

# What is Right Care?

**Right Care is a human right.** It places the health and wellbeing of patients first. Right Care is affordable and effective. It is compassionate, honest, and safe. Right Care brings healing and comfort to patients, and satisfaction to clinicians. Achieving Right Care will require radically transforming how care is delivered and financed.

1. Right Care provides access to necessary, high quality care, without causing financial hardship. It achieves the best outcomes at the fairest price, and is free from unnecessary diagnosis, testing and treatment. Right Care eliminates underuse, overuse and misuse of care.
2. Right Care builds respectful partnerships between people and their health care practitioners. It reflects the patient's values and goals, and the clinician's medical expertise and concern.
3. Right Care allows patients and practitioners sufficient time to engage in shared decision making and act as partners in achieving best medical practice and outcomes. Right Care includes discussions of prevention as well as treatment of disease and injury.
4. Right Care is transparent and provides people with easy to understand and current information on insurance, costs, quality, safety and outcomes.
5. Right Care is supported by technology that serves people and the public good.
6. Right Care is free from conflicts of interest and health industry monopolies. It places the health and wellbeing of patients over the corrupting influence of profits.
7. Right Care requires universal coverage achieved through improved Medicare-For-All that eliminates overpricing and unnecessary complexity.
8. Right Care addresses social needs and disparities that significantly impact health and wellbeing. This includes, yet is not limited to, adequate housing, jobs with living wages, nutritious food, and a clean, safe environment.
9. Right Care engages practitioners, patients and communities to act in partnership as advocates for the health and wellbeing of all.

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# What is the Right Care Alliance?

The Right Care Alliance is a grassroots coalition of clinicians, patients, & community members organizing to put patients, not profits, at the heart of health care.

## Our vision of a transformed health system:

1. Healthcare is a right, not a commodified privilege and access to health care is universal, equitable, and affordable. Everybody in, Nobody out.
2. Our current hospital-centric system of “sick-care” is radically redesigned and transformed.
3. Primary care is the bedrock of a re-organized system that is community-based.
4. Prevention of illness and disability have priority, focusing on proven lifestyle changes rather than marketing tests and medicines.
5. Attention is concentrated on the social, economic, and educational factors that are the major drivers of health.
6. The way we teach and train our health professionals is changed to restore passion and idealism, removing expensive barriers to entry, shortening the curriculum, and redirecting medical education to meet the needs of their patients and the communities they serve.
7. There is meaningful public transparency around costs and outcomes that matter to patients and communities.
8. Patients are informed decision-makers about their own health care.
9. Communities are informed and empowered to control the systems that serve them.
10. The science and practice of medicine is free of commercial bias and the profit motive.

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