



TIME OUT – Health Care Costs

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Health Care Costs – Prevention/Treatment

PREVENTIVE SCREENING

PSA “onsite” - Average: \$20 - \$30 per person

Cholesterol Screening - Average: \$40 - \$80 per person

TREATMENT

Prostate Cancer - Average: \$70,000¹

Angioplasty - Average: \$50,000 - \$60,000²

Bypass Surgery - Average: \$60,000+ ²

Stroke - Average: \$103,576 – First Stroke³

Statin Drugs- Annual: \$1,548 Atorvastatin 20mg Generic Lipitor⁴

\$1,248 Ezetimibe/simvastatin 10mg/20mg Generic Vytorin⁴

\$700-\$2,100 for Cholesterol Lowering Drugs, Type 2 Diabetes⁵

Treating Diabetes - Annual: \$ 1,299 to \$1,714⁶

1: “The benefit and cost of prostate cancer early detection. The Investigators of the American Cancer Society-National Prostate Cancer Detection Project” (<http://caonline.amcancersoc.org/cgi/content/abstract/43/3/134>)

2: “Open heart surgery vs. angioplasty: long-term benefits weighted” (<http://mednews.stanford.edu/releases/1997/janreleases/hlatky.html>)

3: “Lifetime cost of stroke in the United States” (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=PubMed&list_uids=8784113&dopt=Abstract)

4: “Cost effective drug choices” (http://www.consumerreports.org/mg/cost-effective-drug-choices/cedc_statins.htm)

5: “Cost Effectiveness of Statin Therapy for the Primary Prevention of Major Coronary Events in Individuals With Type 2 Diabetes” (<http://care.diabetesjournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/26/6/1796>)

6: “Cost Of Treating Diabetes Surges, US” (<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/medicalnews.php?newsid=56840>)

“Chance Favors the Prepared Mind”

- Louis Pasteur