Is There Hope For Medicine?

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Evolution of Medicine

- History of Modern Medical Education and Care — How Did We Get Here?
- Our Acute Care Model is Top Notch
- BUT ... It Does Not Work for Chronic Illnesses
- Resulting in Expensive, Impersonal, Ineffective Healthcare

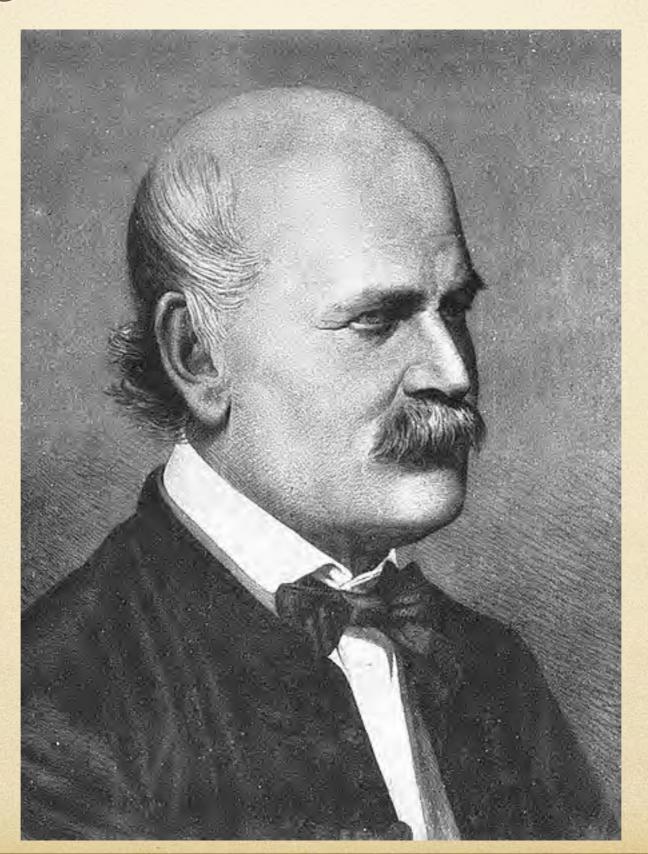
A New Model

- Think "Optimizing Systems for Health Function", Not just "Treating Illness"
- Chronic Illnesses Result From Our Interaction With The Environment
 - Quantity and Quality of What We Eat
 - Toxin Exposures
 - Nurturing of personal interactions

Solutions

- Personal Choices
 - Better Food Choices
 - Common Sense Toxin Avoidance
- New National Goals For The Food Supply and Environmental Awareness
- GOAL: long "Health Expectancy" not just "Life Expectancy"

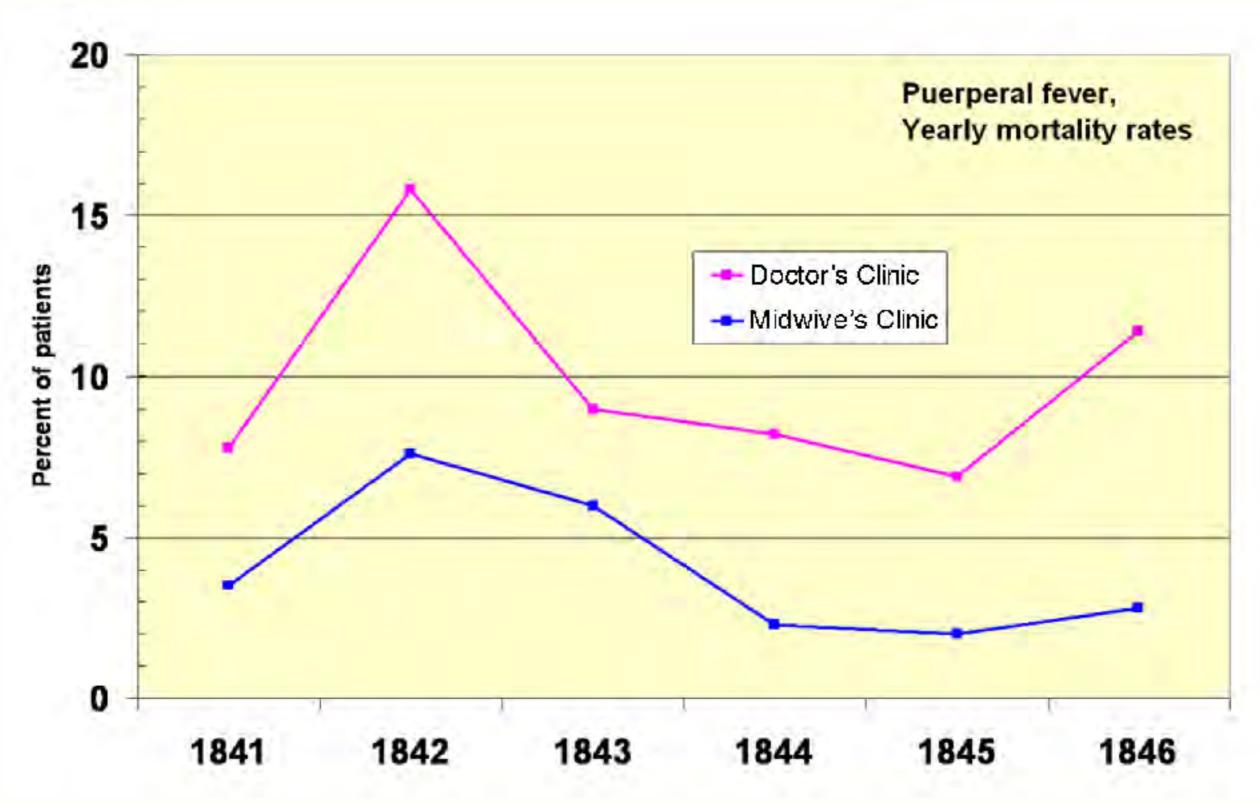
Ignaz Semmelweis (1818-1865)



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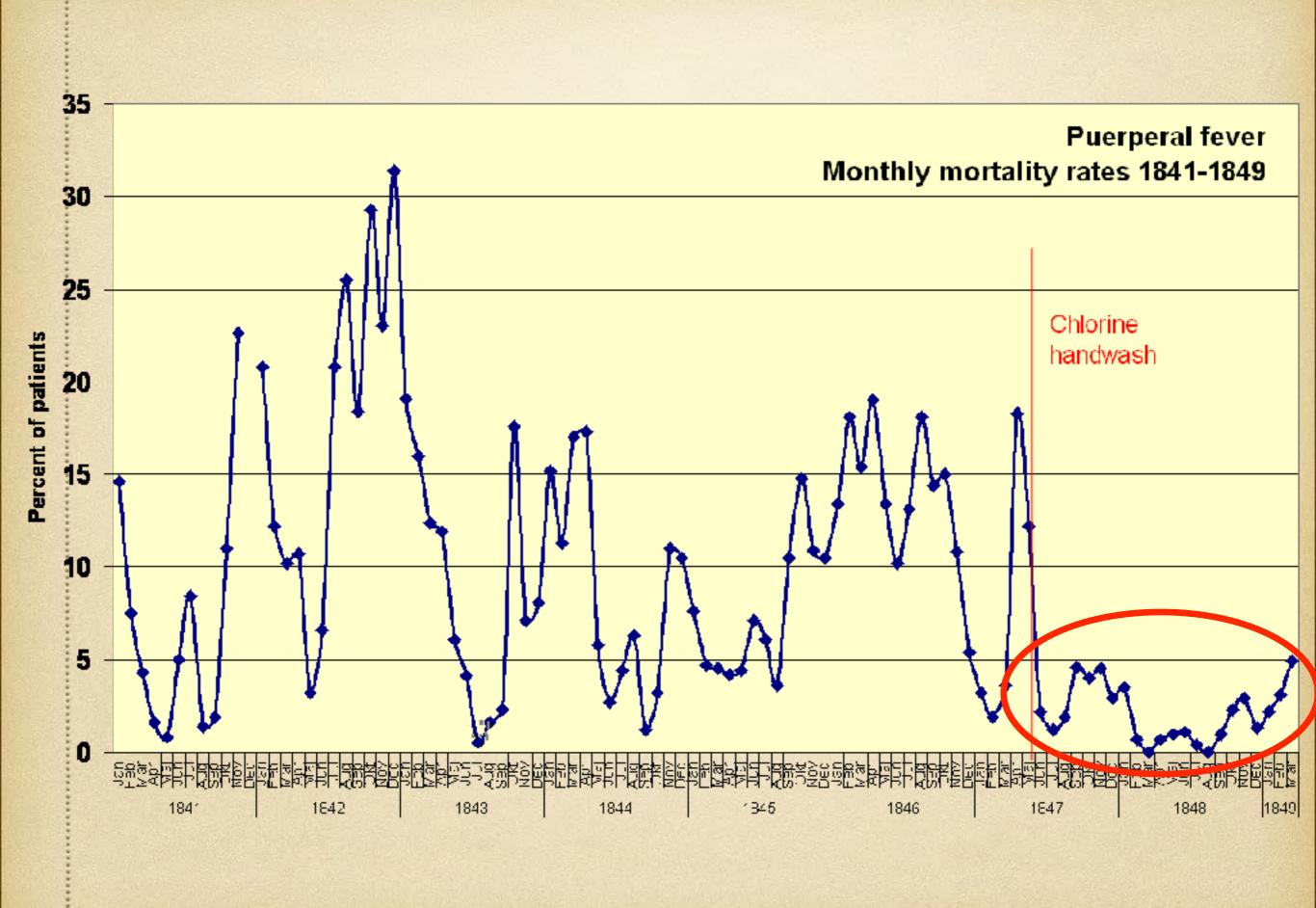


DOCTOR'S PATIENTS DIED OF CHILDBED FEVER



Ignaz Semmelweis (1847)





"Dr. Semmelweis's opinions are not clear enough and his findings not exact enough to qualify as scientifically

founded."

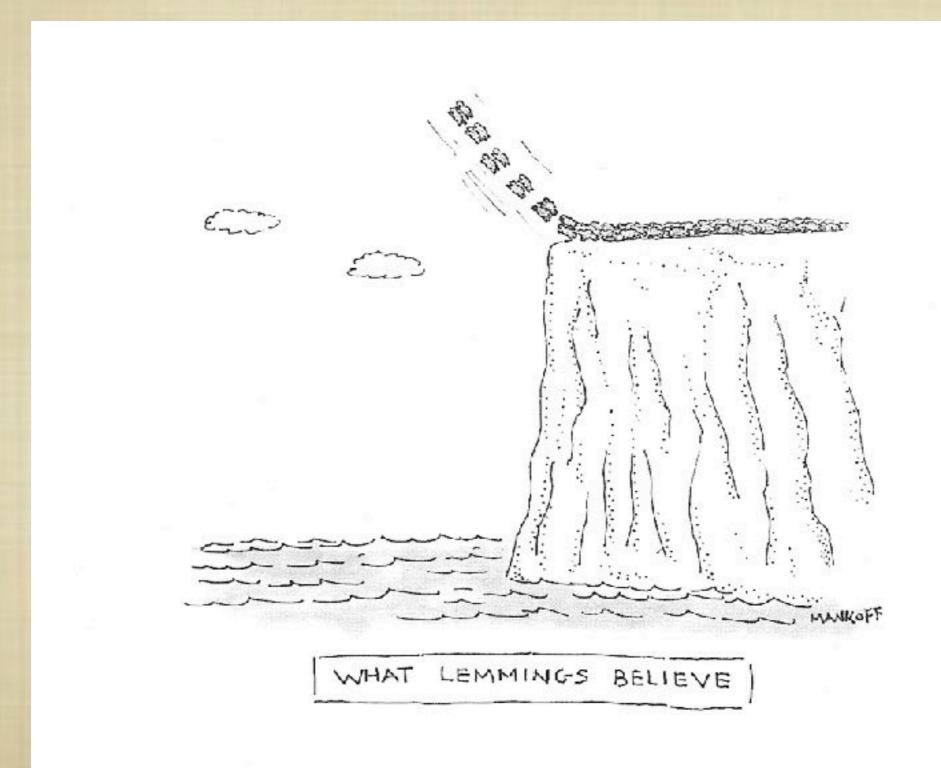
Dr. Carl Edvard Levy
Copenhagen University
Chief of Obstetrics



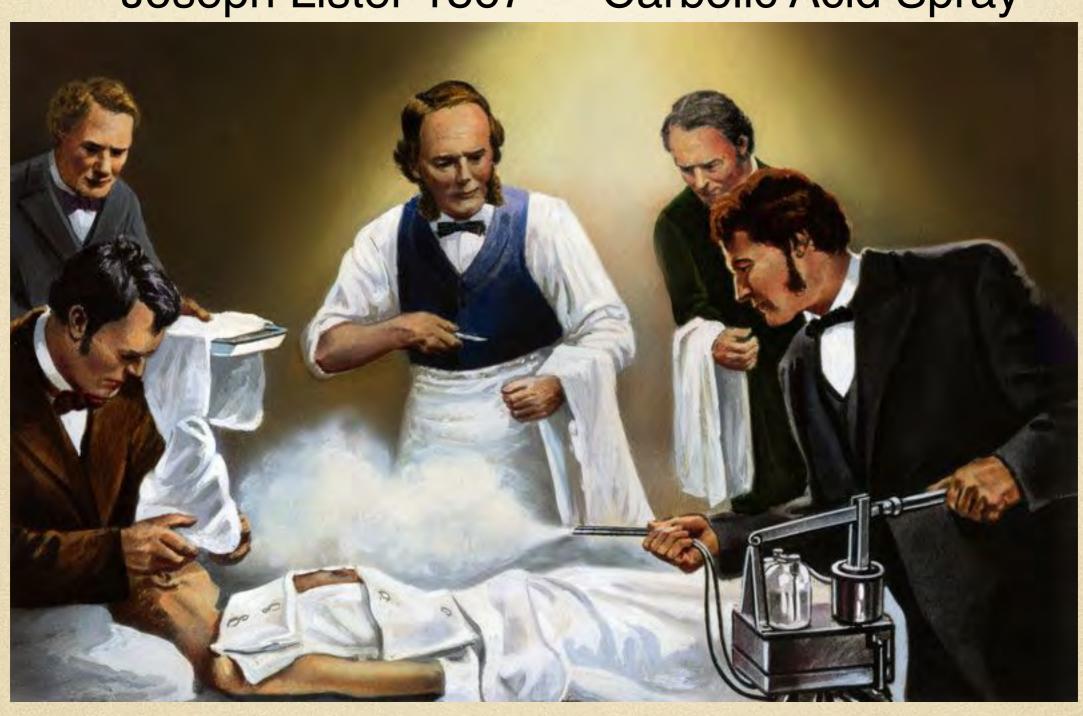
"It ain't what you don't know that gets you into trouble. It's what you know for sure that just ain't so."

Mark Twain

DO YOU BELIEVE WHAT YOU SEE OR ONLY SEE WHAT YOU BELIEVE?



Ignaz Semmelweis 1847 — Handwashing Louis Pasteur 1857 — Germ Theory Joseph Lister 1867 — Carbolic Acid Spray



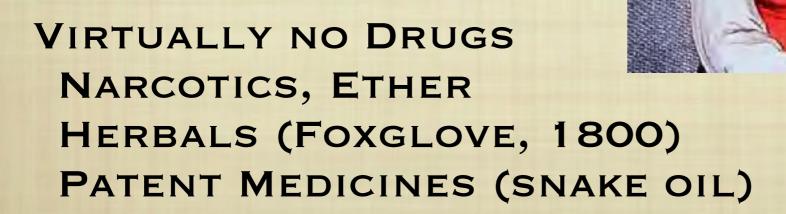
MEDICINE PRIOR TO 1900

EDUCATION PROGRAMS FRAGMENTED, OFTEN POOR

MULTIPLE MODELS PRESENT

BALANCING OF HUMORS (PURGATIVES, BLOODLETTING)

HOMEOPATHY
NATUROPATHY
OSTEOPATHY
HYDROTHERAPY

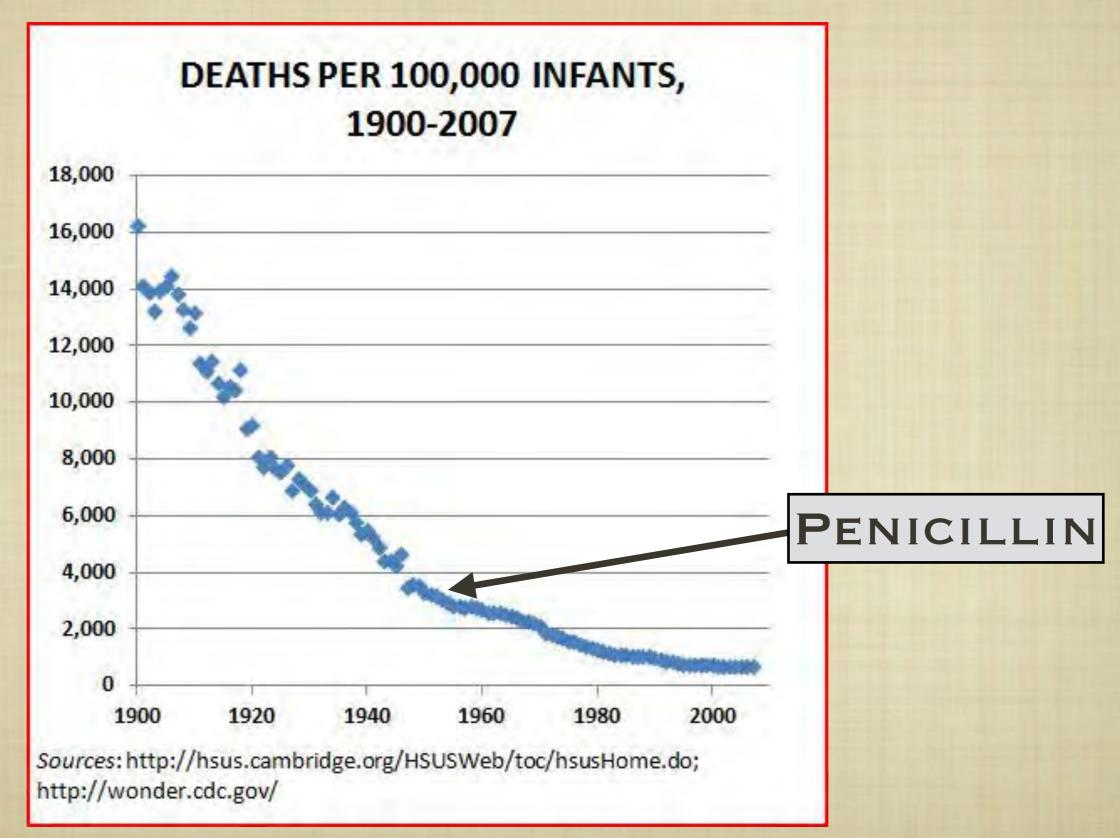


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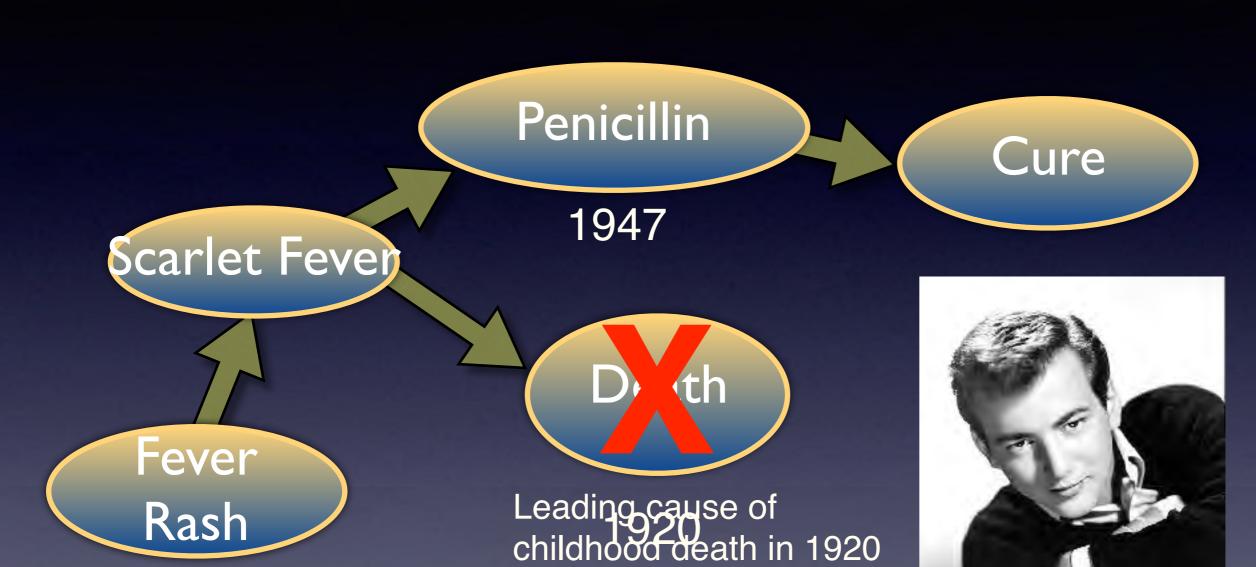
- * NEED FOR STANDARDIZED MEDICAL EDUCATION
- + SCIENTIFICALLY BASED
- + PHARMACEUTICALS
- + Too MANY Poor schools
- * TOO MANY POORLY TRAINED DOCTORS
- * QUALITY OF MEDICAL EDUCATION MARKEDLY IMPROVED



INFANT MORTALITY 1900-2014



Medical "Miracles"

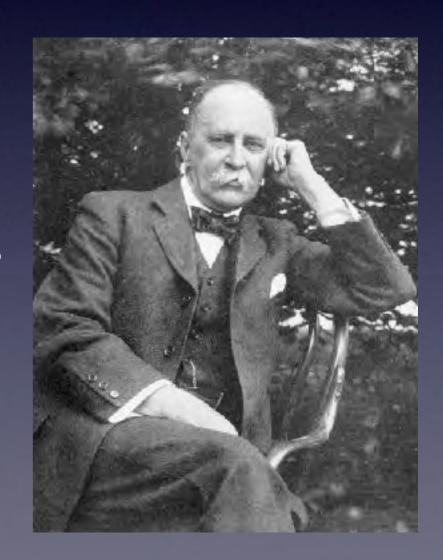


Bobby Darin 1936 - 1973

Sir William Osler MD 1849 - 1919 University of Pennsylvania Johns Hopkins University

- Emphasized a rigorous, scientific-based,
 4 year curriculum:
- Steeped in basic sciences 2 years
- Followed by patient experiences 2 years

"The good physician treats the disease; the great physician treats the patient who has the disease."



Life in Medical School



Do Not Question



Medical School Years 1 and 2

Knowledge-Based Intensive Learning

PHYSICAL FOCUS

HUMAN BEING

- Physical Extra ORGAN SYSTEMS
- Laborator Fests
- Yrays CELL COMPONENTS

COMPLEX MOLECULES

Complex (Expensive) Tests

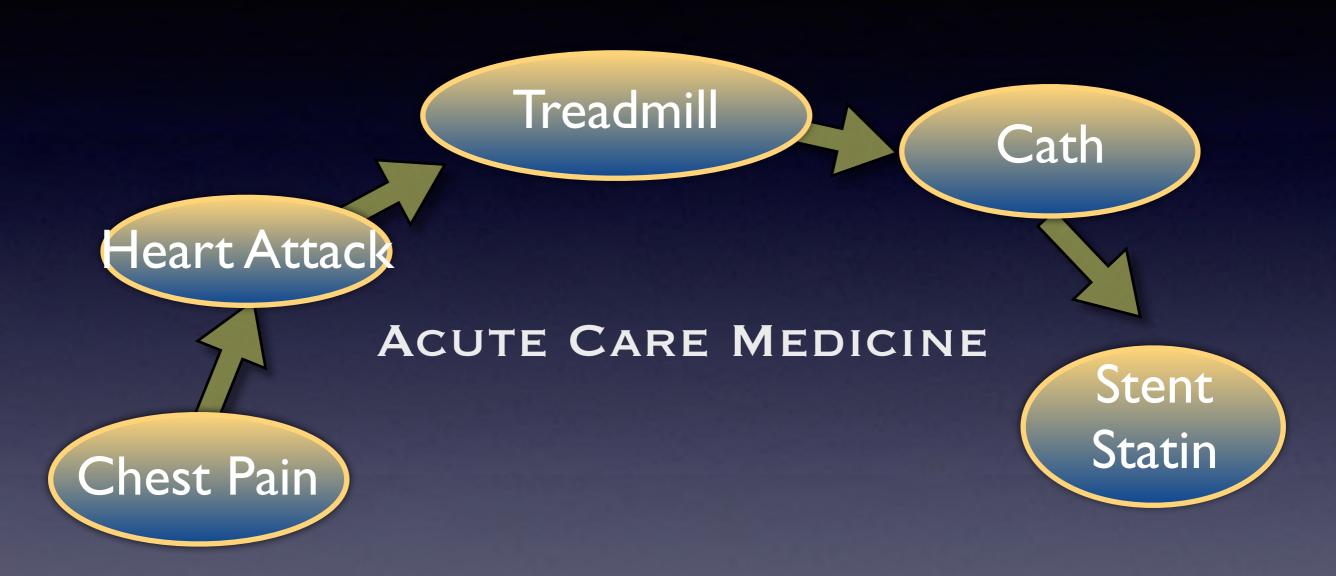
SIMPLE MOLECULES

ATOMS

Reductionism

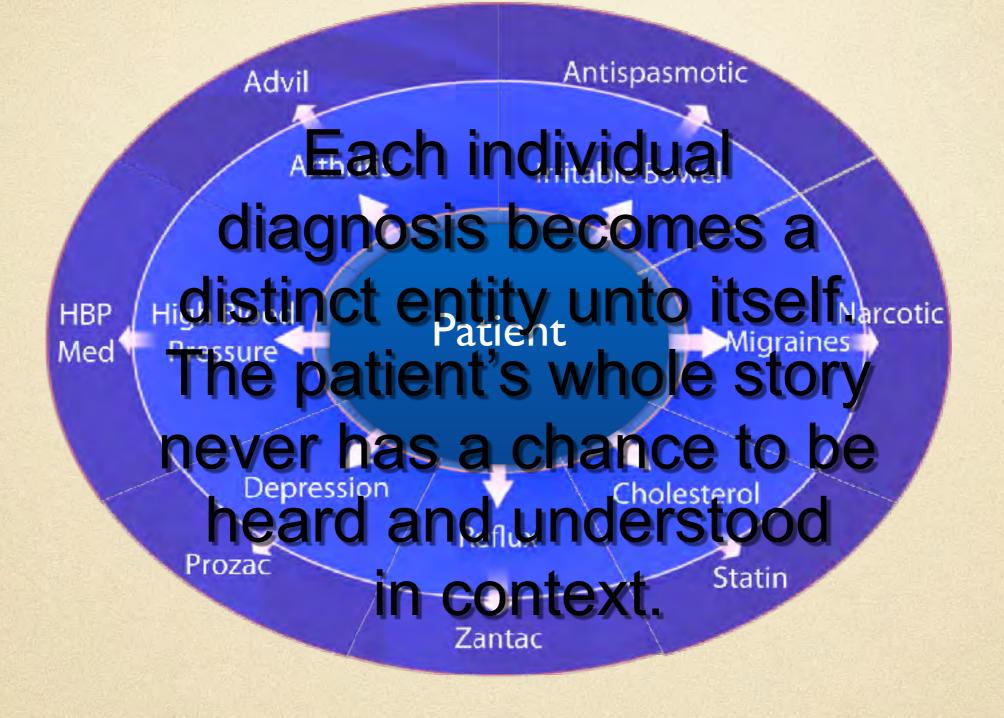


Medical School Applied Experience-Based Problem Solving

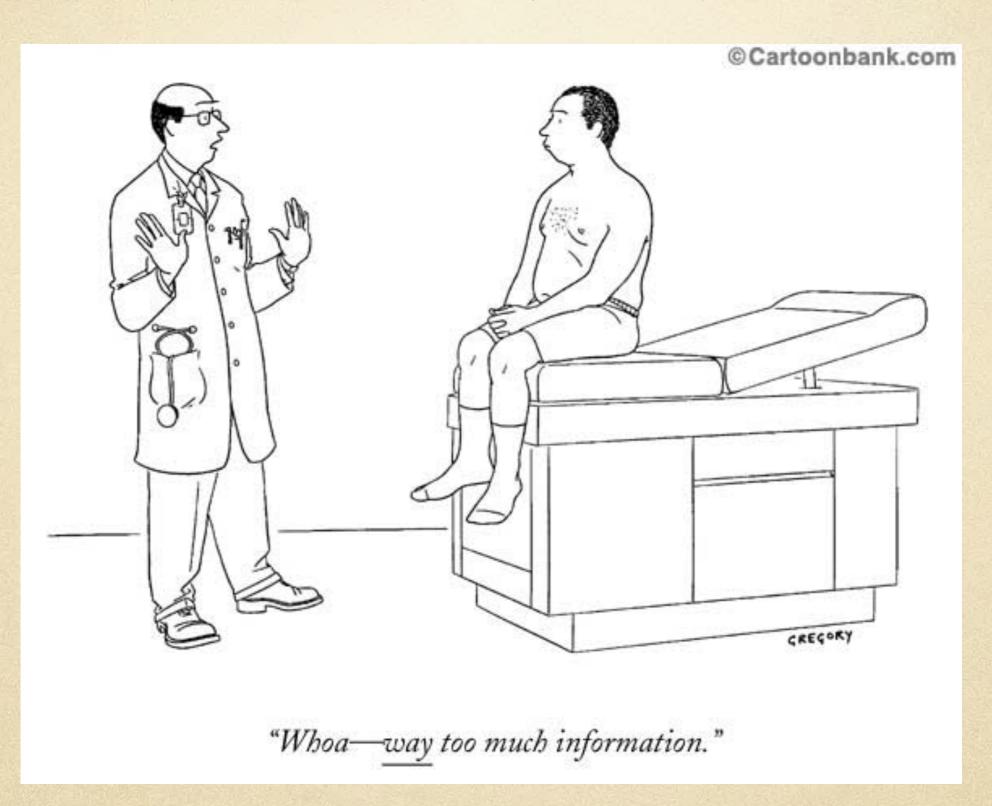


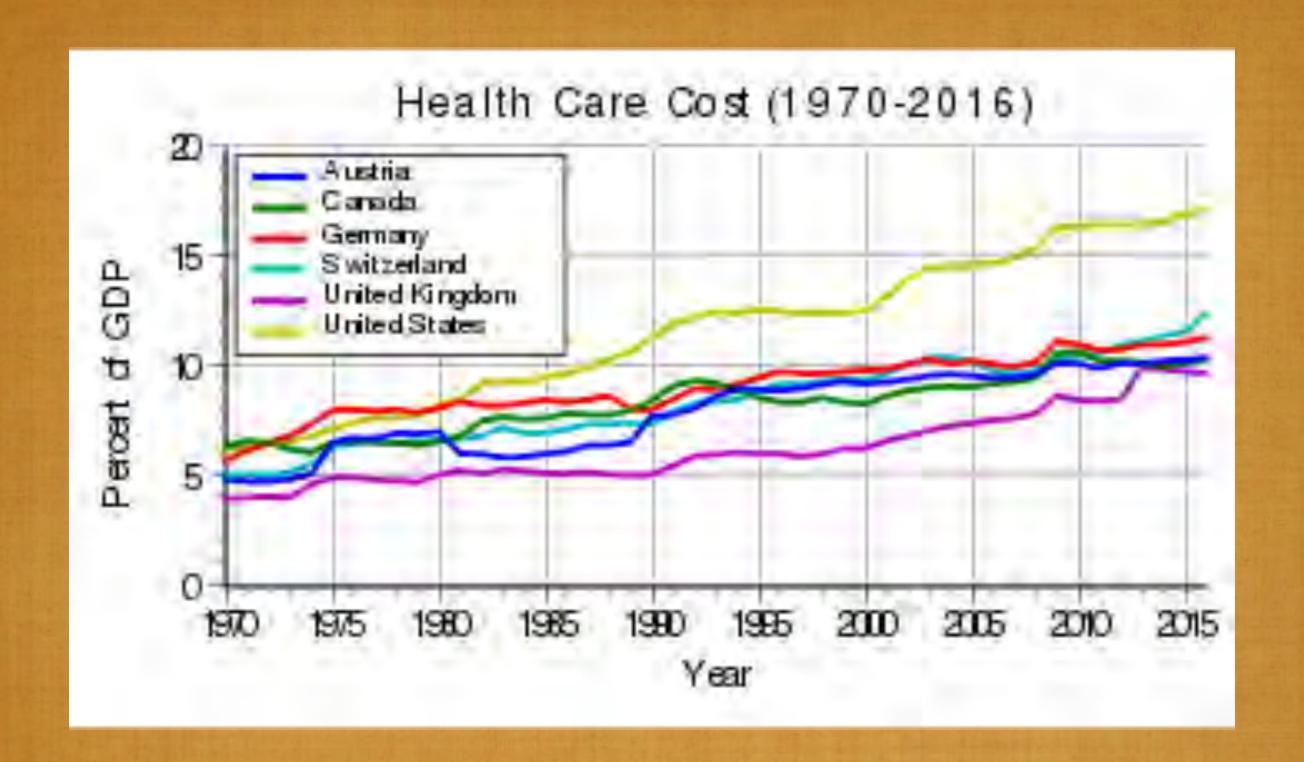
60 y.o. male

Chronic Care Medicine



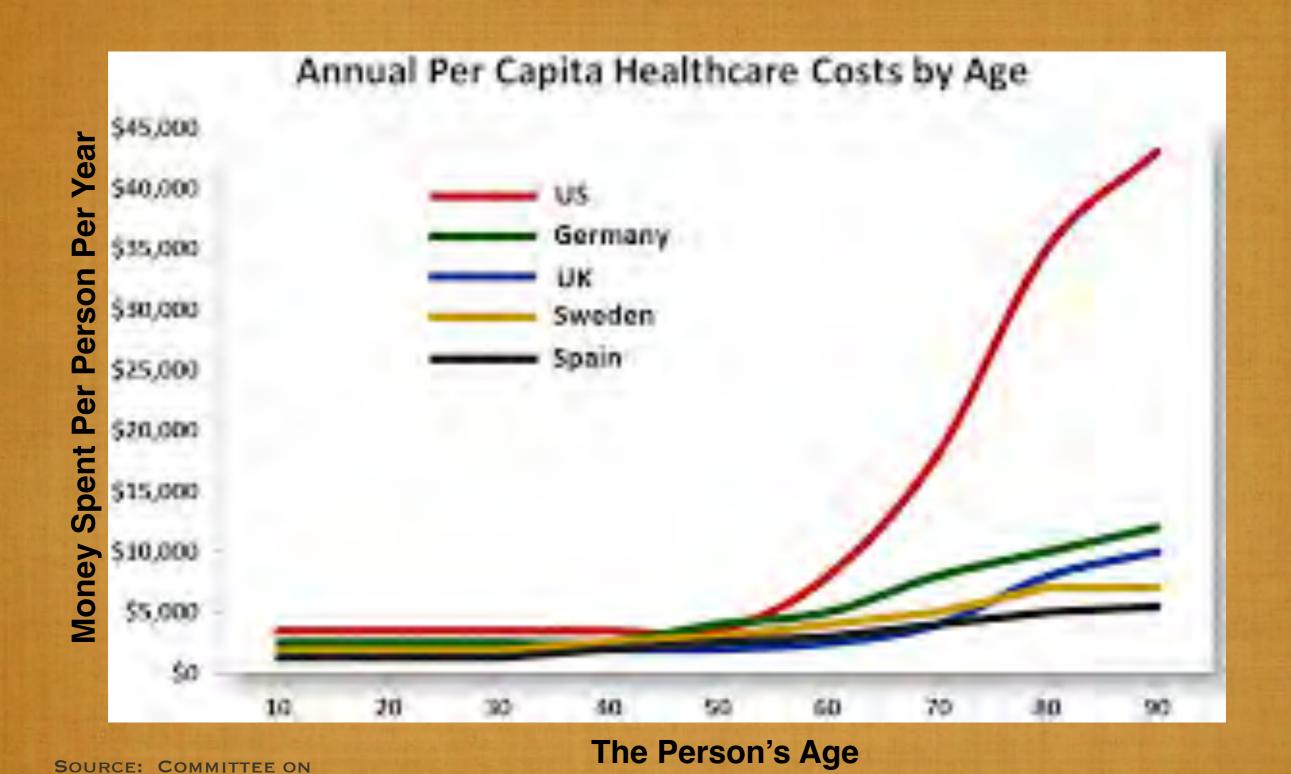
CONVENTIONAL MEDICAL PRACTICE





SOURCE: COMMITTEE ON

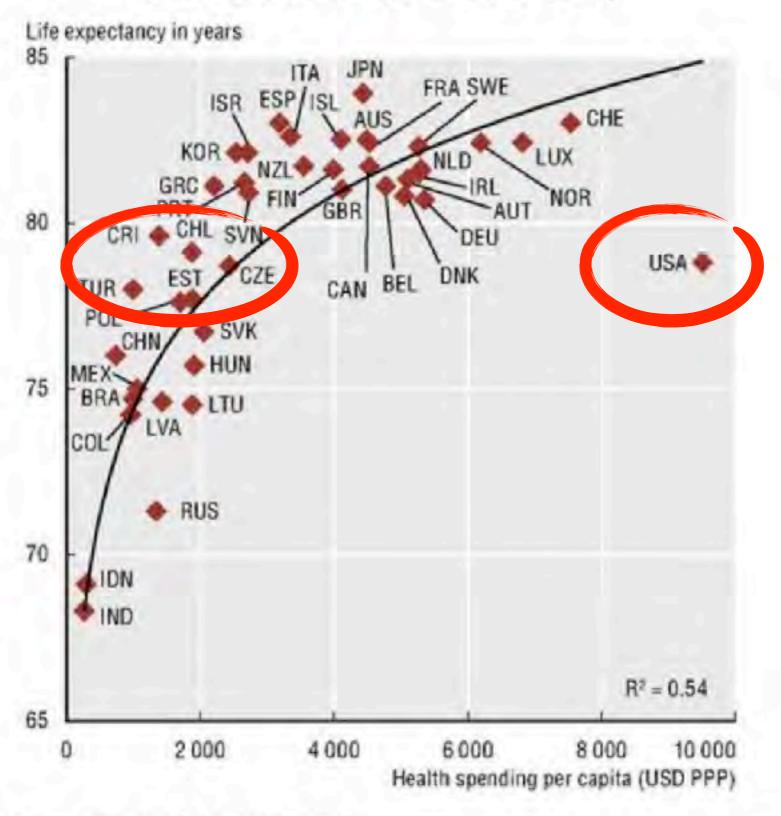
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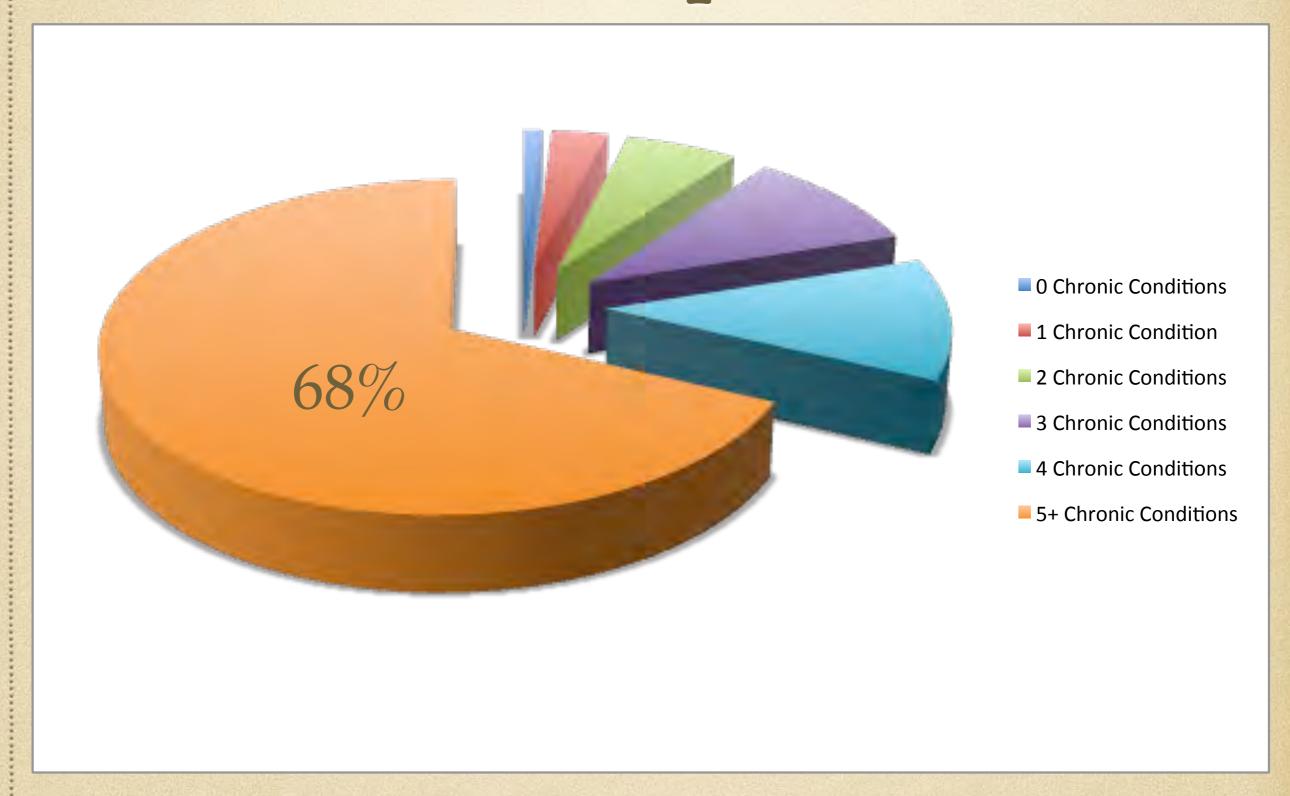
3.3. Life expectancy at birth and health spending per capita, 2015 (or nearest year)



Source: OECD Health Statistics 2017.

StatLink ** http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/888933602272

Medicare Expenditures

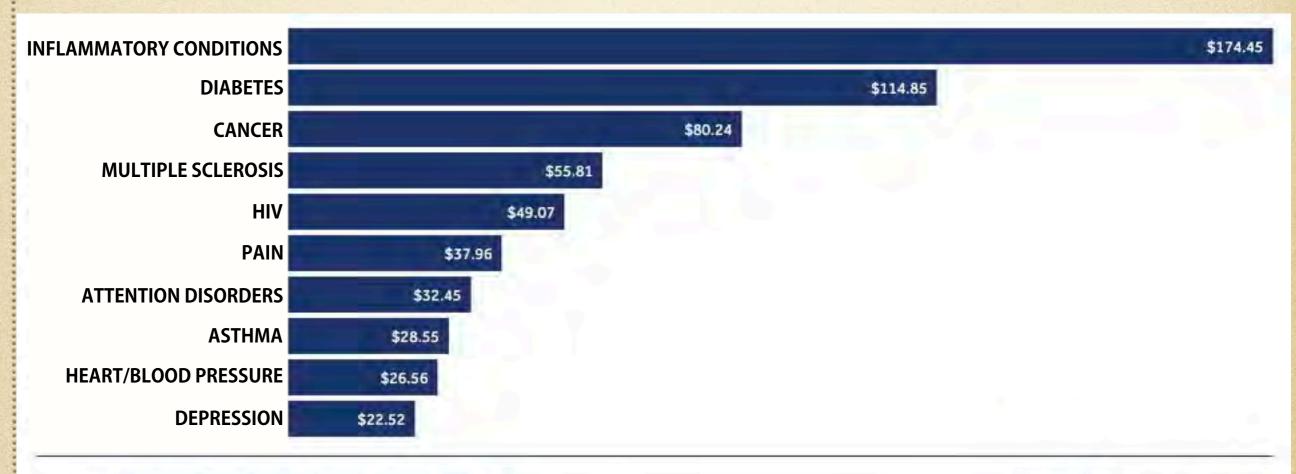


- Our system approaches chronic disease as a series of individual events
- Emphasizing and advertising expensive drug management

THE UNITED STATES (AND NEW ZEALAND) ARE THE ONLY TWO COUNTRIES ADVERTISING DRUGS.

"JUST GIVE ME THE PILL DOC"

Most Medications Directed Toward Inflammation

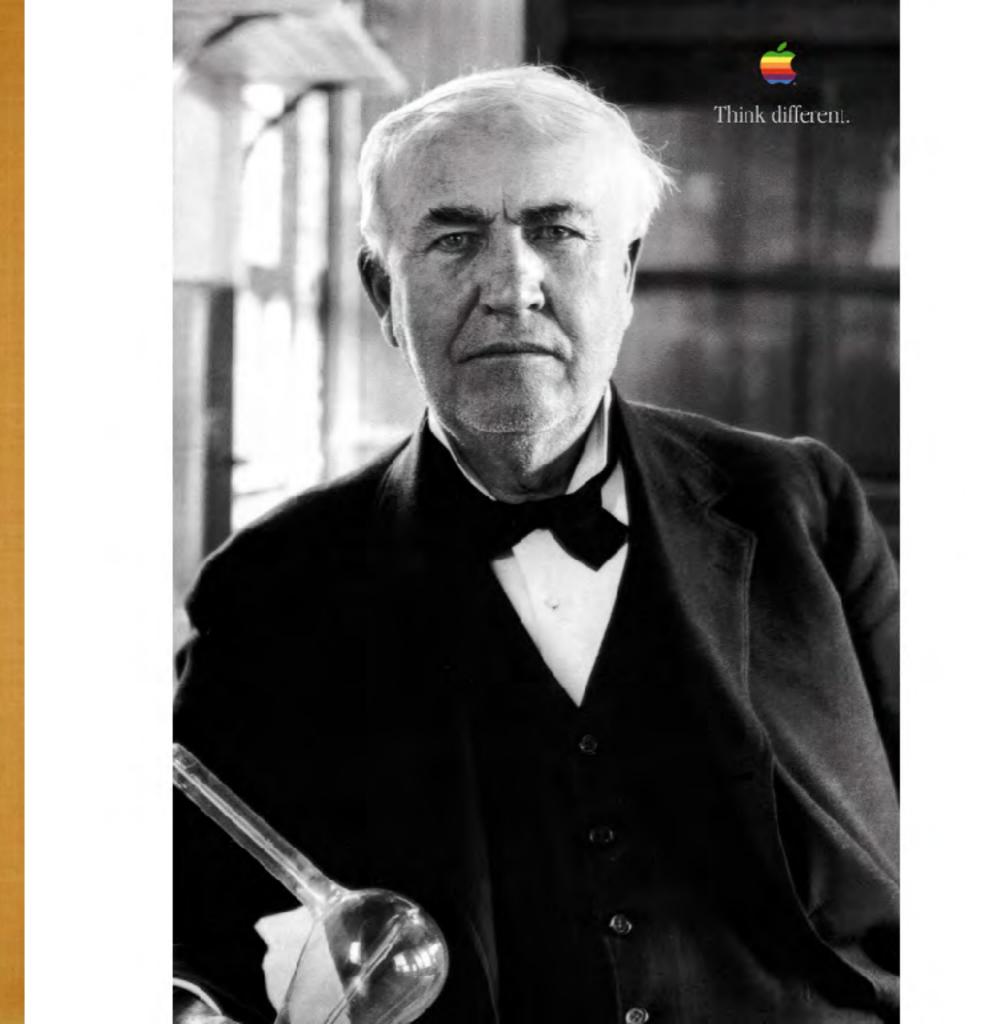


Source: Express Scripts 2018 Drug Trend Report • Get the data • PNG

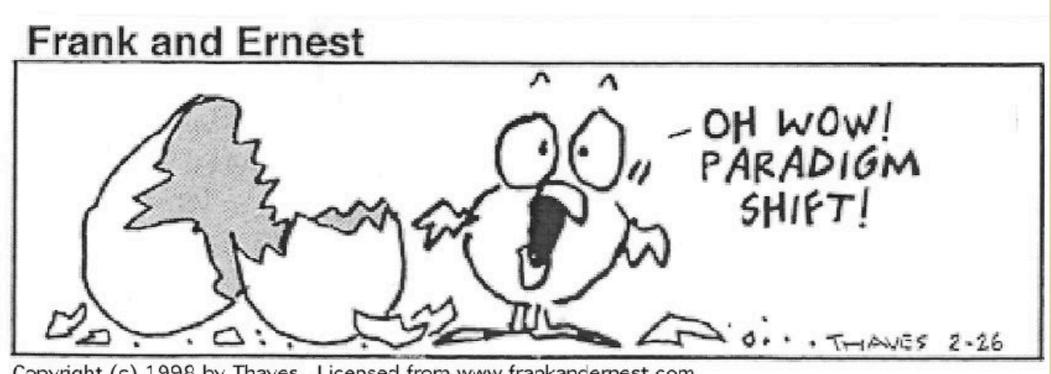
Health System Tracker

Can We Turn Off The Faucet?





OPTIMIZE BODY'S SYSTEMS FOR HEALTH NOT JUST TREATING DISEASES

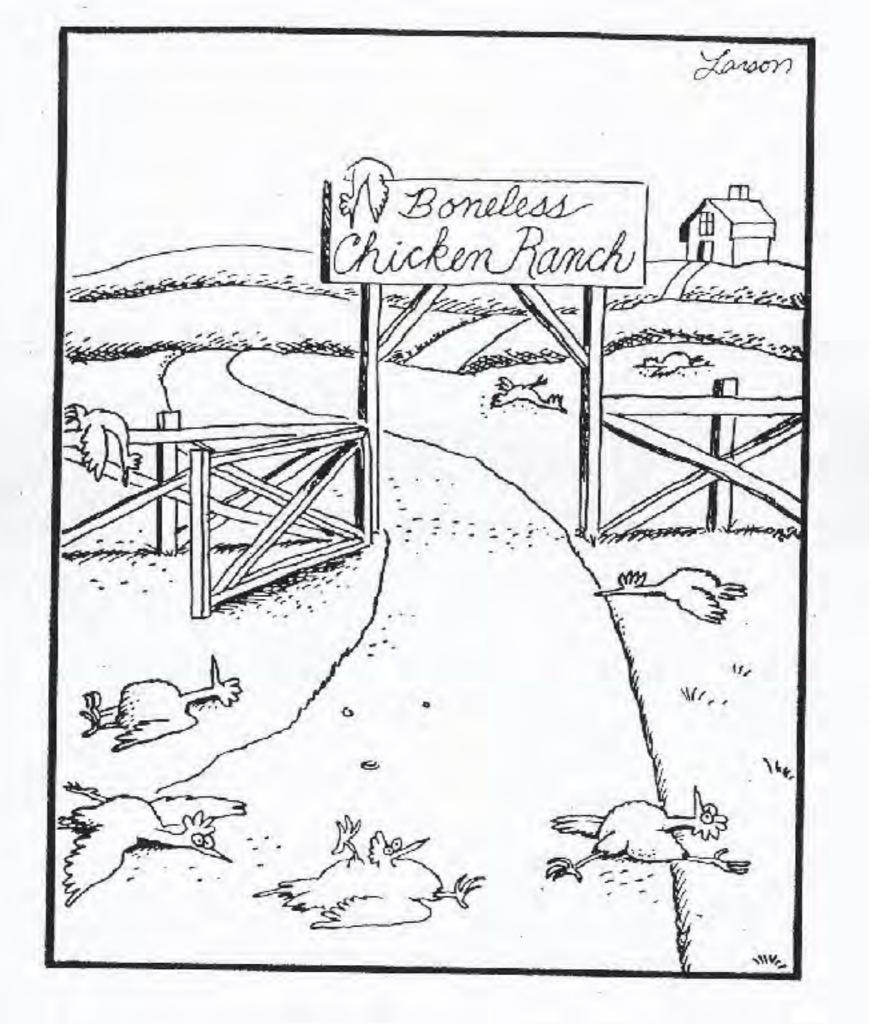


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Functional Systems Medicine

Physical Self

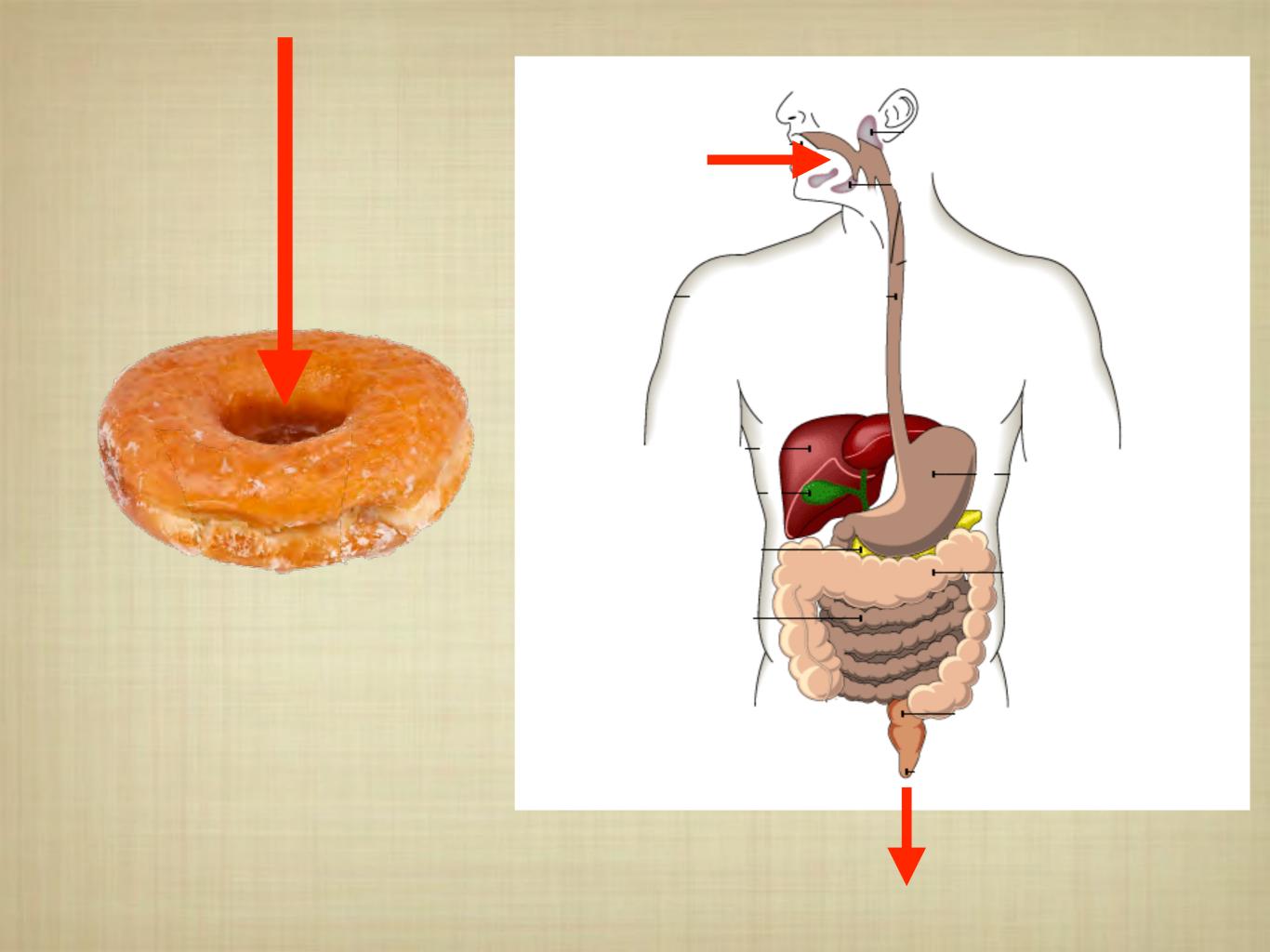
Physical Structure



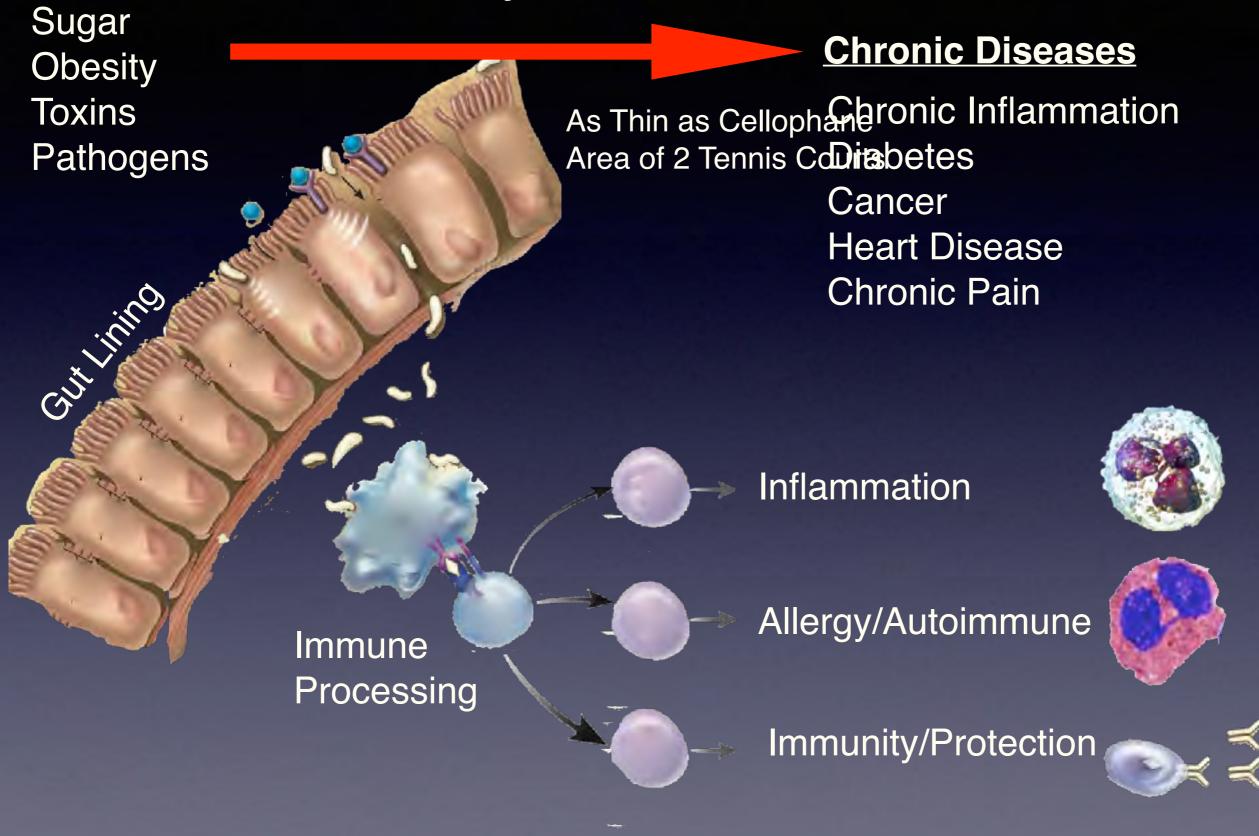
Functional Systems Medicine



75% of the Immune System Monitors the Gut



Bad FooThe Immune System Is Gut Associated

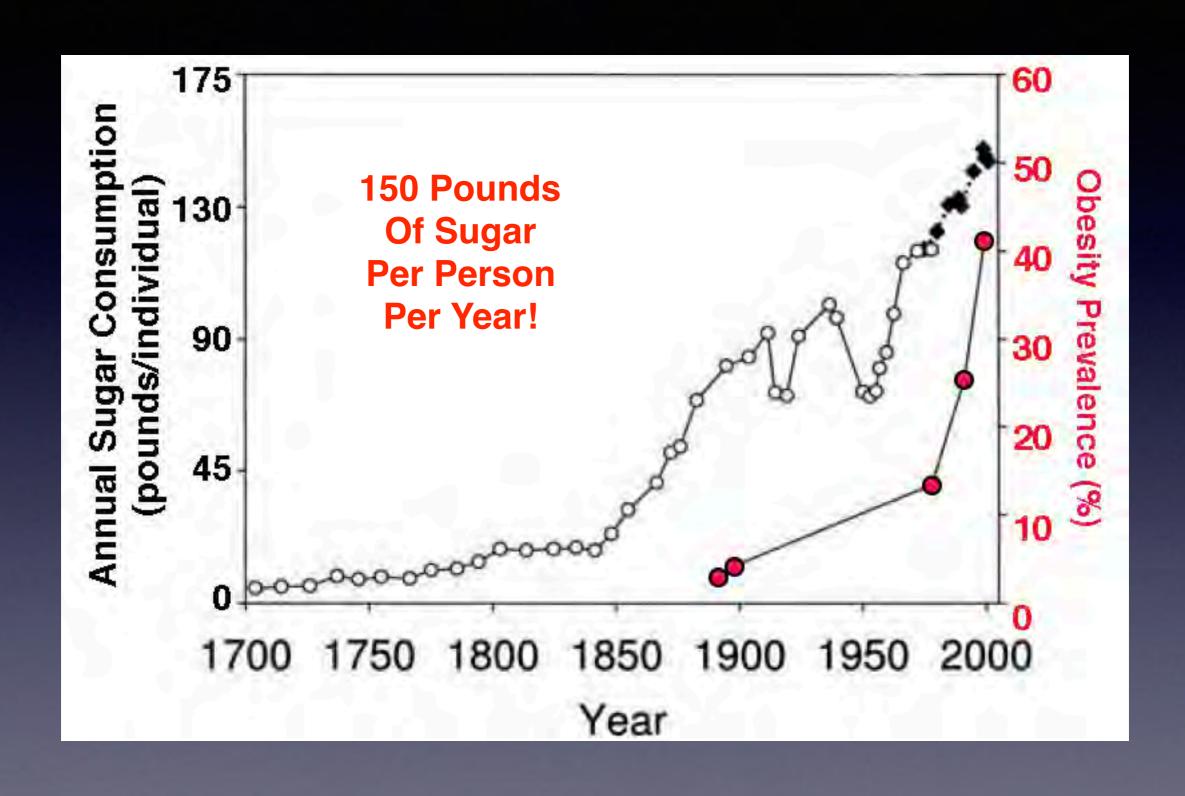


What We Eat

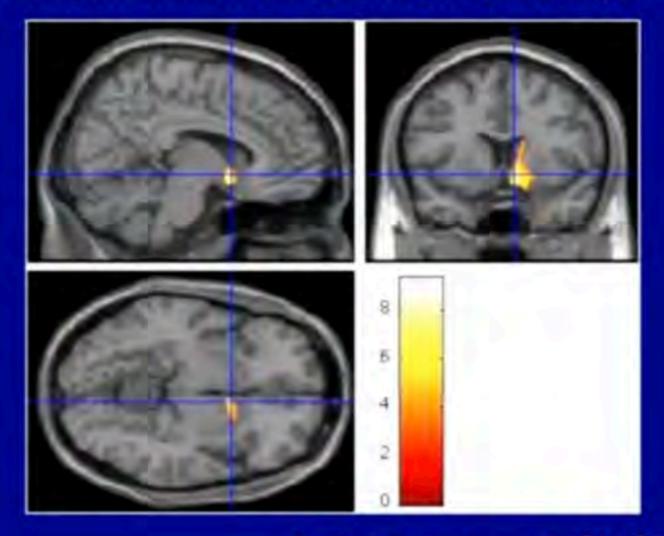
- Primary Signal to the Immune System
- The Impact of Sugar on Obesity and Inflammation
- Poor Food Quality

Diet and Exercise

- You are what you eat
- The best exercise is pushing yourself away from the dinner table
- It's your fault you are fat



Sugar and the Addiction Center Activation of the nucelus accumbens after sugar intake



Lennerz, Ludwig. AJCN 2013, 98:641-7

Obesity

- How do you fatten cattle for market?
 - FEED THEM CORN
- 70% of our body comes from CORN

Industrial Farming

- Earl Butz Secretary of Agriculture 1971-1976 (Nixon Administration)
- Marked the end of the family farm and the subsidy of principally two foods:
 - Corn
 - Soy Beans

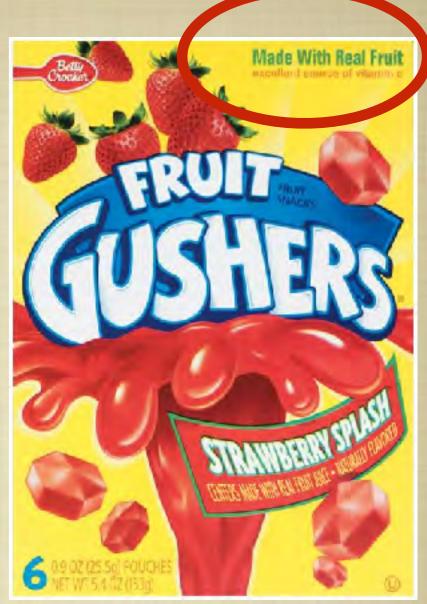
90 CALORIES

6 GUSHERS

CALORIE DENSE

NO NUTRIENTS

2 CUPS BERRIES



Juice Concentrate, Sugar Dried Corn Syrup, Corn Syrup, Modified Corn Starck, Fructose Strawberries From Concentrate, Partially Hydrogenated Cottonseed Oil, Grape Juice From Concentrate, Maltodextrin, Carrageenan, Citric Acid, Glycerin, Distilled Monoglycerides, Sodium Citrate, Malic Acid, Vitamin C, Natural Flavor, Potassium Citrate, Agar-Agar, Red 40, Xanthan Gum.







NUTRITION ISSUES

- Make Wise Individual Choices
 - WHOLE FOODS RECOGNIZED BY YOUR
 GRANDMOTHER
 - SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FARMER
 - AVOID PROCESSED ARTIFICIAL FOOD-LIKE SUBSTANCES
- GOVERNMENT POLICY CHANGES
 - A FARM BILL TO SUPPORT REAL FOOD PRODUCTION

HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

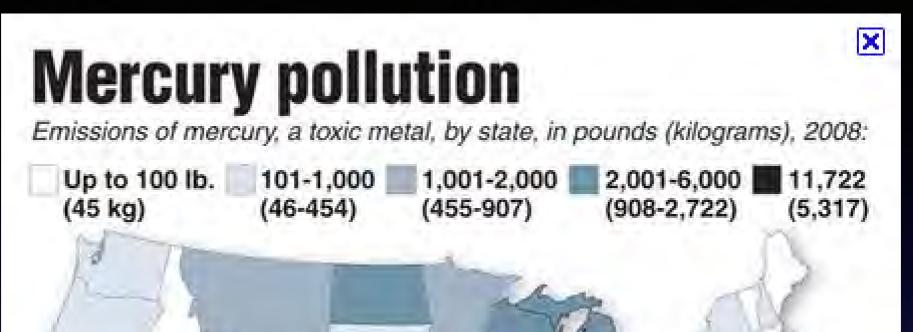
HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT TOXINS

EXAMPLE OF MERCURY

EXAMPLE OF PLASTICS

Mercury and the Nervous System





"Powering our homes should not poison Texas kids. Mercury pollution from power plants puts our kids and our environment at risk." — Luke Metzger, director of Environment Texas





National Atmospheric Hg Deposition Deposition in µg/m²/yr 1.0-20 20-5.0 5.0-10.0 10.0-20.0 >20.0



Source: US EPA, 1998, Mercury Report

to Congress



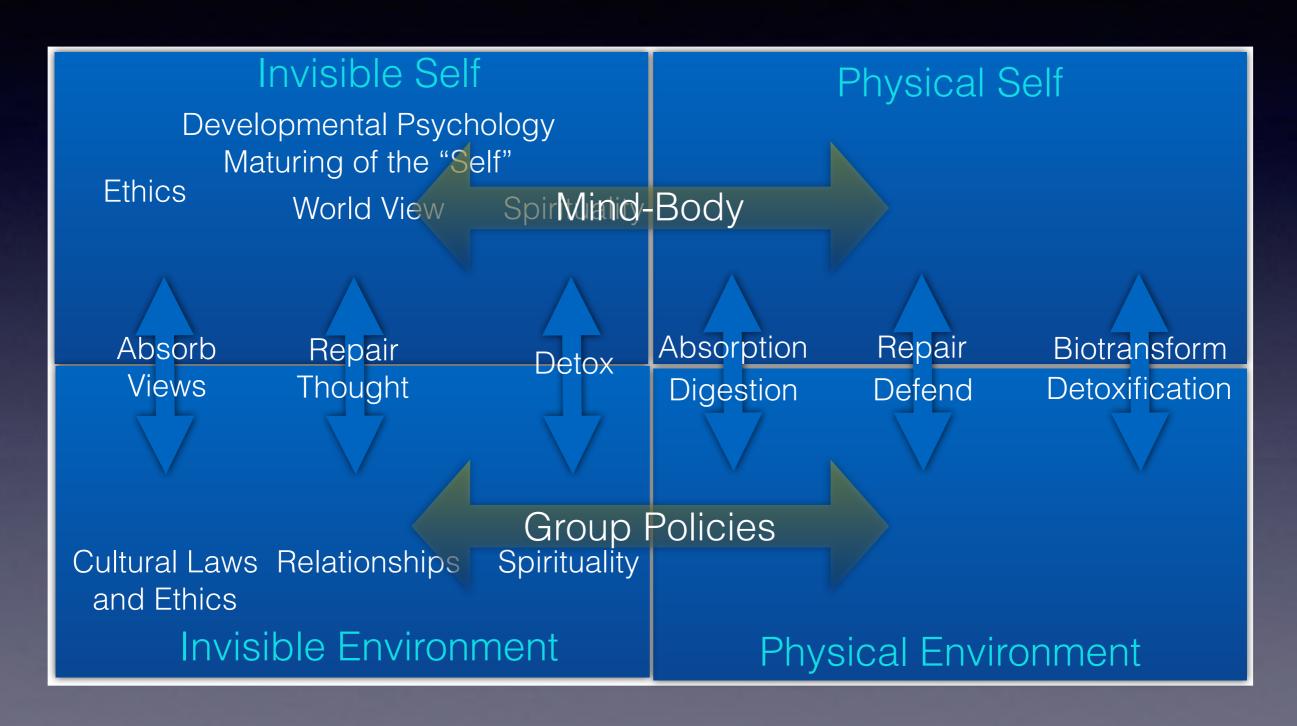
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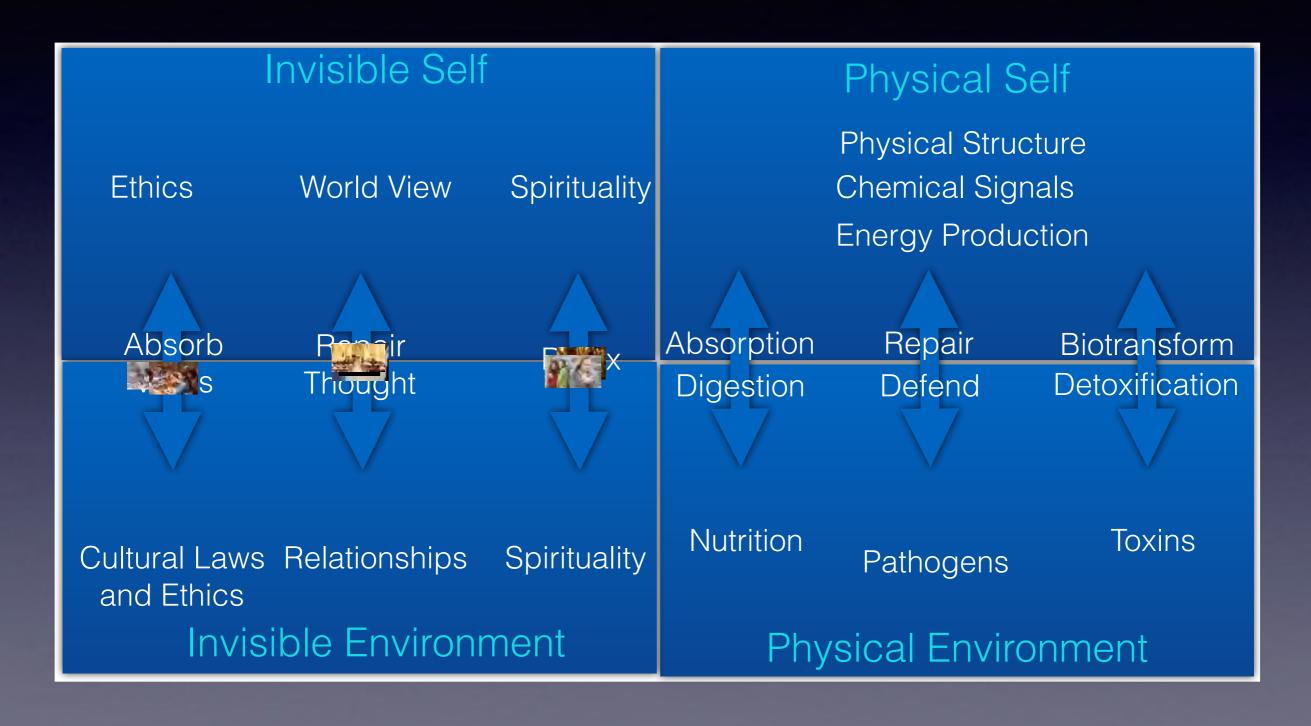
The Environment

- Reduce Exposures
 - Avoidance tactics
- Enhance body detoxification

Systems Medicine



Systems Medicine



WE HAVE MET THE ENEMY AND HE IS US.



We're In This Together



Thank You!

Discussion