

1. A Question for Dr. Kalman: Dr. Kalman: A friend of my family is from Iceland which is a socialized medicine with universal healthcare. She had a year and a half to get a surgery for her cardiomyopathy and she flew to the states to get it done in three months for cheaper. Why would she have to wait so long to get care under a socialized system and would that happen in an American Universal Health Care Model?
2. Question for Dr. Kalman: You speak of a dire need for Universal Health Coverage, yet we have two Presidential candidates who have rejected reforms like "Medicare for All" despite the Covid pandemic and national polling showing a majority with public support for those programs. With special interest groups in Pharma and Insurance companies seeing rising profits, financing political campaigns, and buying news media advertising, how do you suggest we approach the polarizing discourse surrounding "Socialized Medicine"?
3. All: what made these panelists go into the medical field?
4. Dr. Kalman - There are non-mainstream media outlets that have reported that hospitals were incentivized to list deaths as COVID-related instead of other causes to "pad" the numbers. Have you heard this? What is your response?
5. Do you think that the president would care about these issues in the years to come?
6. what about the role of education and incentives for preventive care?
7. I do feel like universal healthcare is obtainable. Britain has a single payer system as a financial model and socialist medicine model. I feel like a multiplayer system like the united states we should look at systems that have universal healthcare and don't have socialist medicine. What the irony is the united states is multiplayer and ideally should have lower wait times but honestly compared to other industrialized countries we are still at the bottom with wait times. We need health care reform!
8. Our community has recently lost an alumna, a woman of color who died during the birth of her son. Her social media posts during her pregnancy are haunting. Her concerns were ignored and her care repeatedly delayed resulting in her death during and emergency C-section. As a community, how do we fight for better care for people of color? What can we DO? (other than vote)
9. Who should decide when a healthcare service is medically necessary; the doctor who is treating the patient or the insurance plan who is paying the bill?
10. These answers feels very much like blaming the victim. The system needs to change
11. The creation off Corporate Umbrellas for Healthcare (the Westmeds, etc.) has created an environment where providers have "sales goals"..ie: see 75 patients a day - who is going to take the time to discuss weight management, smoking cessation, nutrition, mental health with the patient?... a great solution would be to hire professional, registered nurses to educate patients... but Corporate does not want to pay them - only CNA's, so the key teaching component that is desperately needed is missing,