What Are the Biggest Challenges Facing Your Health System?

Learning Objectives

- Identify what you see as the biggest challenges facing your national and local health care system, drawing from the opinions of peers and experts.
- List at least three major challenges facing the US health care system according to different experts and stakeholders.

Description: What’s the single biggest challenge your health care system will face within the next five to ten years? We’ll ask you first, and then put the same question to a doctor, a nurse, a professor, a student, a hospital CEO, and a patient.

Discussion Questions

1. What are some challenges facing your national health care system?
2. Of the challenges you listed, which do you think is the biggest and why?
3. Watch the video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5OxkvxUL-Oc to hear the responses from a doctor, a nurse, a professor, a student, a hospital CEO, and a patient to the question: “What’s the biggest issue facing health care in the next five to ten years?”
   - Linda Kenney, the patient in this video, says health care providers need to “stop dismissing” patients. Have you ever felt dismissed by a doctor, nurse, pharmacist, dentist, or some other health care provider? What would you have liked the provider to do differently? If you could go back and relive the experience, what would you do differently as a patient?
   - What are some of the national challenges listed in this video (e.g., costs, nursing shortages, lack of respect for patients’ experiences) that are affecting care in your local setting?
   - Have your feelings about the biggest problems in health care changed at all after watching the video?