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Module F Future Trends in Healthcare



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Problems in the Current Healthcare System



- Affordable Care Act
 - “First do no harm”
- Cost of Healthcare
- Lack of healthcare providers
- “Germ warfare”
- Fraud
- Prescription drug abuse
- Ethnic disparities in healthcare

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Advances and Improvement in Healthcare



- Promoting prevention and health screenings
 - Too much emphasis on treatment rather than wellness
- Patient Rights
- Use of Robotics
 - Robotic surgery

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Healthcare Trends and Reform

- **Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs)**
 - Group of providers accountable for the care of a group of patients
- **Health Maintenance**
- **Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA)**

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Ethics of Care under the Affordable Care Act

- **"Adverse selection"**
 - Insurers must cover children despite the presence of preexisting conditions
- **Birth control and abortion**
 - Insurers must offer preventive care

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- **Healthcare law scams**
 - Fraudulent claims to acquire personal information
- **Health literacy**
 - 12% of the adult population are proficient in health literacy

Ethics of Care under the Affordable Care Act (Continued)

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Suggested Reference



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