

Rationed Care: The Canadian Model

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Abstract

This presentation provides an introduction to the Canadian healthcare system. The first half will include a brief synopsis of the legal framework as well an examination of resources, outcomes, and costs from an international perspective. The second half will focus on the methodology and results of the Fraser Institute's annual survey of wait times for medically necessary treatment (Waiting Your Turn).

If time permits, a brief introduction will also be provided for 2 other Fraser Institute publications – the Hospital Report Card, which provides patients with performance indicators for hospitals, and the Provincial Healthcare Index, which provides a framework for ranking provinces according to the value they receive for money spent on healthcare.

The aim of the presentation is to highlight the importance of measurement in the context of potential for reform, the consequences of rationed health care, and the subsequent impact of such studies. \Box

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