**Why U.S. Health Care Is Obscenely Expensive, In 12 Charts**

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The U.S. leads the world in health care spending, but we don't live very long, and going to the doctor is so expensive that we don't do it very often. So where is the money going?

Not toward obesity-related diseases or unnecessary tests and treatments, as the writer John Green [pointed out](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=qSjGouBmo0M) in a recent video explainer. From Lipitor to [childbirth](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/07/25/birth-costs-_n_3653256.html) to colonoscopies -- *everything* just costs a whole lot.























