

# ESSENTIALS OF UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE

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3. MANAGEMENT OF UTILIZATION
4. BARRIERS AND CHALLENGES TO UHC



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# 1. UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE: TYPOLOGY



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# Universal Health Care: Politics vs. Science

## Variations in Health Systems

- **Values**
  - **Distributive Justice Principle**
- **Goals**
- **Functions**
- **Culture and Norms**
- **Historical context**

### ❖ **Politics**

- Determines **VALUES** and **GOALS**

### ❖ **Science**

- Determines **METHODS** to realize **VALUES** and **GOALS**

# Classifications of National Health Insurance Systems: **Financing Sources**

**HS.1. Transfers from government domestic revenues**

**HS.3. Social insurance contributions**

**HS.4. Compulsory prepayment (other than HS.3.)**

**HS.5. Voluntary prepayment**

A System of Health Accounts, 2011, OECD/WHO

# Classifications of National Health Insurance Systems: **Financing Agents**

**FA.1.General Government**

**FA.2.Insurance Corporations**

**FA.2.1. Commercial Insurance Companies**

**FA.2.2. Mutual and Other Non-profit Insurance Organizations**

**FA.3.Corporations (Other than Insurance Corporations)**

**FA.4.Non-profit Institutions Serving Households**

**FA.5.Households**

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# Classifications of National Health Insurance Systems: **Financing Schemes**

## HF.1.1. Government Schemes

### HF.1.2.1. Compulsory Social Health Insurance

### HF.1.2.2. Compulsory Private Insurance

### HF. 1.3. Compulsory Medical Saving Accounts

## HF.2.1. Voluntary Health Insurance Schemes

## HF.2.2. Non-profit Institution Financing Schemes

## HF.2.3. Enterprise Financing Schemes (other than employer-based insurance)

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# Quick Summary of Typology 1: National Health Services (NHS)

- **Public Finance**
- **Public Delivery**



# Quick Summary of Typology 2: National Health Insurance (NHI)

- **Public Finance**
  - General Revenue
  - Earmarked Tax
  - Mixed
- **Pooling**
  - Single pool
  - Multiple pools
- **Schemes**
  - Single government scheme
  - Multiple government schemes
  - Public regulated private schemes
  - Mixed schemes

# 2. UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE: FINANCE AND ORGANIZATION



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# Public Finance of NHI

## 1. General Tax Revenues

## 2. Earmarked Tax

- Payroll tax
- Income tax

## 3. Special Taxes

## 4. Mixed Taxes

# Financial Burden and Distributive Justice

- Most nations apply the **ABILITY-TO-PAY** principle
  - Progressive taxation
  - Income-based, not utilization or health based

# Private Finance within the NHI

- Out-of-Pocket payment
- Supplemental health insurance (private)
- A mixed system of public and private health insurance with strict regulation

# Payment Systems

1. Fee-for-Services (FFS)
2. Prospective Payment System
  - DRG
  - Point System (Japan, Taiwan)
3. Capitation - U.S. Style
4. Capitation - U.K. Style
5. Global Budget
6. Salary (Physicians)
7. Salary with Volume Incentives (Physicians)
8. Pay-for-Performance (add-on)
9. Mixed Payment Method

# Organization and Delivery

- **Public - private mix**
- **Variations in for-profit and non-profit**
- **Variations in the role of primary care or “gate keeper”**
  - **Variations in patients’ direct access to secondary and tertiary care**

# 3. MANAGEMENT OF UTILIZATION



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# Utilization Management: Provider Side

- Global Budget
- Capitation
- Prospective Payment
- Concurrent Review
- Retrospective Review
- Health Information System
- Mixed System

# Utilization Management: Consumer Side

- Gate Keeper and Referral
- Cost-sharing
- Explicit Prioritization
- Capacity Limit
- Health Information System
- Mixed

# NHI Cards

Heavy-user detection  
& management

Infectious disease  
tracing & monitoring

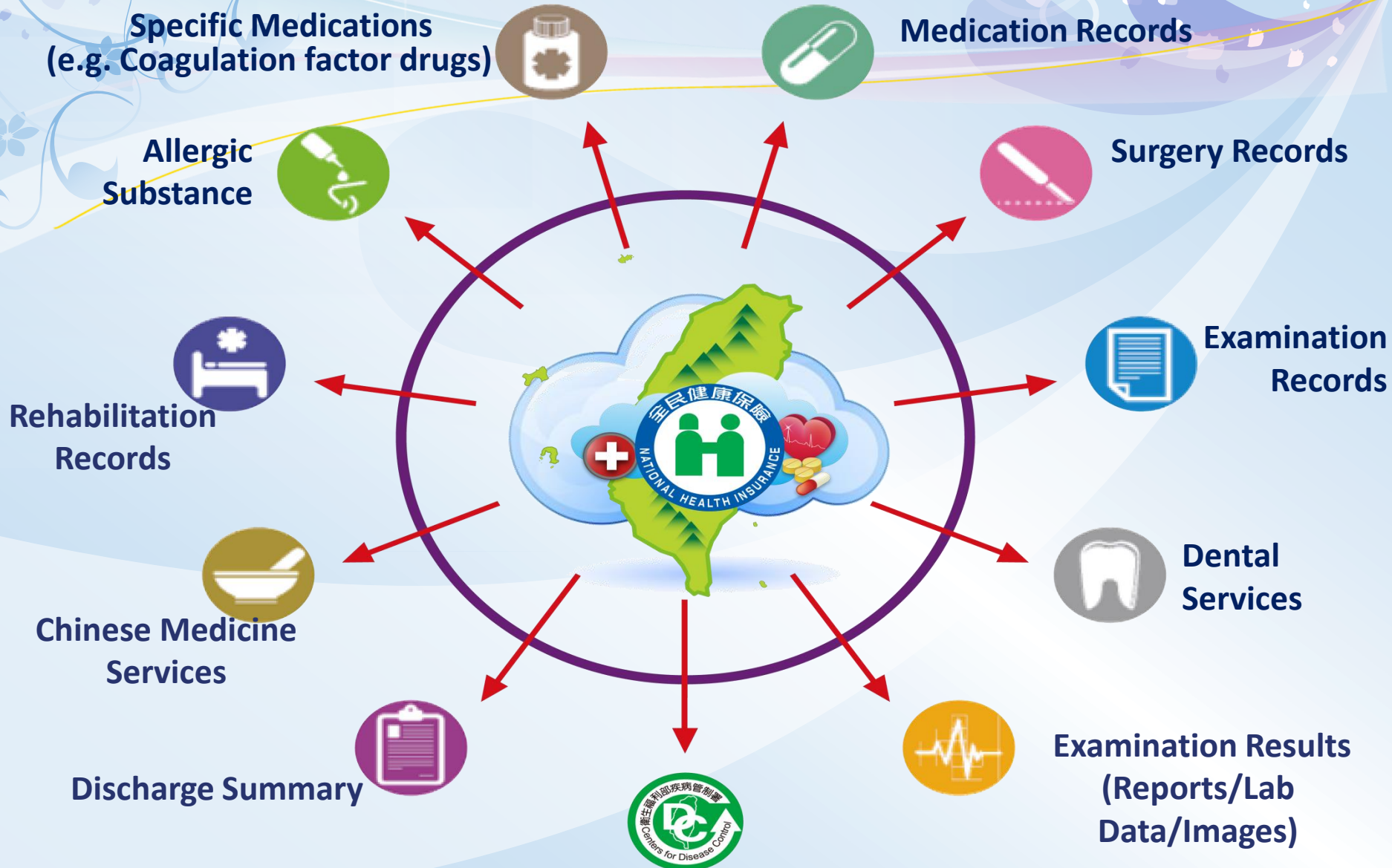
Daily updates of  
medical visit data

Simplification of  
management process



1. Last Six Medical Visits
2. Drug Prescriptions, Drug Allergies
3. Catastrophic Diseases
4. Organ Donation Consent
5. Palliative Care
6. Do not resuscitate (DNR)

# NHI MediCloud System



# My Health Bank

- Heightening the awareness of self-care
- Reaching self-data anytime anywhere



# 4. BARRIERS AND CHALLENGES TO UHC



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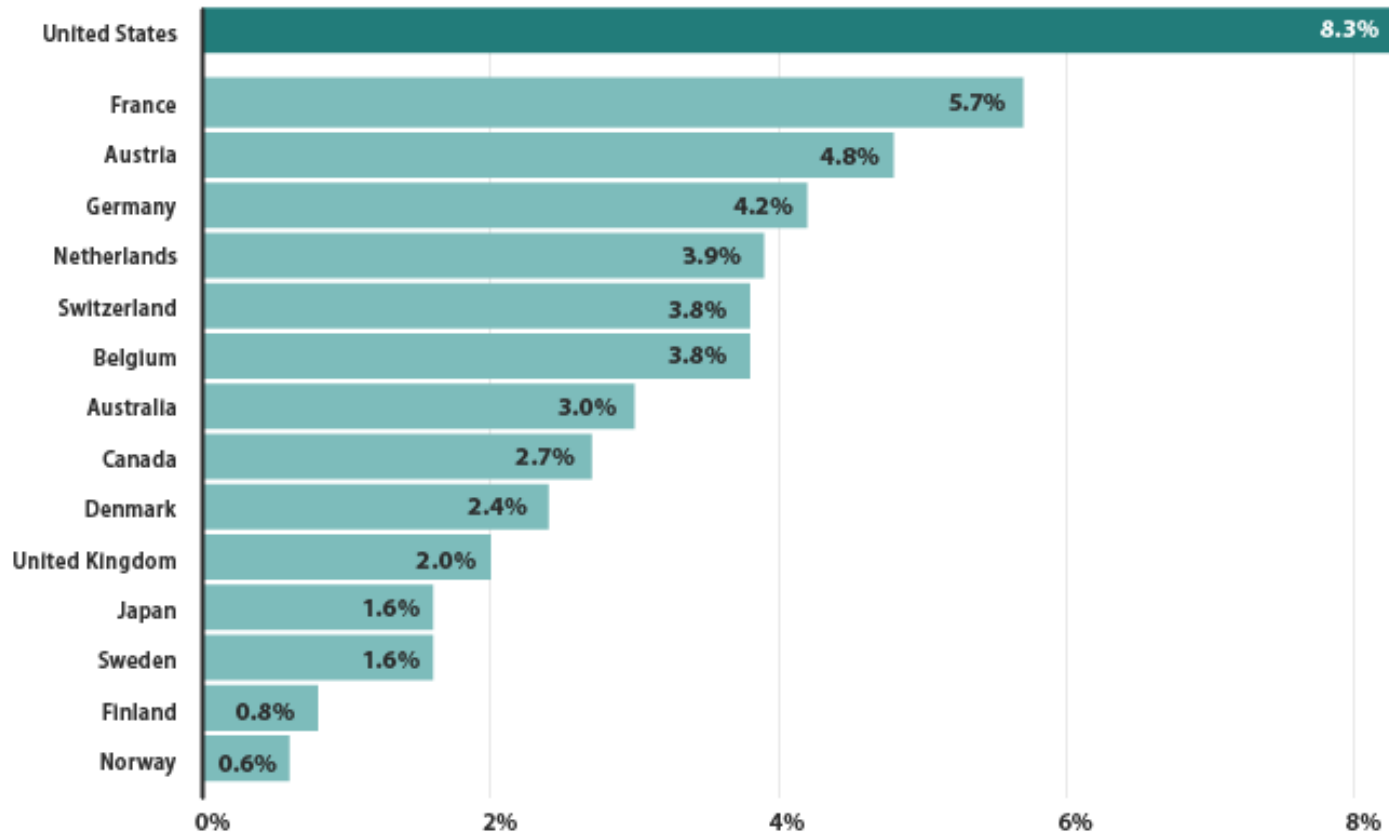
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FIGURE 1

## Administrative costs comprise a larger share of health care spending in the United States than in other high-income countries

Administrative spending as a percentage of total health expenditures, 2016\*



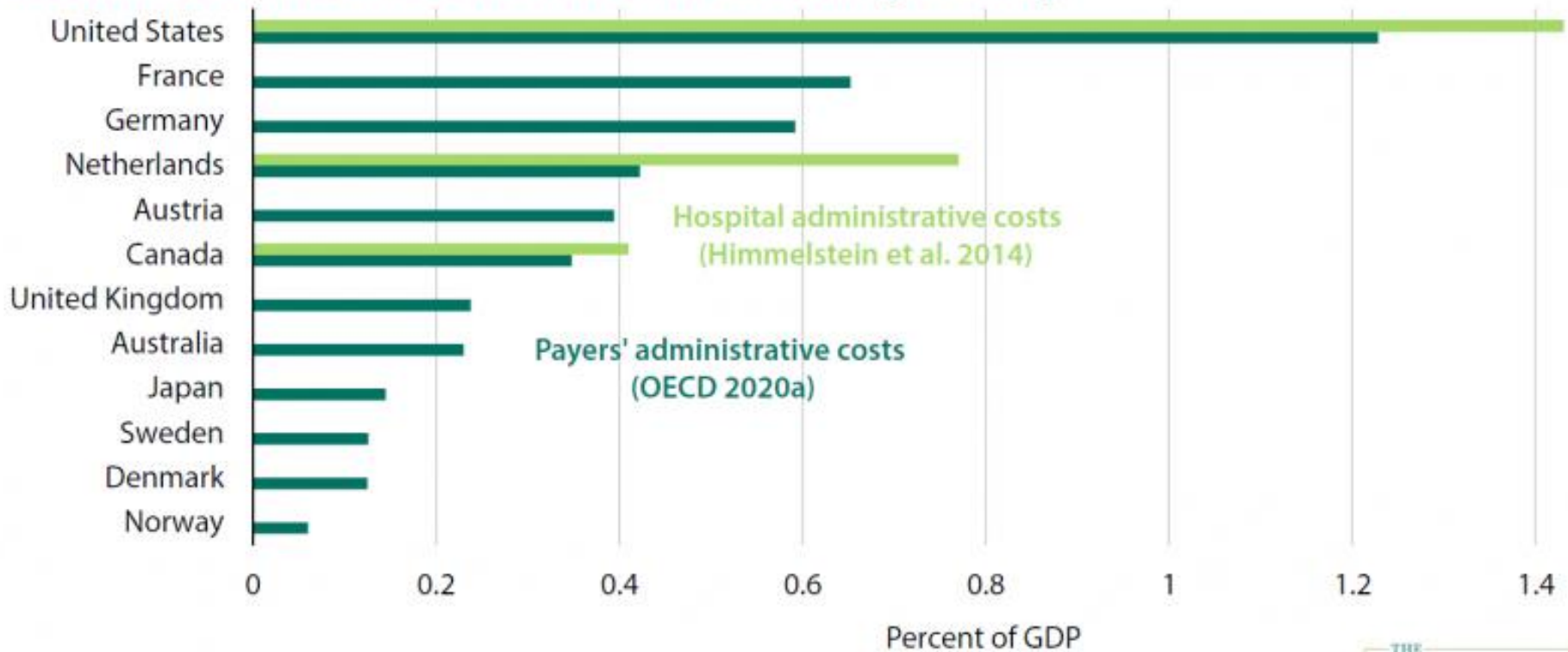
\*Note: Data for Australia and Japan are for 2015; data for all other countries are for 2016.

Source: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, "Health expenditure and financing," available at <https://stats.oecd.org/index.aspx?DataSetCode=SHA> (last accessed January 2019).



FIGURE 10.

## Selected Administrative Costs as a Share of GDP, by Country



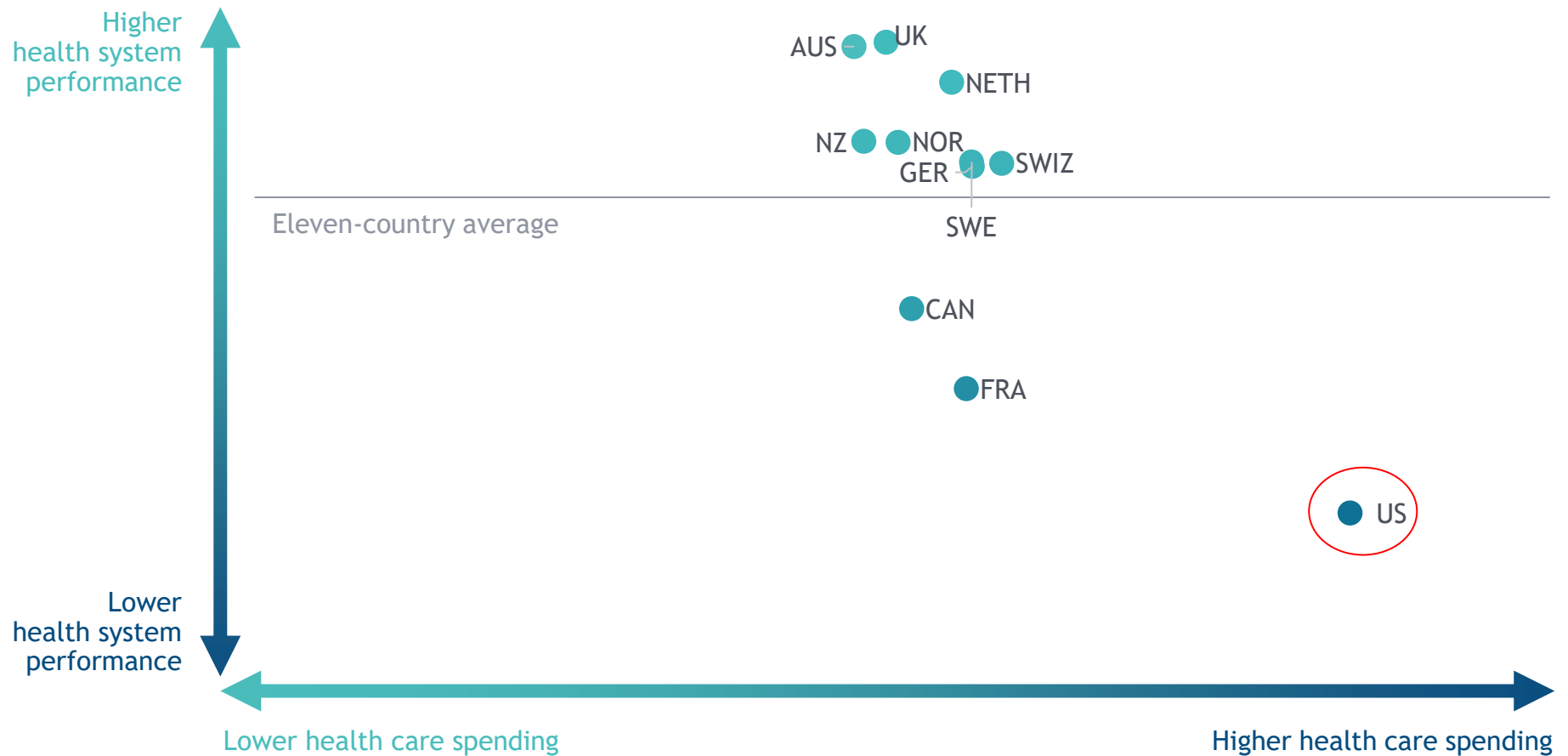
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# Health Care System Performance Compared to Spending

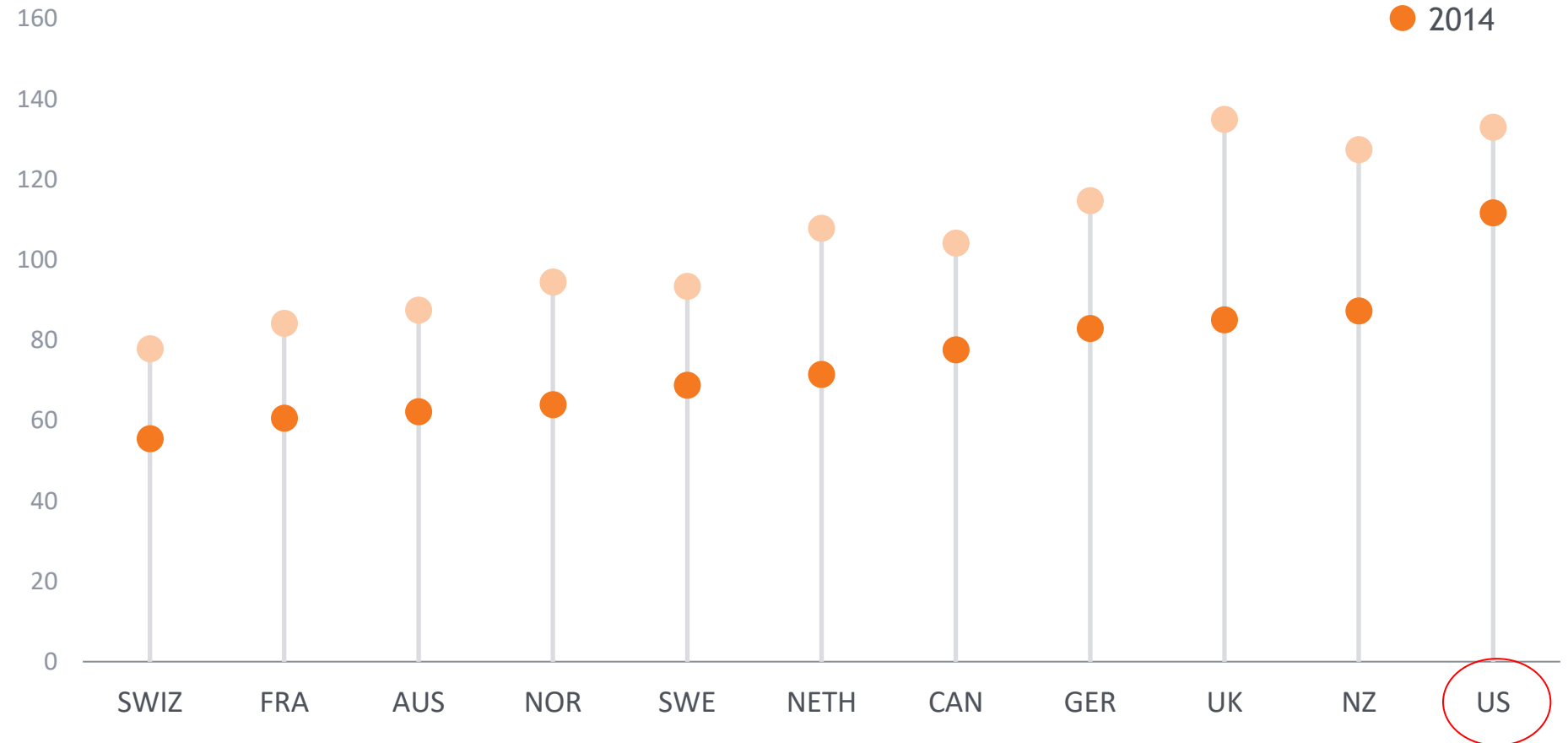


Note: Health care spending as a percent of GDP.

Source: Spending data are from OECD for the year 2014, and exclude spending on capital formation of health care providers.

# Mortality Amenable to Health Care, 2004 and 2014

Deaths per 100,000 population



Source: European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies (2017). Trends in amenable mortality for selected countries, 2004 and 2014. Data for 2014 in all countries except Canada (2011), France (2013), the Netherlands (2013), New Zealand (2012), Switzerland (2013), and the U.K. (2013). Amenable mortality causes based on Nolte and McKee (2004). Mortality and population data derived from WHO mortality files (Sept. 2016); population data for Canada and the U.S. derived from the Human Mortality Database. Age-specific rates standardized to the European Standard Population (2013).

# Three Objectives of Universal Health Coverage

## [WHO UHC Initiative]

1. **Equity in access to health services** - everyone who needs services should get them, not only those who can pay for them;
2. The **quality of health services should be good enough** to improve the health of those receiving services; and
3. **People should be protected against financial-risk**, ensuring that the cost of using services does not put people at risk of financial harm.

[https://www.who.int/health\\_financing/universal\\_coverage\\_definition/en/](https://www.who.int/health_financing/universal_coverage_definition/en/)

# Common Challenges in Universal Health Systems: **POLITICAL**

**1.Solidarity and sharing capacity**  
*(sustainability)*

**2.Equity**

**3.Efficiency**

**4.Governance: Who and How**

**5.Imagination**

# Common Challenges in Universal Health Systems: **TECHNICAL**

1. Quality Improvement
2. Cost Control
3. Improving Access
4. Governance: Institution & Process
5. Health Information Technology

# The Critical Role of a Universal Health Care System in Controlling a Pandemic: Example from Taiwan

- Health care system as an integral part of a national health system.
- Universal free testing and treatment: no financial barrier
- Integrated health information system for contact tracing, and monitoring isolation and quarantine.

## ❖ Taiwan's Pandemic Control Achievements

- ❖ No community outbreak
- ❖ With **23.7 million** population, **487** cases & **7** deaths
- ❖ **1.44%** case-fatality rate, **93.84%** recovery rate, **20.5** cases per million, and **0.3** death per million

# Success in what?

1. Delivering Health Care Services  
(OUTPUT)

2. Improving Health (OUTCOME)

3. Health System Strengthening

4. Improving Social Equity

5. A Better Society for All

(and resilience against future pandemics)

# The Nature of Health Care System

➤ A country's health care system tells us about the nature of the people and the society.

[Chi 2008]

➤ “Health care system is a social institution... (It reflects) what sort of community would we prefer to live in?” [Mooney 2012]





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