

Patients First

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[drval](#) Medbloggers and congressman discuss healthcare reform at the National Press Club today 9am-12pm ET. Follow #patientsfirst for live coverage. *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[efalchuk](#) audience members starting to arrive - Congressman Ryan will attend - markup on health bill ended at 1am #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst - monitor behind the panelists will show live feed of tweets marked with event hashtag *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



[efalchuk](#) RT @tvtopr: @efalchuk hi evan #patientsfirst <<did this show up on the screen?<<it will! *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



[efalchuk](#) full house, 50+ people here #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



[sixuntilme](#) @drval takes the stage at #patientsfirst. *17 Jul 2009 from TwitterBerry*



[sixuntilme](#) "We're here because we need to reframe the healthcare debate. Patients must stay at the center of the discussion." @drval #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from TwitterBerry*



[efalchuk](#) @drval we need reform our system while protecting patients-many points of view today, but in end patients are most important #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst @drval intros Rea Blakey - she encourages applause *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Blakey - social media extremely important - key moment in interaction, we will make news today *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst props to [@drval](#) who has pulled this together all by herself *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[sixuntilme](#) #patientsfirst moderated by Rea Blakey. She is introducing Congressman Paul Ryan right now. *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst welcome Congressman Paul Ryan, 1st district Wisconsin (R) - ranking member house budget committee - up late marking up hc bill *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan - late night last night in committee - bill was reported out, none of us read it *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[lizditz](#) Patients must stay at the center of the discussion. #patientsfirst [@drval](#) [@sixuntilme](#) *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst we don't know how much it will cost, none of us read bill, but it's out of committee, heading to house floor *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[sixuntilme](#) Keynote from Paul Ryan. "I'm glad you ([@drval](#)) are bringing people together to talk about this issue." #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan - we haven't had enough discussion on health care, thanks to panelists for passion - 21st century style of debate *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Ryan - I don't want government or insurance companies interfering in doctor-patient relationship - let patients choose - put patients first - *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[sixuntilme](#) "I want a free market democracy that puts #patientsfirst." - Congressman Paul Ryan *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan - at stake are principles

of a free society- gov't's obligations met by establishing conditions for mrkts to thrive *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan - health care market is example of lack of choice and competition, gov't should fix that prob *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan - false choice between doing nothing and the plan in congress *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[sixuntilme](#) The problem isn't healthcare satisfaction, but healthcare delivery. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst replacing insurance beaurocracy with gov't beaurocracy isn't an answer *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan says Repubs have offered plans that address these issues *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan - wants dollars and decisions to flow from pts, not gov't or insurers *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[sixuntilme](#) Ryan: "Dollars and decisions should flow through the patients, not the government." #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst in 1966, cong estimated that by 1990 medicare would cost only 12b, in real dollars, it was over 100b, and is now over 700b *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan - programs proposed today are outrageously expensive, will add crushing debt and require new taxes and costs *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan - new plan will make things worse; pub option is designed to make private

insurers go away *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan-pub plan doesn't have to pay taxes, have capital reserves, doesn't have to account the same way, and dictate price *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan - not fair for govt to act as umpire and player in same game, contradicts everything America stands for *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[TrishaTorrey](#) Question for those at #patientsfirst -- does the panel have any patients after all? *17 Jul 2009 from [iTweet](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst beaurocratized healthcare is not compassionate healthcare - gov't decides according to budget, not need *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[sixuntilme](#) "Government can't play and referee in the same game." #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan - question of power - right now it's third parties w/power - pts and docs at fringe - *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst question now is do we shift power to government or to doctors or patients - w/govt currency is interest group politics *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[sixuntilme](#) We need to restore personal, patient-centric healthcare, according to Congressman Ryan. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan - logic of current bill requires govt rationing of hc resources *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Comparative Effectiveness - snuck in stimulus bill, under govt run plan, comparative effectiveness bureaucracy will decide *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan - in the UK \$22k = value of 6 mos. of human life in govt resource allocation - deeply offensive to American ideal *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong RYan - in America, we want each person to decide on their own how they allocate their own resources *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[sixuntilme](#) I believe government rationing is abhorrent. - Ryan #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan - you will be profoundly affected by outcome of Cong debate - either you end up taking instructions from fed *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan - or we can reform system to emphasize importance of innovation and excellence *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan - govt monopolized medicine will lead to cookie-cutter approaches, we need a vibrant market *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



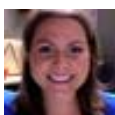
[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan - cost of care is dictacted by political demands - govt decides who gets care and who doesn;t *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan, under gov't plan, much less incentive for young people to get into medicine -why do it to become a defacto gov ee *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan - Cong majority ridicules claim that they want to have socialized medicine,but mocking fact doesn't make it untrue *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[sixuntilme](#) Ryan is passionate about his opposition to government-run healthcare. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan - cutting deals like AMA is, is a fools errand - just gets you a stay of execution *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan - battle for generation - do we abandon market for Euro style system? *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan - CBO said hc plan would worsen budget outlook - make our situation even worse *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan - this isn't about healthcare but an ideological objective - remaking America into benevolent social welfare state *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan - foreigners in socialized countries visit US for care bc of innovation - where will Americans go? *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong RYan - August is time for action - tell your Cong leaders *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan - Obama and cong leaders say we need to do it now and leave details to us; docs need to step up and speak *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan - let's get govt healthcare off the table, then we can reform our system to bring back pt based healthcare *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Q from audience member - given state of economy why don't we go back to standards of hill-burton (?) *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Q is about whether we should build hospitals and medical infrastructure? *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst whoa nuremburg reference -
oooooooookkkkkkk *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan, if you can see tweet,
please answer *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan - current system is
broken, you can't shop around for care, no price and quality
info available, *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[sixuntilme](#) An audience member states, emphatically, that
you can't put a dollar amount on human life. #patientsfirst *17
Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan, we have a \$62 trillion
unfunded liability for older generations *17 Jul 2009 from
[TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan - and that's just the
existing programs, not the new ones being proposed *17 Jul
2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[sixuntilme](#) Congressman Ryan agrees that healthcare is a
huge fiscal crisis. Okay, but how is this going to be fixed?
Government control? #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan - transparency on price
and quality and value will transform system and that's what
we need to do *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst need Cong Ryan to inject these
fundamental economic principles in the system -rationing
will happen but by govt or consumer *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan - people don't realize this
is happening but don't realize that once it's passed it won't
be able to be stopped *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[sixuntilme](#) "Rationing does and will occur. But who will do it? Government? An informed consumer?" Good question. #patientsfirst
17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan- politics of this are a continuation of the bail out-special rules on bill make it hard to spend any time debating *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Q from talk radio news - out of control costs because of cost shifting, & lack of preventative care will govt control help? *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan - preventative medicine is most important - in dem. plan, not the priority *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[sixuntilme](#) An audience member asks about preventative care. He states that government will make that kind of care hard to come by. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan - in dem plan no incentives whatsoever to be healthier - illegal- carrot stick approach better, incentives *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[sixuntilme](#) Ryan is talking about incentivizing healthcare costs. I.e. If you have a healthy lifestyle, you will pay lower premiums. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Cong Ryan off to go and vote, I suspect "no" *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst thanks from Rea for shout-out on tweets! *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Ok, first panel *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



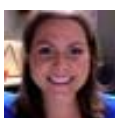
[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst panels are alphabetical, not in order of importance ;) *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[EvaPatino](#) #patientsfirst Q from talk radio news - out of control costs because of cost shifting, & lack of preventative care will govt control ... *17 Jul 2009 from [API](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst First, Dr. Alan Dappen, unique medical practice (cash only and lots of phone consults) *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[sixuntilme](#) I wonder if, as a type 1 diabetic, if I would be penalized for taking insulin or compensated for working out. Hmm. #patientsfirst #diabetes *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Next, Dr. Robert Lamberts ([@doc_rob](#)), med ped, gadget guy likes playing guitar (I think not today tho) *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst next, Kevin Pho, [@kevinmd](#) - needs no intro - 'people not involved in hc don't know what happens behind curtain' *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst next a nurse - Valerie Tinley, NP - works with Dr. Dappen *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst panelists will give 5 min comments first *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Dappen - hc crisis - cost is biggest issue, as PCP thought what can I do? *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Dappen - care has become "widgetized" - how to get pts thru system in 8-10 mins - spend more time on that than on CME *17 Jul 2009 from*

[TweetDeck](#)



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Dappen - we've stopped talking about care and talk about codes and insurance *17 Jul 2009* from [TweetDeck](#)



[sixuntilme](#) First panel - primary care and health care reform. [@dr_rob](#) [@kevinmd](#) Dr. Alan Dappenport and NP Valerie Tinley #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009* from [TwitterBerry](#)



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Dappen - I figured I could do alot of my care on the phone, I found that 2/3 of pt visits could have been on ph one *17 Jul 2009* from [TweetDeck](#)



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Dappen - realized that pts were there essentially to pay me, since I didn't get paid for phone consults - so I came up w/sol *17 Jul 2009* from [TweetDeck](#)



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Dappen - my idea - pay me a fee for my time, however it's used, phone, house call, whatever, just pay me cash at rates *17 Jul 2009* from [TweetDeck](#)



[motherjonesrn](#) Introduction of panel: Dr. Alan Dappen is talking about doing house calls. Awesome! #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009* from *web*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@doc_rob](#), I'm a radical moderate, don't want to be another shrill voice of opinion; i spend my time in room w/pts *17 Jul 2009* from [TweetDeck](#)



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@doc_rob](#), health care isn't all the stuff you hear about, it's HEALTH CARE - it's helping people w/their med probs *17 Jul 2009* from [TweetDeck](#)



[sixuntilme](#) [@dr_rob](#) He doesn't do "healthcare" but instead "health care." He cares about patient health. Good. Doctors should. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009* from [TwitterBerry](#)



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@doc_rob](#) flight #usairways screwed up yesterday, person at desk gave him familiar look:"i know system is mess"-i live that *17 Jul 2009* from [TweetDeck](#)



[motherjonesrn](#) [@dr_rob](#) is talking about what it's like to take care of his patients under the current health care system. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst doc_rob - good care, done well, is cheaper - it allows us to interact with specialists *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



[motherjonesrn](#) So far no one is talking about mental health care. Hmm, don't members of congress know that people get depressed. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst doc_rob prob is system penalizes you for communicating and spending more time with people - if I go quick I am paid more *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst doc_rob as doc I hate that I have to choose btwn what's good for my business and what's good for my pts *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst doc_rob why does the system sabotage my desire to give good care, why do I have to look @ my pts as the airline ee did *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@kevinmd](#) - last month Obama said we don't accept uninsured, so universal healthcare is focal point *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@kevinmd](#) - none of solutions will work unless we fix shortage of PCPs - what good is coverage if no docs *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



[sixuntilme](#) [@kevinmd](#) "What good is having insurance when you can't find a doctor?" He feels that we need more PCPs. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from TwitterBerry*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@kevinmd](#) - i practice in NH, and nearby MA has unival coverage, but since mandating this there is a wait for PCPs *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



[motherjonesrn](#) [@kevinmd](#) is talking about the primary doc shortage. What good is having health insurance if you can't find a doc. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@kevinmd](#) - irony of MA reform is that ER visits are way up because of this shortage of primary care *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@kevinmd](#) - sees phenomenon in NH - people crossing border from MA for primary care *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@kevinmd](#) - some solutions are being discussed - forgiving med school debt, eg, training for NPs, etc, but not quick enuf *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@kevinmd](#) - we need something more immediate if there are going to be 50m newly insured *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@kevinmd](#), so we need more incentives to put patients first *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@kevinmd](#) - gotta start with primary care *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



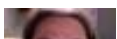
[efalchuk](#) RT [@edwinleap](#): As an Emergency doc, I can say we are already over-stressed; the new plan will crush us. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



[edwinleap](#) Valerie Tinley, NP describes how to use house calls, e-mail and phone calls with patients.#patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



[motherjonesrn](#) [@kevinmd](#) wants to put the focus on patients as a way of bringing more docs into primary care. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[sixuntilme](#) Oh for crying out loud - I called Dr. Alan Dappen "Dappenport." Foot, meet mouth! #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Valerie Tinley, NP, works w/Dr Dappen - *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Tinley - I understand when I send my car in for service it costs \$\$; not true for health care, appalling *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Tinley - need catastrophic insurance coverage, and self-insurance for day to day. Also women's health are underemphasized *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[motherjonesrn](#) Valerie Tinley, NP, is talking about her views on home care and women's healthcare issues. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[sixuntilme](#) NP Valerie likened the healthcare system to bringing a car to the mechanic. Good analogy - both break often & need fixing. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Blakey: what will you blog about today about Congressman's comments <<l'm not telling *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[sixuntilme](#) Rea asks panel - What will you blog about, regarding the Congressman's comments in the keynote? #patientsfirst #heynow *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[motherjonesrn](#) The panel is being asked what they will write about in the blog today. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@kevinmd](#) - doesn't like the word "rationing" prefers to call it "judicious decisions" *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@doc_rob](#) - hc inflates 3x faster than economy and has been doing it for 60 years, tidal wave *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Dappen - but why do costs go up like that? It's not one thing, it's 7 or 8 identifiable things - med mal, no price awareness *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[motherjonesrn](#) Panel is discussing the Congressman's comments. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[sixuntilme](#) Alan: Healthcare is a tidalwave of cost and no one focuses on why healthcare triples in cost compared to background inflation.#patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Dappen - also CYA by docs, insurers who keep 30% of \$\$ for selves -- *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Dappen it's a pinata party where no one wants to give up their part of pinata - [@doc_rob](#) says, well pt is pinata *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[motherjonesrn](#) Dr. Dappen believes that market solutions would solve part of the healthcare problem. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[sixuntilme](#) Alan: Healthcare system is a pinata and everyone wants their piece. [@dr_rob](#) interjects "with patients as the actual pinata." #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Dappen - need patients involved in their own health care, but you can't control the catastrophes *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Dappen - I'm a testament to wellness, but 6 months ago I had a heart attack during a hockey game, sometimes no one's fault *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[edwinleap](#) Dr. Dappen: we're all part of the problem and part of the solution. #patientsfirst. *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[motherjonesrn](#) Pt's need to know what things really cost. There needs to be transparency in the healthcare system. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@doc_rob](#): we have sinking ship and big argument is who is going to be captain, need to fix hole not get new captain *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@doc_rob](#) I could make more \$\$ doing cosmetic work, but I didn't go into medicine to do that, I like sitting w/pts *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[sixuntilme](#) [@doc_rob](#) "It's a ship that's sinking & no one wants to be captain. But why aren't they talking about why the ship is sinkng?!" #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@doc_rob](#) our health care system is perfectly designed to drive up costs - overall costs going up, but reimb to PCPs down *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@doc_rob](#) is so bitter about what #usairways did to him yesterday in Columbia *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@doc_rob](#) - financially very difficult to participate in medicare, I can't make \$\$ doing it, but I don't want to lose my pts *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[edwinleap](#) Dr. Rob; no business can operate if they don't keep track of what they spend! Under Medicare, you can't post prices! #patientsfirst. *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Blakey - how do we get to a value, results, achievement based hc system? *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@kevinmd](#) - none of proposals are really considering govt run system *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



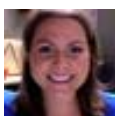
[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@kevinmd](#) - all about incentives, and Kevin giving description of what Atul Gawande saw in McAllen *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@kevinmd](#) - none of proposals are really doing anything about these incentives *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Tinley - I did 5 years in a regular family practice, there was no way to transform it in the traditional model *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[sixuntilme](#) Let me ask again with the right hashtag - What are your thoughts on government controlled health care? #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Tinley - primary care is all about prevention, but you can't really do it in that system because you have to see too many pts *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[motherjonesrn](#) Valerie Tinley, NP talks about the business of running a clinic. Very interesting. I would never want her job. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[sixuntilme](#) Valerie talks about the benefit of a clinic with posted costs instead of hiding prices behind insurance companies. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@doc_rob](#) our practice has been on EMR for 13 years; we run our practice well, I like EMR bc I can pay attn to qual of care *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) RT [@edwinleap](#): [@sixuntilme](#) Govt imposed its will on national emergency departments. It has been catastrophic I fear it! #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@doc_rob](#) trusting ins co to define quality is like trusting wolf to guard hen house *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*

[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@doc_rob](#) but we need to define quality somehow, which we haven't done *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@doc_rob](#) we also need to be able to measure quality and then know if we're getting value, but we don't have it *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[motherjonesrn](#) [@doc_rob](#) is talking about his relationship with insurance companies. Read his blog post about wolves. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Blakey - are health care providers being properly engaged in hc debate? *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Dappen - not really. Blakey - what about the AMA? *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@kevinmd](#) - I blog bc the people speaking for PCPs and health pros are people who have given up their practice; *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[motherjonesrn](#) No one on the panel seems to be a big fan of the AMA. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[EMNews](#) EMN columnist Ed Leap ([@edwinleap](#)) and others tweeting from health care reform meeting in Washington, D.C., using #patientsfirst. *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[edwinleap](#) Dr. Rob says that blogging has given him a voice. I agree; it gives us a voice we wouldn't have otherwise! #patientsfirst. *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@kevinmd](#) - I can't really afford to participate in these kinds of efforts, most docs can't, and govt needs to go to trenches *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[motherjonesrn](#) [@doc_rob](#) said that blogging gives him a voice while still giving him time to take care of patients.

#patientsfirst 17 Jul 2009 from web



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Blakey - how do you make your voices heard? 17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@kevinmd](#) - docs need to get on the same page, hundreds of professional societies all over the place 17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)



[edwinleap](#) KevinMD; we need to unite AMA, ACP, etc. They say leading doctors is like herding cats. #patientsfirst. 17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@kevinmd](#) - fragmented MD voices diminishes voices in Washington, but having docs agree is intrinsically difficult 17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@kevinmd](#) - we can blog, forums like this, contact your local reps, 17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)



[edwinleap](#) KevinMD points out that, even with busy practices, by blogging and other communications, we can impact the system! #patientsfirst. 17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)



[sixuntilme](#) [@kevinmd](#) "Docs need to get on the same page. It's hard to do, but unless they speak w/a unified voice, it's hard to be heard." #patientsfirst 17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@doc_rob](#) but let's not forget, it's patients, too. The other person in exam room is the patient - that's health care 17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)



[motherjonesrn](#) [@kevinmd](#) thinks that blogging is a great way for health care people to make impact in the health care arena. Amen! #patientsfirst 17 Jul 2009 from web



[edwinleap](#) Dr. Dappen; physicians aren't enjoying their work. Primary care 'going extinct.' #patientsfirst. 17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)

efalchuk #patientsfirst Blakey - so you docs are part of the pinata too
17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)



edwinleap In all of the discussion of payment, remember that ED docs are forced to see everyone for free, by the caring feds. #patientsfirst. 17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)



efalchuk #patientsfirst Nancy Hughes from national health council - question, her website is puttingpatientsfirst.net 17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)



efalchuk #patientsfirst Hughes asking about comparative effectiveness, Geisinger system, Gawande type stuff 17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)



efalchuk #patientsfirst [@kevinmd](#) - yes, Mayo, Geisinger, do it great, but how to institute that in smaller groups which is where most care is 17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)



motherjonesrn To recap: A lot negative feedback about the current health care bill. Fragmented health system is on life support. #patientsfirst 17 Jul 2009 from web



efalchuk #patientsfirst [@doc_rob](#) if you are able to measure what's going on w/pts you can do alot 17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)



tmana [@sixuntilme](#) Anything short of complete deregulation scares me to death #patientsfirst 17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#) in reply to [sixuntilme](#)



efalchuk #patientsfirst [@doc_rob](#) you can't measure unless you are collecting the data 17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)



efalchuk #patientsfirst Q from Perry Hookman, MD, blogger 17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)



efalchuk #patientsfirst Q (or comment) American medicine is a business - used to be a cottage industry, now big business 17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Q for panel - there will be a single payer system in the US like medicare for everyone, and something on top for those w \$\$ *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[edwinleap](#) Perry Hookman, MD, in audience; thinks there will be a single payer system and the option to spend more for private care. #patientsfirst. *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[edwinleap](#) Frankly, I doubt it. In Canada, you can't go around the government system. #patientsfirst. *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@kevinmd](#) - maybe, but doesn't address the issue of cost. Medicare is going bankrupt; Q is how do we address cost still *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[sixuntilme](#) Audience member asks about the effects of a single-payer system on the "former cottage industry" of healthcare. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@kevinmd](#) - says he always says cost first then coverage, 2 days ago in NY Times, MA to cut coverage to 30k immigrants *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[sixuntilme](#) [@kevinmd](#) How do you promise coverage without controlling costs? #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[edwinleap](#) kevinMD states Mass. is about to cut 30K legal immigrants from their state insurance plan. #patientsfirst. *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Hookman - debating panel response *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*

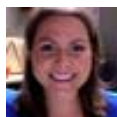


[edwinleap](#) Dr. Hookman, also a blogger, says: 'Medical care must be a right!' Wow. A bold statement with which I disagree. #patientsfirst. *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*

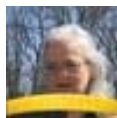


[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@doc_rob](#) medicare not bankrupt bc

small expenses, but bc no one is looking at cost- Q in healthcare isn't capt but iceberg *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[sixuntilme](#) Audience member - America can afford to take care of its people. -- This guy is for government health care. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[tmana](#) [@sixuntilme](#) Anything short of complete deregulation will lead to a universal dearth of providers, facilities, and innovation #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#) in reply to [sixuntilme](#)*



[motherjonesrn](#) A doctor in the audience wants to know what a medical concierge system will look like if we go to a gov. system. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[drsteventucker](#) Basic care, safety net MAY be a right - Beyond that YOU must assume personal responsibility #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetChat](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst thanks, panel! Nice job [@kevinmd](#), [@doc_rob](#), Dr. Dappen & Valerie Tinley - they need 2 get on twitter (or tell me handle) *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Next speaker, Dr. Robert Goldberg, Center for Medicine in Public Interest *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[TrishaTorrey](#) #patientsfirst -- I agree w/ Dr. Hookman. Medical care must be a right. That benefits all of us, both \$\$, health. Might even reduce costs. *17 Jul 2009 from [iTweet](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst showing video by CMPI about problems in UK and Canadian govt health care systems *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[sixuntilme](#) If healthcare is provided by the government, wil I be able to get all of my preferred diabetes treatment methods. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst video with ominous music and clear

point of view - ends with screen shot "Hands off my Health care" *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[motherjonesrn](#) Watching a video about the healthcare system in Great Britain. Not a positive video. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[drsteventucker](#) [@sixuntilme](#) IMHO - No. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetChat in reply to sixuntilme](#)*



[tmana](#) [@sixuntilme](#) Sorry, but life has been a commodity since the caveman days #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck in reply to sixuntilme](#)*



[arthurwlane](#) #patientsfirst - why do we have to be like Canada - can't we take the time to create a better system? *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[suzanne_una](#) The idea of govt provided healthcare scares me to death! Will I get the tx I need being a t1? Will I have choices 4 care? #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[motherjonesrn](#) Dr. Goldberg wrote a article in the American Spectator. I'll have to look it up when I get home. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from web*



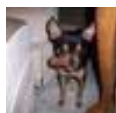
[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Goldberg talking about probs now in MA health care system, and article he wrote in American Spectator on it *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[drsteventucker](#) [@sixuntilme](#) Should GOVT pay for my parents to go to the gym so they don't need DM2 meds? #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetChat in reply to sixuntilme](#)*



[arthurwlane](#) #patientsfirst - would the video be as ominous to a person with no insurance in the US? *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[rijlchef](#) #patientsfirst America maybe able to afford, but that gives gov. control over pts. pt's loose autonomy and responsibility for self. *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Goldberg: if you like a public plan, join it *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[edwinleap](#) Dr. Goldberg; are Canada and France spending more per year here, or in Canada, France? #patientsfirst. *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Goldberg: faster rate of growth of healthcare spending in all the other western industrialized countries for the last 10 yrs *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[TrishaTorrey](#) #patientsfirst - Need to look at countries that do HC right, pull best from each. We should NOT be patterning after problems. Denmark maybe? *17 Jul 2009 from [iTweet](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Goldberg says other countries ration better but are spending more, if you make something free ppl use more *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[motherjonesrn](#) Dr. Goldberg is talking about healthcare rationing. He said that Europe is spending more on medical care than we are. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Goldberg - we have equation wrong - we are healthier and living longer (true?) *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[GregRust](#) [@sixuntilme](#) How many of us take care of our cars? We aren't taking care of our bodies (diet, exercise) junk in junk out. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#) in reply to [sixuntilme](#)*



[edwinleap](#) Answer? Faster in Canada, France, UK; rates of spending higher. When a thing is free, you use more. #patientsfirst. *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Goldberg: reason most people use hc here and elsewhere is bc they want to live longer, like access to new technologies etc *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[motherjonesrn](#) Dr. Goldberg said that health disparity between rich and poor is disappearing in our country. Say what??? #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Goldberg: health + longevity = wealth, we are going in wrong direction *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Goldberg - sort of winging it, I'm a little lost *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst no, I'm totally lost *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Goldberg: we need to use tools to personalize health care and reward people for staying healthy *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



[arthurwlane](#) #patientsfirst Dr. Goldberg - not sure I am with ya - if everything is so great then why are we here? *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Goldberg: transformation of health central to transformation of health care *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



[edwinleap](#) Dr. Goldberg (PhD) says that we could provide primary care for the price of Netflix if government got out. #patientsfirst. *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



[arthurwlane](#) #patientsfirst Dr Goldberg really netflix I am sorry healthcare is a little more complex then renting a movie *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



[TrishaTorrey](#) #patientsfirst Not sure Dr. Goldberg and I are living on the same planet? *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[arthurwlane](#) #patientsfirst last time I checked reform has

not passed and gov is not running system so they are out of it now - where is the savings? [17 Jul 2009](#) from [TweetDeck](#)



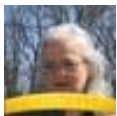
[TrishaTorrey](#) #patientsfirst -- would love to know who underwrote Dr. Goldberg's travel to attend today's session. [17 Jul 2009](#) from [web](#)



[edwinleap](#) Moderator Rhea Blakely: ultimately, we're all patients. #patientsfirst. [17 Jul 2009](#) from [TweetDeck](#)



[motherjonesrn](#) #patientsfirst Dr. Goldberg thinks we can fix health care for the cost of netflix. Really? Don't think so. [17 Jul 2009](#) from [web](#)



[tmana](#) [@sixuntilme](#) Government tends to believe "one size fits all". I find one size only... fits NONE. (ask me about "hubcaps") #patientsfirst [17 Jul 2009](#) from [TweetDeck in reply to sixuntilme](#)



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst new panel, [@drwes](#), Dr. Richard Fogoros (covert rationing blog), Dr. Jim Herndon (Boston in the house, great guy) [17 Jul 2009](#) from [TweetDeck](#)



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst also Kim McAllister ([@emergiblog](#)), RN [17 Jul 2009](#) from [TweetDeck](#)



[sixuntilme](#) Second panel coming up - Specialty Care and Health Care Reform. [@doctorwes](#) [@emergiblog](#) Dr. James Herndon and Dr. Rich Fogoros. #patientsfirst [17 Jul 2009](#) from [TwitterBerry](#)



[sixuntilme](#) Hi Dr. Goldberg. I see you reading the Tweets. #patientsfirst. :) [17 Jul 2009](#) from [TwitterBerry](#)



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@drwes](#) up first - we're the brave voices of docs that decided to put it out there [17 Jul 2009](#) from [TweetDeck](#)



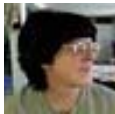
[lizditz](#) #patientsfirst Robert Goldberg's bio, <http://bit.ly/G5Tsy> [17 Jul 2009](#) from [TweetDeck](#)



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@drwes](#) - I'm not a policy guy, just a doc - but if you go to the doc, my face is the one you want to see, not my RN *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[suzanne_una](#) the govt was never meant to be the juggernaut it has become. it is inefficient and wasteful. I need more care not less! #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[Wyldceltic1](#) [@sixuntilme](#) #patientsfirst We probably could, if we stop trying to carry other countries. No offense, but we need 2 keep it @ home. *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#) in reply to [sixuntilme](#)*



[edwinleap](#) Thanks Dr. Wes! In the ER, do you really want to see someone less trained than the doc, just to save money for the gov? #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[motherjonesrn](#) [@drwes](#) up talking about patient care. He's not happy about current health care reform bill. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[drsteventucker](#) [@Wyldceltic1](#) One cannot be a good caregiver when you are already sick. Must heal yourself first. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetChat](#) in reply to [Wyldceltic1](#)*



[sixuntilme](#) [@doctorwes](#) showed a flowchart of the proposed healthcare system. It looks like a placemat with all those shapes and colors. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@drwes](#) - Pres. says I should use comparative effectiveness, but every pt has infinite constellations of problems, formulas bad *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[edwinleap](#) Dr. Wes reminds us that this 1.6 trillion \$ plan is like the subsidized housing disaster. Remember that? #patientsfirst. *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@drwes](#) treatment recommendations are good but can't take place of patient-doc relationship *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[lizditz](#) #patientsfirst, Robert Goldberg's July 7 2009 article on the public plan in American Spectator <http://bit.ly/c07iY>
17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@drwes](#) coercive enforcement of comparative effectiveness is an assault on centrality of doctor-patient relationship *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[Wyldceltic1](#) [@sixuntilme](#) #patientsfirst whilst a nice thought in theory, the go'ment is having 2 many troubles to run a health care system at present. *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#) in [reply to sixuntilme](#)*



[edwinleap](#) Dr. Wes says EMR information over-load makes him look at monitors more than patients! #patientsfirst. *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[TrishaTorrey](#) #patientsfirst We need to remember that medicine is not a democracy. Just b/c trmt works for one pt doesn't mean it will work for another. *17 Jul 2009 from [iTweet](#)*



[motherjonesrn](#) [@drwes](#) feels like he is under assault by current rules and regulations. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [web](#)*



[tmana](#) [@fyerkrackr](#) Government is the most INeffiicent provider of goods and services. Get government OUT of healthcare! #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#) in [reply to fyerkrackr](#)*



[edwinleap](#) The new system may have 165,000 codes that are used to define diagnoses (or deny care). #patientsfirst. *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[sixuntilme](#) Talking about EMR (electronic medical recs). I filled out all those patient forms when I moved, I can see how EMR would help. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*

[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@drwes](#) - everything we do has to focus on doctor-patient relationship. Patients want docs who are focus, attentive, engaged *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[edwinleap](#) Dr. Wes; doctors opposed to this plan are labeled unsympathetic. And falsely so. #patientsfirst. *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@drwes](#) - if as a doc you object to the rush to govt run healthcare you are tarred as unsympathetic to uninsured - resents it *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[edwinleap](#) Insurance companies, big Pharma, hospital construction and others really raise cost of care! #patientsfirst. *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[motherjonesrn](#) #patientsfirst [@drwes](#) said he's pissed off at special interests that drive up health care costs. *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[harrythompson](#) [@sixuntilme](#) Govt HC might have worked from the beginning, but it's too late for them to take over now. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterFon in reply to sixuntilme](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@drwes](#) - thinks insurers are driving much of problem - Blakey cuts him off bc running out of time *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[drsteventucker](#) [@efalchuk](#) Patients want doctors who LISTEN (not type on touchpads, eyes averted) #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetChat in reply to efalchuk](#)*



[Isaldanamd](#) #patientsfirst [@drwes](#) Pres. says I should use comp effectiveness, but every pt has infinite constellations of problems, formulas bad ([@efalchuk](#)) *17 Jul 2009 from [Twitterrific in reply to efalchuk](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst next Dr. Rich Fogoros - "if you get to ER and see [@drwes](#) you're in big trouble." ;) *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Dr. Fogoros - we want to put patients first, but we can't because of covert rationing *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Fogoros - as Americans we think death is just a manifestation of insufficient research *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[sixuntilme](#) [@drsteventucker](#) No, but I also believe that my doctor can learn from me, too, and change their health as well. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[edwinleap](#) Dr. Rich Fogoros, of coverrationingblog. No limits plus unavoidable rationing equals covert rationing. #patientsfirst. *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Fogoros - covert rationing means w/holding health care from whoever you can by whatever means you can get away with *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[edwinleap](#) Dr. Rich, covert rationing demands the destruction of the doctor patient relationship. #patientsfirst. *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[motherjonesrn](#) Dr. Rich Fogoros is talking about rationing. It destroys the doctor-patient relationship. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[fyerkrackr](#) [@tmana](#): (I agree) Government is the most INeffiicent provider of goods and services. Get government OUT of healthcare! #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#) in [reply to tmana](#)*



[DiabetesMine](#) Reading #patientsfirst twitter stream - I just found out my new copay for one of my meds is \$75 (up from \$30) - aackk! *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[drsteventucker](#) [@sixuntilme](#) You are right because Docs are people (patients) too! #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetChat](#) in [reply to sixuntilme](#)*



[sixuntilme](#) [@harrythompson](#) Right. That was his point. I don't want to go down with the ship! Airlift!!! #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[fyerkrackr](#) PPL in HC servc's already have enough rules and regulations to follow. They don't need more to tighten the belt!!!! #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[suzanne_una](#) Niya would do a better job IMHO! \$\$\$ always comes first, it's the way of the world. Patients often come in last. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[edwinleap](#) Dr. Rich; your doctor protects you as an attorney protects a felon. Covert rationing destroys this. #patientsfirst. *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Fogoros - 3d party payers (govt or private) do everything they can to coerce docs to put their interests ahead of pts *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[sixuntilme](#) [@Diabeticizme](#) Patients should be first. That's the point of this. And I'm here to rep the D patients. :) #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[TrishaTorrey](#) #PatientsFirst - learn more re: Dr. Rich Fogoros [coverrationingblog.com](#) His book: Fixing American Healthcare - excellent, understandable *17 Jul 2009 from [iTweet](#)*



[edwinleap](#) Dr. Rich: physician organizations have adopted New Age ethics. I see it! #patientsfirst. *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[drsteventucker](#) [@sixuntilme](#) "It is a wise mans part, rather to avoid sickness, than to wish for medicines." T. More #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetChat in reply to sixuntilme](#)*



[motherjonesrn](#) #patientsfirst Dr. Rich is a great speaker. Young docs aren't going into primary care because the system is wrecked. *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Fogoros - you need to be your own

advocate in health care - but don't listen to "soothing blandishments" of system *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst I have never written the words "soothing blandishments," thank you Dr. Fogoros *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[edwinleap](#) Dr. Rich's book on fixing health care! #patientsfirst. <http://bit.ly/4nKX96> *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[sixuntilme](#) Patients need to take matters into their own hands. And we do!!! Patient advocates are crucial in repairing healthcare. #patientsfirst #IMO *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Jim Herndon is up - highly experienced orthopedic surgeon from Harvard (Brigham and Women's) *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[motherjonesrn](#) I'm buying Dr. Rich's book ASAP! #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[edwinleap](#) Dr. Jim Herndon, orthopedic surgeon; his residents agree on giving insurance to all, but don't want to make the decisions. #patientsfirst. *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Herndon presents as a steady, calm voice. Says docs at Acad. Ortho Surg are against single payer and want pts at the center *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst that doc who was filibustering on govt run care is taking a call in the audience during Herndon's talk ... FAIL *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Herndon: takes 70d to see PCP in Boston, 40d for ortho surgeon *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[MiaGuiA](#) #PatientsFirst - learn more re: Dr. Rich Fogoros covertrationingblog.com His book: Fixing American

Healthcare - excellent, understandable *17 Jul 2009 from [API](#)*



[DeliaAlicea](#) Dr. Rich; your doctor protects you as an attorney protects a felon. Covert rationing destroys this. #patientsfirst. *17 Jul 2009 from [API](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Herndon: access is one issue in MA, we should all be watching it closely, the other issue is cost factor *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[edwinleap](#) Dr. Herndon says, in Mass., he can't find a primary care doc for his ortho patients. The world turned upside down? #patientsfirst. *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[AdeleFender](#) Dr. Rich Fogoros is talking about rationing. It destroys the doctor-patient relationship. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [API](#)*



[EddieLavigne](#) Dr. Rich: physician organizations have adopted New Age ethics. I see it! #patientsfirst. *17 Jul 2009 from [API](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Herndon: Boston Med Ctr - MA taking back uninsured pmnts, previously uninsured are now going to tertiary hosps, killing BMC *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[edwinleap](#) Dr. Herndon subtly suggests we need to watch the Massachusetts debacle, as a shadow of our national future. #patientsfirst. *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[TrishaTorrey](#) [@mkmackey](#) #patientsfirst sorry -- disagree: Why Doctors Aren't Patients, Too <http://bit.ly/q21c5> *17 Jul 2009 from web in reply to [mkmackey](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Herndon: but patients have to be first. And they have responsibility to not have overzealous appetite for new everything *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst Herndon: and these 'minimally invasive' hips are more expensive overall, pts have obligation to be informed when seeking care *17 Jul 2009 from*

[TweetDeck](#)



[Wyldceltic1](#) #patientsfirst I *AM* more in favour of an oversight committee to stop the obscene pay to INSURANCE Execs. While denying many, Execs get \$\$ 17

Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)



[sixuntilme](#) Dr. Herndon is the even, calm voice of this panel. He feels that patients have a responsibility to be informed. #patientsfirst 17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)



[edwinleap](#) Speaking of demands; as in the ER, when the new plan is 'free,' demands will only go through the roof! #patientsfirst. 17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@emergiblog](#) - nurse Kim, let's get to basics: the basics is the PATIENT 17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@emergiblog](#) - not us vs them, the patient is "us," what do we want as patients 17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)



[edwinleap](#) Nurse Kim McAlister, of emergiblog; we are all the patients. There is no them; unless it's the bureaucracy. #patientsfirst. 17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)



[arthurwlane](#) patients have to be center, but they also have to take responsibility 4 behavior and financial IMHO #patientsfirst 17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)



[johnellis](#) RT [@Wyldceltic1](#): #patientsfirst I *AM* more in favour of a committee to stop the pay to INSURANCE Execs. While denying many, Execs get \$\$ 17 Jul 2009 from

[Seismic](#)



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@emergiblog](#) - what I want as a patient is for my docs' only goal to be me, not about how to I get paid right or code it etc 17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)



[motherjonesrn](#) Kim from [@emeriblog](#) is up. Kim said this isn't patient vs doctor. WE are the patients. We all use

healthcare. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@emergiblog](#) - I don't trust a govt baed plan, and I don't care who's in White House *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[sixuntilme](#) [@emergiblog](#) "Whatever healthcare plan we choose, Americans will circumvent any plan and end up in my emergency room." #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@emergiblog](#) Americans will go around any system that doesn't suit their needs by coming to see me in my Emergency Room *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[motherjonesrn](#) Kim said that patients are coming to the ER for their healthcare needs because the healthcare system is broken. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[drsteventucker](#) [@efalchuk](#) Or maybe they will come see me in Singapore...Medical Travel/Tourism blossoming still #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetChat in reply to efalchuk](#)*



[drsteventucker](#) Those hips and knees and MRI's are 50%-80% less in Singapore #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetChat](#)*



[motherjonesrn](#) Kim is in favor of health care spending account. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[cerichards21](#) [@Wyldceltic1](#) The execs don't get as much as you think. Problem is dr's, hospitals & med companies charging \$20 for an asprin #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from web [in reply to Wyldceltic1](#)*



[sixuntilme](#) "Give me a healthcare spending acct that doesn't expire at the end of the year & I can roll it over." Agreed. Give me options!#patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[arthurwlane](#) Why not divert non emrg patients to urgent

care clinics - heck build one next to the ER. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009*
from [TweetDeck](#)



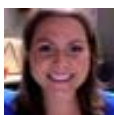
[Cascadia @suzanne_una](#) government already pays 4 1/2 of all health care, VA, Medicare, govt employees and that drives what ins covers #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009* from [Seismic](#)



[DocSarah](#) RT [@efalchuk](#) #patientsfirst [@emergiblog](#) - nurse Kim, lets get to basics:the basics is the PATIENT *17 Jul 2009* from [Power Twitter](#)



[arthurwlane @cerichards21](#) they charge \$20 for an aspirin to cover the uncompensated care they giving out in the ER #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009* from [TweetDeck in reply to cerichards21](#)



[sixuntilme](#) Discussions about how bills are being voted upon without being read. Hmmm. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009* from [TwitterBerry](#)



[TrishaTorrey @sixuntilme](#) #patientsfirst HCsavings accounts DO roll over, never expire, but you have to have catastrophic ins plan to take advantage *17 Jul 2009* from [iTweet in reply to sixuntilme](#)



[motherjonesrn](#) Kim wants the government to give patients money in a healthcare spending account, so patients control their own healthcare. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009* from [web](#)



[suzanne_una @Cascadia](#) they do a terrible job at it most of the time. i watched patients suffer because of the system. i have little faith #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009* from [TweetDeck in reply to Cascadia](#)



[MomsL8](#) #patientsfirst I am sooooo amazed by all my D-friends' tweets about govt. healthcare. This situation SCARES me to death! *17 Jul 2009* from [TweetDeck](#)



[PearlMustafa @arthurwlane](#) Agree! But some people are more comfortable with others making decisions for them. Some want experts to decide. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009* from [TweetDeck](#)

MomsL8 #patientsfirst What is really angering me about this situation is taxing people's benefits already. I worked hard to get my job. *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



arthurwlane Nurse Kim is on the money HSA would help #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



tstitt @arthurwlane Proactive planning/co-locating of community clinic, urgent care, ER & outpatient svcs = smart leadership/mgmt #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#) in reply to arthurwlane*



Chef_Magnus #patientsfirst Or a insurance company that doesn't act like a enemy that wants to play games w/ you. Mine sent me to 5 dr b4 my knee ops. *17 Jul 2009 from web*



arthurwlane @tstitt amen - proactive planning is the oxymoron for HC IMHO #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#) in reply to tstitt*



arthurwlane I think we need to define insurance and defined benefit - right now we are lumping them together #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



ThatScottGuy bcuz it's not health care, it's HEALTH that we're after. HC is what happens when HEALTH policy fails #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



sixuntilme Is healthcare a privilege or a right? #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



Wyldceltic1 @cerichards21 Exactly! At present, there ARE no winning formulas for US Healthcare. #patientsfirst we would be last! *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#) in reply to cerichards21*



motherjonesrn #patientsfirst Kim brings up a good point about how insurance companies are rationing healthcare for patients. It's called cherry picking. *17 Jul 2009 from web*



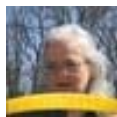
Chef_Magnus #patientsfirst What really concerns me is

who will be making these decisions. "Gee mom I want to manage other ppl HC plans." *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[arthurwlane](#) [@sixuntilme](#) right now insurance is a privilege with safety net for the poor and old - but mny of the ins think its a right #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck in reply*

to sixuntilme



[tmana](#) [@sixuntilme](#) Life as G-d provided it to you is a right. Healthcare is an *option* one can choose, given resources to do so. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck in reply to*

sixuntilme



[v6shell](#) [@sixuntilme](#) IMO, it is a right! #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from Tweetie in reply to sixuntilme*

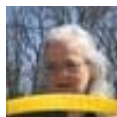


[motherjonesrn](#) #patientsfirst Panel said that Medicare based health care bill will force docs out of their practices. *17 Jul 2009 from web*

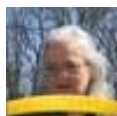


[mypumpgear](#) [@sixuntilme](#) think we need to look at it as taking care of ech other...Kim..so right...we'll all be the patient at some point #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from web in reply*

to sixuntilme



[tmana](#) Healthcare is not restricted based on social classs or skintone, therefore it is not a *privilege*. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



[tmana](#) Anything that can be negotiated for money, regardless of class, is neither right nor privilege but a good to be exchanged. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from TweetDeck*



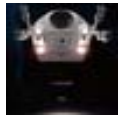
[sixuntilme](#) Regulations are a quantum cloud of probability. - Dr Rich Fogoros #patientsfirst That man has a way with words. *17 Jul 2009 from TwitterBerry*



[TrishaTorrey](#) [@tmana](#) #patientsfirst - you are incorrect. We DO restrict access based on social class - in the US, HC is a responsibility, not a right *17 Jul 2009 from web in reply to tmana*



[sixuntilme](#) ... Of the problem that there is NO doctor/patient relationship. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[Chef Magnus](#) #patientsfirst What motivation will ppl have to work hard or even work if everything is given to them? I knew as a type 1 I would need HC. *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[IVANSinc](#) "Meaningful Use" gets closer to being defined - <http://bit.ly/8BRDk> | #EHR | #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



[lizditz](#) Insurance companies are ALREADY rationing healthcare for for their insureds by denying/delaying treatment #hcr #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)*



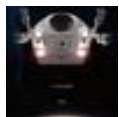
[sixuntilme](#) Kim - It's JUST that we all have equitable health insurance. Baseline care. - Would that be like basal insurance? #rimshot #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterBerry](#)*



[motherjonesrn](#) Audience member is very upset. Reading something the Nuremberg Trials. Are we going towards euthanasia? #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[lcgratm](#) [@sixuntilme](#) Advanced care is a privilege. Healthcare is a business, if not there would be no research and development. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from web [in reply to sixuntilme](#)*



[Chef Magnus](#) #patientsfirst How many of you believe that are government still works for us? *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[efalchuck](#) #patientsfirst - direct to consumer advertising is a problem, creating demand for name brands *17 Jul 2009 from web*

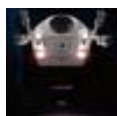


[motherjonesrn](#) Kim from [@emergiblog](#) is talking to a audience member who has no insurance. [@doctorwes](#) thinks that ads drives up costs of meds #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from web*



[tmana](#) RT Why Obamacare Can't Work: The Calculation

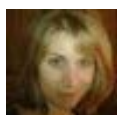
Argument #libertarian <http://bit.ly/12MaAi> #patientsfirst 17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)



[Chef Magnus](#) #patientsfirst Do you think the government should pay for all of your #diabetic care? What about cancer? Heart disease? Runny nose? 17 Jul 2009 from web



[arthurwlane](#) I thinks its funny we do not want gov plan but we do not want HC to be private biz - ads drive up cost - #patientsfirst 17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)



[AmyinMaine](#) [@efalchuk](#): #patientsfirst [@kevinmd](#) -Mayo, Geisinger, do it great, how to institute in smaller groups > look at Martin's Point Health Care 17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterFon](#)



[stephaniethum](#) RT [@drsteventucker](#) Basic care, safety net MAY be a right - Beyond that YOU must assume personal responsibility #patientsfirst <Amen.> 17 Jul 2009 from web



[rainbow_goddess](#) [@sixuntilme](#) Where is this idiot getting his information about government-provided health care? #patientsfirst It's not like that here at all 17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterFox](#) [in reply to sixuntilme](#)



[fyerkrackr](#) IMO, UHC could prob b funded just fine 4 those who need it if they'd crack down on other ppl getting gov \$ who don't need it #patientsfirst 17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)



[fyerkrackr](#) & when I say "don't need the \$", i'm speaking of the non-disabled ppl that r getting disab chks monthly that i see every day. #patientsfirst 17 Jul 2009 from [TweetDeck](#)



[v6shell](#) [@rainbow_goddess](#) Thanks for sharing your perspectives as a Canadian (BCian) w/ diabetes in your blog .. Great read! #patientsfirst 17 Jul 2009 from web [in reply to rainbow_goddess](#)



[ThyroidMary](#) Just back from Patients First #patientsfirst -- Dr. Rich Fogoros was, without a doubt, the star of the show!!! 17 Jul 2009 from [Power Twitter](#)



ThyroidMary I couldn't live Twitter, but I was there...Here's my take on Patients First Medbloggers conference. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009* from [Power Twitter](#)



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doctorwes #patientsfirst Great to meet [@kevinmd](#) today. Enjoyed event. Many thanks to [@drval](#) for organizing! *17 Jul 2009* from [TwitterFon](#)



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ThyroidMary 4. Yo Robert Goldberg...don't claim to be non-partisan, and then mention your article on health care

from American Spectator #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [Power Twitter](#)*



[ThyroidMary](#) 5. Robert Goldberg came off as a corporate shill. I think patients deserve to know where his funding is coming from. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [Power Twitter](#)*



[ThyroidMary](#) 6. Goldberg's "Center 4 Medicine in Public Interest" Pres. is director at Porter Novelli, PR firm 4 Pfizer, Wyeth, GlaxoSK #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [Power Twitter](#)*



[ThyroidMary](#) 7. Rich Fogoros had folks laughing, listening, & applauding. See his site: <http://covertrationingblog.com> He should Twitter! #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [Power Twitter](#)*



[ThyroidMary](#) 8. Between docs, nurses, lobbyists, legislators, no one really could articulate any clear, doable, affordable solutions. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [Power](#)*

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[ThyroidMary](#) 9. As Rich Fogoros said, patients ultimately have to understand how the rationing system works, and work around it #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [Power Twitter](#)*



[ThyroidMary](#) [@TrishaTorrey](#) Goldberg's co-founder is PR bigwig repping big pharma. Bethcha drug co's are \$ source 4 "patient" group-hah #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [Power](#)*

[Twitter in reply to TrishaTorrey](#)



[ThyroidMary](#) 10. Everyone disagreed whether health care for all Americans is a moral obligation, a right, not ensured, or "nice idea" #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [Power Twitter](#)*



[ThyroidMary](#) 11. Robert Goldberg seemed to be making up statistics about health care, and trashed UK, Canada etc. health systems in video #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [Power](#)*

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[ThyroidMary](#) 12. Dr. Kevin asked, "If we insure 50 million more people, who will take care of them" -- Reasonable question. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [Power Twitter](#)*



ThyroidMary 13. After listening to Valerie Tinley, NP make good sense, I think 1 of the solutions is we need MANY more primary care NPs! #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [Power Twitter](#)*



ThyroidMary My health care conclusion: everyone should speak for himself/herself. I don't want doctors representing patient interests. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [Power Twitter](#)*



ThyroidMary Doctors don't want insurers or Congress representing their interests. I don't want insurers getting between me and doctors. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [Power Twitter](#)*



ThyroidMary Apparently doctors don't even want AMA & professional medical groups speaking for them on health care reform. #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from [Power Twitter](#)*



doctorwes [@walterolson](#) SO discouraged that, once again, Congress pushing this #hc plan wiithout reading bill(s). *17 Jul 2009 from [TwitterFon in reply to walterolson](#)*



drval First media piece about today's medblogger-congressman conference is out: <http://tinyurl.com/n878sv> #patientsfirst *17 Jul 2009 from web*

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