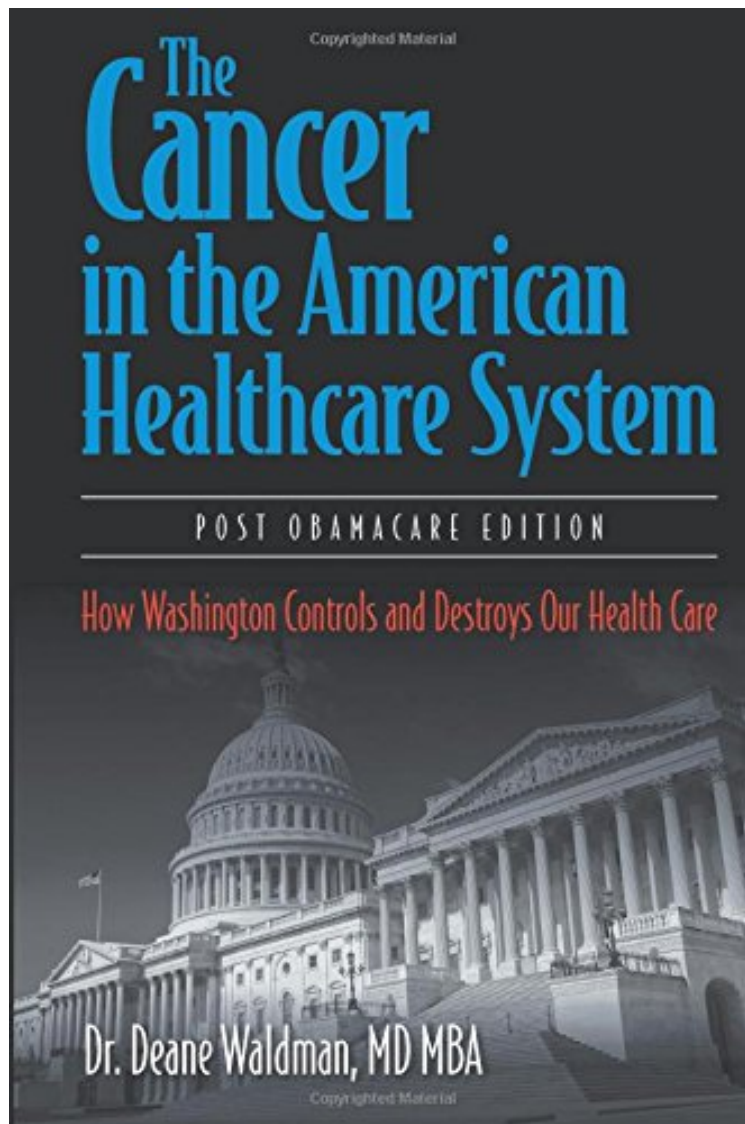


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received a copy of the book in exchange for an honest review. Dr. Deane Waldman seems to be a very intelligent and very kind man, who spent many years working against a system that is not built to help the end user. Having worked in the healthcare system myself, both as patient and as employee, he is absolutely right. Insurance companies have repeatedly put patients and doctors at fatal risk, both legally and literally. This is their current modus operandi. And it needs to stop. We do have a cancerous growth in our society, and we should do all we can to cut the growth away. However, we have differing opinions on how to do it. Dr. Deane Waldman wants to dismantle the ACA and go to a single payer system. The problem with this is why insurance companies were created in the first place: some doctors just do not charge the same across the board. There is very little regulation in place. My personal opinion is that while Dr. Waldman may not take advantage of the patient in a single payer system, pseudoscience and immoral doctors will, and have. Which is why instead of a single payer system, I would prefer a socialized healthcare system. Dr. Waldman speaks of the ills of this system but chooses the weakest of countries (UK) as example. While earlier in his book he speaks of Norway, Sweden and Japan, all who have a socialized system that works, he chooses to reprimand the British one, because it is the easiest to reprimand. Politicians there have eaten away at the earlier idea proposed in the 1970s, and conditions have even changed for the better compared to when his example (his mother's experience) have occurred. Along with his attack on other countries' socialized systems, his attack on Medicaid and Medicare are weak, and sometimes fallacious. He cites a study done in my home state of Oregon, where people on Medicare are sicker than those on private insurances or without insurance. This study cannot be used to prove his point, since the variables known for being on Medicare are poverty (not good for the health), children (usually lacking in the immunity sector), and people who have finally been accepted as previously non-insured people, who do not get diagnosed with serious conditions because they could not go before. These variables are not discussed at all, and he moves along in his train of thought as if the study should stand on its own. As a person of science, I was disappointed that he didn't remark that correlation does not imply causation. But he does that. And through other instances of these types of fallacies, I was disheartened towards his cause. The book is a very easy read and, especially within the first half and parts of the second, I can totally agree with Dr. Waldman. But I do not agree with his solution at all.

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“The healthcare industry is acting like a cancer.” Revolt! By Grady Harp

Author Deane Waldman has impressive credentials — his degrees are from Yale (BA, History), Chicago Med (MD), Mayo Clinic, Northwestern, Harvard, and Anderson Management Schools (MBA), was the Chief of Pediatric Cardiology at Children's Hospital of San Diego, University of Chicago and University of New Mexico, and now is Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics, Pathology and Decision Science at the University of New Mexico, also serving as Consumer Advocate member on the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange where he advises on public policy for healthcare. Dr. Deane (his preferred moniker) spends his energy and background and commitment to American health by sharing in this accessibly written book the flaws and corruption of the American healthcare delivery system. He creates the bullets for his delivery as Why health care is both less affordable and much less available, Where all those trillions of "healthcare" dollars go, Who the real bad guys are, Why Obamacare won't help you...because it can't! and How to regain control over your own health care. Most of us, whether directly or indirectly involved in the healthcare delivery system, face these conundrums daily. Why do insurance rates consistently elevate every year — the AARP (supposed to be affordable for seniors) hikes its rates while the co-pay for drugs diminishes to pennies and the medication costs elevate to 2-4 times what the same drugs cost last year, just an example? Why are appointments with doctors difficult to get? Because the doctors have to support the overhead of their practice and insurance companies fail to promptly reimburse physicians (as in 3-4 or more months) making the co-pays to see a doctor rise to cover the inadequacies of the mega insurance moguls. Hospital costs are out of the realm of most because of the same insurance reimbursement problem in addition to what they feel is a public demand for the newest in laparoscopic robotic substitutions of hands-on surgeons (when they have time away from the mandatory computer system of holding medical records). Toss in the malpractice ambulance chasers (now comfortably parked outside doctors' offices and hospitals and urgent care rooms) ready to drive medical care costs even higher out of fear of suit. There are so many consternations presented in this book that make us all angry that we are no longer in control of our health — it is in the aegis of the big corporate agencies, Washington and the omnipresent lobbyists for the wealthy industries reliant on keep medical costs high. Read the book, get angry, share your feelings, and work for change.

Grady Harp, February 16

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. If I could give this book 10 stars, I would.

By T Thompson This is by far one of the best books that I have ever read! It is full of information without being dry and confusing. It keeps the reader's attention. This book makes so much sense. Dr. Deane Waldman, MD MBA has done a fabulous job at describing what is going on in American Healthcare today. This book begins by explaining the problem and the conflict between all parties involved in today's Healthcare system and how it has evolved over time. It finishes by explaining a solution to the crisis in an easy-to-understand way, which is incredible due to the complexity of the issue. I also appreciated the fact that he included "Notes" from each chapter at the end of the book, and a glossary to help readers understand some of the terms used. I have experience in almost every aspect that is addressed in this book. I was employed as a government documentation and compliance officer and understand bureaucracy. I have had a child die from a congenital heart disease and currently have a child dealing

with a genetic disorder that requires extra medical care and I am very fearful that she will not have access to the care she needs in the future. She had a fabulous doctor whom I really loved because he really cared about his patients. He just retired because he could no longer put up with the demands that were being placed upon him by the "system" where he felt as though he could no longer give the medical care that he felt his patients deserved. Not only has my daughter just lost the only specialist of his kind in a 150-mile radius, our community has lost a vital asset the day he walked away. I was in a bad car accident (not my fault) that has caused extensive hospitalizations and surgery and have seen how outrageous the costs are for care, and then have seen the payments my insurance company actually allow, and I wonder how the hospitals can stay open. Also, just this past week I was with a friend who went to see his doctor about having a surgical procedure done that would allow him to stop taking an over-the-counter medication that is starting to show serious side effects in recent studies. Six years ago, surgical intervention was discussed, but my friend decided to try medication instead. The medication has not been working and so he finally decided to go back to discuss the surgical procedure. Well, thanks to the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the surgeon came right out and said that even trying to get a medication change authorized by our insurance company will cause him to jump through so many hoops that he didn't think it would happen. He then went on to say that if we considered the degree of complication and time a medication change would cause, imagine what it takes to get them to approve a surgical procedure. It infuriates me that there is a surgical procedure that would allow my friend to get off medications and not risk cancer and dementia in the future, but the insurance company can deny the operation just because they don't think it is necessary. Doctors really don't seem to have any control anymore as to the treatments that they can offer. I believe that every member of the US Congress should read this book, understand the problem, repeal Obamacare (ACA), and set into motion the solution found in this book. I believe that this is the solution to the healthcare crisis in America. I won't say what this solution is, as I don't want to put in a Spoiler. I would love for everyone to read this book! The citizens of the greatest country in the world need to know about this! It would also greatly benefit our friends to the North and the UK where the healthcare is also in crisis. I was given a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. This has in no way affected my review of this book.

"Expecting Washington to fix healthcare is waiting for cancer to cure cancer." - Dr. Deane Waldman My Fellow Americans: Are you confused, scared ... or mad as hell about your healthcare? Before you give up in disgust, read *The Cancer in the American Healthcare System*, and you'll discover: Why health care is both less affordable and much less available... Where all those trillions of "healthcare" dollars go... Who the real bad guys are... Why Obamacare won't help you... because it can't! How to regain control over your own health care... Praise for *The Cancer in the American Healthcare System*; I truly came out of it with a deeper understanding of how our government has strong-armed us into believing that it has our best interest at heart... Once I started reading this book, I could not put it down." Karen Spiegel

From the Author I wrote *The Cancer in the American Healthcare System* for one reason: to practice good medicine on a critically ill patient. That patient is a system named Healthcare. The reason you should read *The Cancer in the American Healthcare System* is to protect yourself ... from Healthcare! You need to know the truth about the leach we call healthcare and what you must do to get the health care you need when you need it. Healthcare most definitely is not "there for you!" Read how and why in *The Cancer in the American Healthcare System* as well as what to do. About the Author Interesting data about me; Standard (boring) credentials are below Had tickets to sail on the *Andria Doria* (sank just before we boarded) Visiting Middle East when 1956 War broke out (not injured) Student in Berlin in 1961 when the Wall went up (not imprisoned) Patched up injured at 1968 Democratic Nat'l Convention (both sides) Visiting Turkey during 2013 "Silent Revolution" (was tear-gassed) Specifics Education/training: Yale (BA, History), Chicago Med (MD), Mayo Clinic, Northwestern, Harvard, and Anderson Management Schools (MBA) Author: 400 scholarly articles three books before *The Cancer in the American Healthcare System* Author, forthcoming e-book series: *Restoring Care to American Healthcare* Host: WeCanFixHealthcare.info Credentials as an Author Authority Having both an MD and an MBA, I have consulted for hospitals, public and private organizations, and governments. I can marry the tools of management, especially systems analysis, with the principles of good medical practice to diagnose and cure sick systems such as healthcare. I was the Chief of Pediatric Cardiology at Children's Hospital of San Diego, University of Chicago and University of New Mexico. Now I am Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics, Pathology and Decision Science at the University of New Mexico and serve as Consumer Advocate member on the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange where I advise on public policy for healthcare. I prefer to be called Dr. Deane and welcome your thoughts about American healthcare through WeCanFixHealthcare.info (not dot com.)