Subject: Story of A sick boy
Posted by Manualblock on Wed, 02 Nov 2005 02:33:41 GMT
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This comes from a book written by an American who was sent to France on Business for three years in the early 2000's." Early in December my son fell ill; sicker than I ever want to see him again. We packed him off to his pediatrician; Dr. Pierre Bitoun. We called and he picked up the phone himself as he always does. Hearing the symptoms he ordered we bring him in immediately. Dr Bitoun looked worried as hell and told us to get him to a surgeon right away. We picked up our son and traveled to the hospital where the grave eyed surgeon who had just emerged from a operation examined him without a break; he pronounced that he did not have appendicitous but was very sick and we shoulsd get him to the childrens hospital for a full workup. All this inside of less than an hour. We raced to the hospital and entering into a crowded emergency room; showed the girl our Carne' De Sante' and his record of innoculations and so forth. The girl at the desk barely looked at the documents; called on the phone and within an hour Luke had a sonogram, and x-ray and a barium enema and various other tests as well as being examined by three other doctors.Two and a half hours later we were back home with a diagnoses and a remedy,(he had had salmonella poisoning.)It was only after we had left the hospital that we realised that not only had we not paid a penny; but that no one asked us to show our insurance; fill out a ten page form, or anyother of the humiliating things our friends back in the states would have had to do to get treatment for their sick kid. None of the procedures had to be run by the profit and loss manager of some HMO.This is socialised medicine that the insurance lobby has patriotically kept us from suffering under all these years."One mans truth amongst all the lies.

Subject: Public Health Care
Posted by elektratig on Wed, 02 Nov 2005 10:57:03 GMT
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MB,I'm glad to hear there are success stories, but public health care is no panacea, often creating extremely long waits for even critical medical procedures. Just this last summer, for example, the Supreme Court of Canada held that Quebec's mandatory public health care system violated the Quebec Charter of Rights because the system failed to grant patients access to health care in a timely manner.In Ireland, my wife has a number of relatives in their 70s. I don't have statistics, but based on their experiences, long waits appear to be routine: six months for coronary- and prostate-related surgery, nine months for hip replacement.Unfortunately, even medical care is subject to the laws of economics. If you reduce the cost, it tends to restrict supply and increase demand.
Chaouli v. Quebec

Subject: Re: Public Health Care
Posted by Manualblock on Wed, 02 Nov 2005 13:02:39 GMT

I read the transcript but I have a couple questions. Not being Canadian I don't have an informed view so let me ask.What is the quality of the Health Care as per training/capability/the availability of current technology... etc.?Is this situation endemic throughout all of Canada or is it a localised phenomena?What is the data set; is the average age high or is that area very poor or have less resources due to mis-allocation? Like we see in New Orleans here?Remmember; they wait for a hip-replacement. Here without good insurance you don't get a hip-replacement..or you get treated in Belview by someone who went to medical school in Guatamala and has never seen the word titanium.Everything must be put in perspective; most of us here are doing well and have insurance on this forum. Try getting treatment without it.You will eventually get some kind of attention but it certainly won't be either timely or of any recognisable quality.