

Healthcare

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This photograph depicts how expensive life-saving medication can be and points out the profit motive in healthcare. This photograph prompts the question: when healthcare is driven by profit and not people, how does this affect patients' lives? The medical-industrial complex is a barrier to providing truly beneficial care to patients. It drives income disparities where healthcare is inaccessible to the lower-income population. In addition, lower-income populations statistically experience more health issues due to various factors, such as poverty stress, low nutrition due to food deserts, lack of clean water, and more (AAFP, 2019). There is a never-ending cycle where poverty can lead to illness and worsening health outcomes due to being unable to access medical care. As future healthcare professionals, what steps are we taking to dismantle barriers in healthcare?

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