

## Reinventing Health Care

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"The nations health care system is not able to provide consistent, high-quality medical care to all Americans and must be 'reinvented.'"

This is a warning from the Institute of Medicine issued on March 1, 2001 in their 320 page report titled: Crossing the Quality Chasm: A New Health System for the 21st Century.  
<http://www4.nas.edu/onpi/webextra.nsf/web/chasm?OpenDocument>

The IOM is a non-profit advisory organization and is the same agency that reported in 1999 that medical errors were killing 98,000 people every year. And what is one aspect of their solution to the problem? Money. The IOM wants Congress to create a \$1 billion "innovation fund" to spend on efforts to fix the system.

So let's get this straight:

- Medical malpractice is the third leading cause of death in the United States.
- Medical malpractice kills more people than handguns and car accidents
- We spend over a trillion dollars a year on this "health care"
- We spend \$75 billion a year on drugs
- We spend another \$76 billion a year cleaning up the problems those drugs cause
- We rank near the lowest of all countries in morbidity and mortality
- In 1995 alone the U.S. government via the NIH gave three and a half BILLION dollars to 25 medical schools to do research.
- The Federal government of the United States subsidizes the training of medical residents to the tune of 7 billion dollars a year.
- The Beth Israel Medical Center alone receives \$57,010.00 a year for each resident it trains.

And given the above the IOM wants Congress, i.e. you and I, to give organized medicine a billion dollars to fix the problems they created! Problems that are a result of a system of "health care" that is based on contradictory principles regarding the nature of health and disease.

Giving baby boomers and elderly free drugs for life was the cornerstone of our nation's recent presidential campaign, Ritalin and Prozac are considered "growth industries" and researchers are predicting a new virus that will make AIDS look like the flu bug. Yes, let's give more money to a failed paradigm of health and disease. Where's my checkbook?

All this while our chiropractic institutions can't afford to do research, send their faculty to research conferences, educational development seminars, or even afford to buy staplers.

Anybody ready to say they're mad as hell and not going to take it anymore? Anybody wonder why it's so important for you as an individual chiropractor to support chiropractic research directed at elucidating the nature of subluxation, its effects on health and the benefits of reducing it? Send the IOM, organized medicine and the medical faction of chiropractic a mad as hell message and subscribe to the Journal of Vertebral Subluxation Research RIGHT NOW <http://www.jvsr.com>