

# High insulin costs are **killing** Americans



At age 26, Alec Raeshawn Smith aged out of his parent's insurance coverage and couldn't afford his insulin. In June 2017, he **died from rationing his medication**.



Shane Patrick Boyle started a GoFundMe campaign to help him pay for insulin, but was \$50 short. **He died in March 2017** after trying to ration his insulin.

## Insulin is a **life-saving drug**

Insulin is a hormone that helps turn blood sugar into energy. People with diabetes take insulin because they have insulin deficiency or resistance.

## **7 million** Americans depend on insulin

As many as 3 million Americans with Type 1 diabetes and 4 million with Type 2 diabetes require insulin to maintain their health.

## Insulin **costs are skyrocketing**

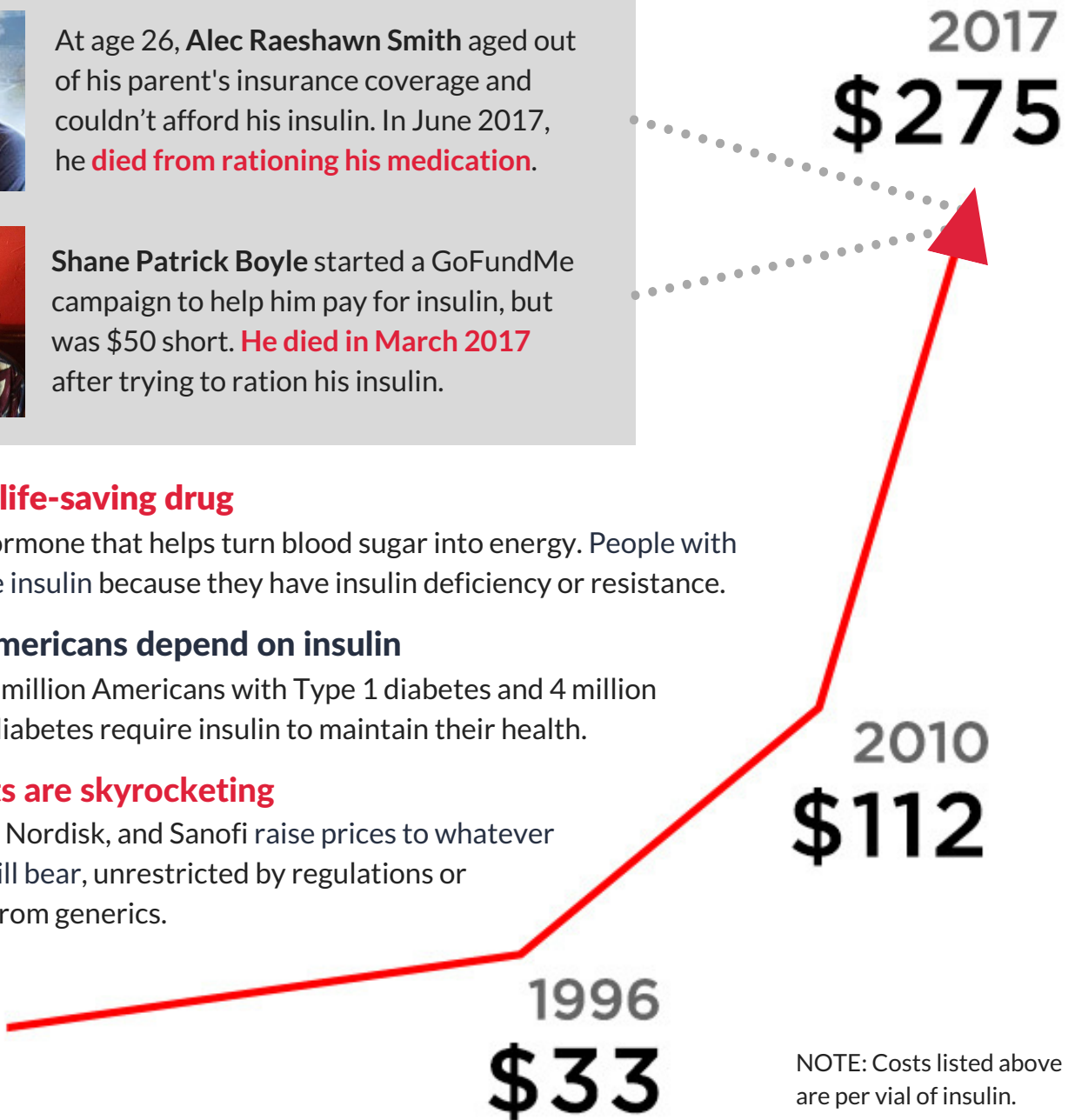
Eli Lilly, Novo Nordisk, and Sanofi raise prices to whatever the market will bear, unrestricted by regulations or competition from generics.

1972  
**\$9**

1996  
**\$33**

2010  
**\$112**

2017  
**\$275**



NOTE: Costs listed above are per vial of insulin.