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# Beyond Covid: From Virtual Care to Connected Health

# Tell me what it costs Patient retention, the price of care, and what telehealth can do to help

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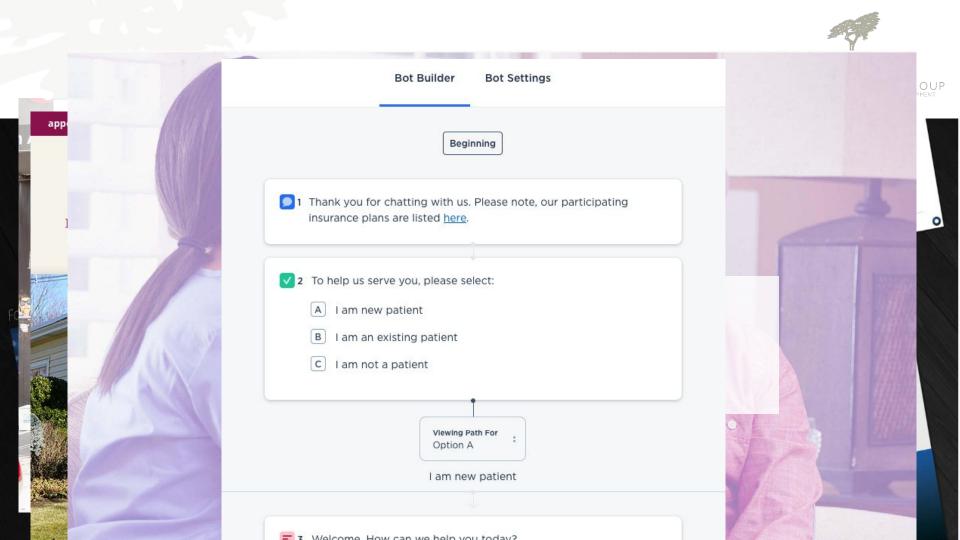


# TELL ME WHAT IT COSTS



#### Agenda

- 1. Intro to Stacey Robertson Group and my perspective
- 2. Why does price transparency matter?
- 3. Where can cash prices be found?
- 4. Surgical bundles and cost containment firms
- 5. The role of patient advocates in price transparency movement





# Why Price Transparency?

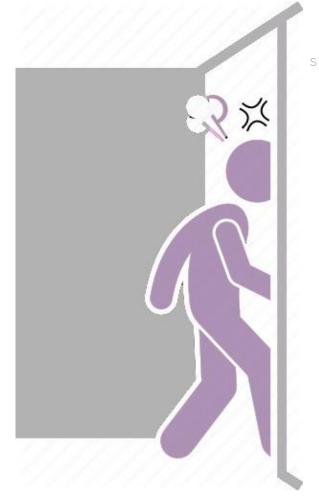
"Advertisements and referrals for tests, procedures, and treatments of unknown or unclear value to secure profits connect clinical practice to the dark ages of the snake oil salesman."

Why We Revolt: A Patient Revolution for Careful and Kind Care

by Victor Montori, M.D.

50% of people with employer sponsored healthcare have deferred or skipped care because of cost.

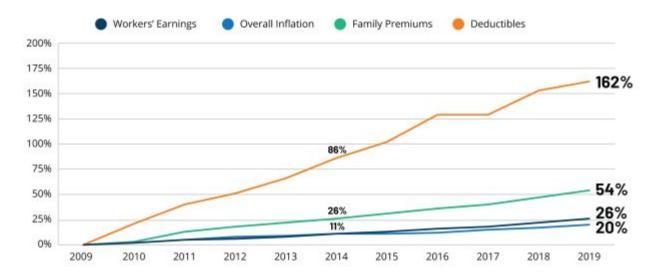
https://www.kff.org/health-costs/issue-brief /data-note-americans-challenges-health-car e-costs/







#### Premiums and Deductibles Rise Faster than Worker's Wages Over Past Decade



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# What is Price Transparency?

The total amount a provider expects to be paid by payers and patients for health care services.

- AAMC.org

## Where can we find prices?



Let's start with the cash (self-pay)



# Where can we find prices? GROUPON®



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- ② 21840 Normandie Avenue, Torrance
- OT Scan of Heart, Lungs, or Body at Cardiac Diagnostic and Wellness Imaging (Up to 65% Off)



One body scan

\$995 \$569 42% OFF

370+ bought

One heart scan \$350 \$148 57% OFF

670+ bought

One lung scan

\$450 \$156 65% OFF

110+ bought

# Where can we find prices? **SESAME**



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Symptoms

Types of care

Services

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\$64 or from \$12/mo

#### Video dental consult



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Dental

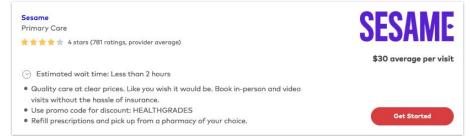
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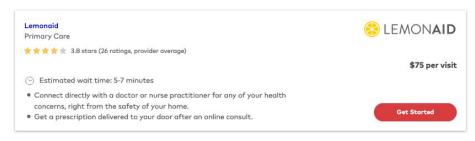
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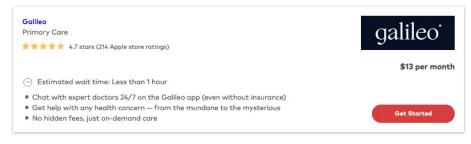




#### **Telehealth Prices**









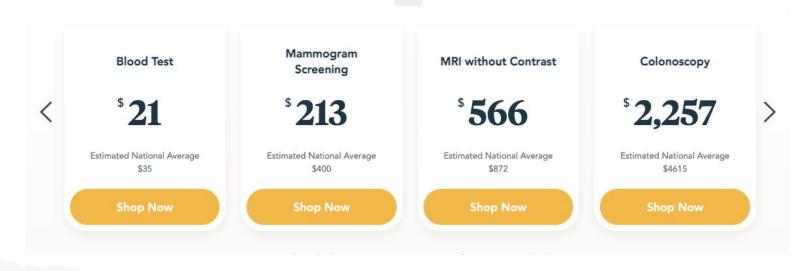
# Cost of Telemed Consultation in NYC Practice to clear overhead: \$150

## Where can we find prices?





#### **Shop Now**



## Where can we find prices?



# CLEAR HEALTH COSTS beta SHOPHEALTH HEALTHCARE MARKETPLACE





Healthcare Bluebook...





#### Hands-on help

- Independent Navigators -- around \$200/hr
- Health Plan Navigators
- Cost Containment Firm Navigators



# Where can we find prices? Hospitals



#### Insurance and Self-Pay

**Insurance Coverage:** Before your appointment, please contact your insurance carrier to verify that UCSF is an in-network provider for your plan. Your insurer can also tell you whether your plan requires that you pay an annual deductible before it pays for your visits.

**Self-pay Visits:** If you are unable to obtain a referral or authorization for your appointment, or if you choose to pay for your visit yourself, you will need to pay a deposit at the time of your appointment. This is a deposit only and doesn't include fees for any tests or procedures. You will receive a bill in the mail for the amount owed for your visit and services received.

- ★ New patients: \$232 deposit
- \* Established patients: \$156 deposit
- \* Non-U.S. residents: \$422 deposit





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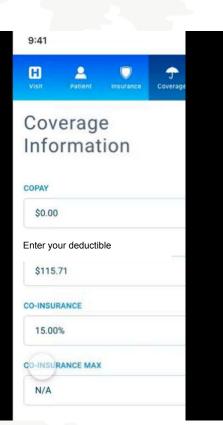


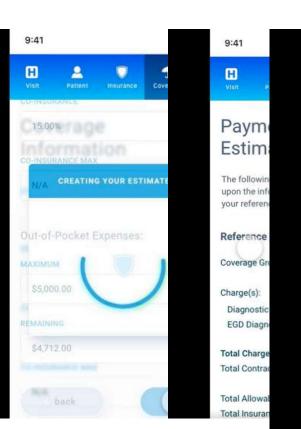
## Provider Side Estimator Tools

- Practices can increase collections by as much as 20%
   \*Waystar reports 37% increase
- Cedar Reports 30% increase
- Dr. Mehta's report-- 50% increase in patient volume, a 30% increase in revenue

#### **Price Estimation Can Help**











Would you rather....



#### Estimate for Colonoscopy w/ Biopsy, Single or Multiple



#### Colonoscopy

#### Procedure Details

This includes a screening or diagnostic colonoscopy with or without specimens/polyps removal by biopsy or brushing.

#### Price Details

Your purchase includes the following services:

 Facility fee operating and recovery room services & supplies for outpatient stay (less than 24 hours) at St. Cloud Regional Medical Center



Colonoscopy

<sup>5</sup>2,383

Estimated National Average \$4,615

Add to Cart









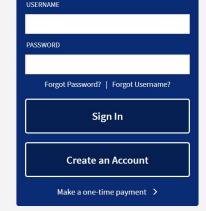






#### Know what you owe

Bills are delivered electronically after your insurance has been settled and displayed on a simple-to-understand screen that lets you easily see all charges and payments.





#### Everything in one place

Invoices from everyone in your household can be consolidated, and updated over time as you make payments or family members have new visits.

# **Predictive Analytics**



Other solutions include predictive analytics in the form of traditional propensity-to-pay models. However, it's more important to find out *why* the patient may not pay. There are a variety of factors that influence this decision. Perhaps the patient doesn't have the money to pay all at once and is waiting until more funds are available. Or the individual might not understand the bill. The patient may have thought the insurance would cover the cost and is surprised to receive a statement. In all these cases, the problem ultimately ties back to poor communication.



-- Florian Otto, Cedar CEO https://www.hfma.org/topics/hfm/2018/july/61073.html



# What is a Price Bundle?



Bundled payments are showing significant promise in improving care quality while at the same time bringing costs down.

(Hospitals) https://catalyst.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/CAT.18.0247







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Me: "How's business holding up?"

Him: "Not so good. COVID's really hurting it."

Me: "How bout your health plan?"

Him: "That's WORSE - although I gotta say, don't know what I would have done without it last year. "

Me: "Oh yeah? Why?"

Him: "You really wanna know? I had my first colonoscopy last year, and I had hernia surgery. My wife had an irregular mammogram that required TWO follow up MRIs since the first one was inconclusive. My son plays soccer and he tore his ACL - so we had to have an MRI AND we had to have it repaired. My daughter had a helluva time with depression and anxiety. We had 4 family psych appointments and special meds. AND we all had the flu."

Me: "That sounds like a year. How much is your family premium?"

Him: "About \$2000/month [employer and employee portion]"

Me: "How much is your deductible?"

Him: "I'm not sure."

Me: "How much is your maximum out of pocket?"

Him: "I'm not sure."

It turns out the family deductible [in network] was \$6000 and the maximum out of pocket [in network] was \$13,000. So let's compare what the plan would have cost under a completely unbundled plan vs. a fully "insured" plan.

FULLY "INSURED"		UNBUNDLED, SELF-INSURED	
12 Monthly Premiums @ \$2000	\$24,000	Mammogram	\$ 200
Deductible (@ Reduced prices)	\$ 6,000	3 MRIs	\$1,500
Co-insurance @ 20% over \$6000	\$ 2,710	Colonoscopy	\$1,800
		Hernia (inc travel if nec.)	\$4,500
		ACL Repair	\$7,500
		DPC for Family, Annual	\$3,000
		Medications	\$ 450
		4 Psych Family Visits	\$ 600
		<b>Stop Loss Insurance</b>	\$1,200
TOTAL COST	\$32,710	TOTAL COST	\$20,750

"What would I have done without insurance?"
Apparenly saved about \$12,000 - withOUT using his Stop Loss Insurance

NOTE: I am not naïve to some additional potential pre-tax savings in the left column, but that is immaterial.

#### Tom Scott, PhD

https://www.linkedin.com/in/tom-scott-phd-645ab5107/?miniProfileUrn=urn%3Ali%3Afs\_miniProfile%3AACoAABsJiFUBkhcB1tDZYah24JDizQOvm\_IAVO0



#### Part of the package

- --Facility navigation as part of the telemed service offerings.
- --Concierge patient care coordinators assisting with filling prescriptions, scheduling follow-up appointments and other pre and post-procedure activities





#### **Employee Adoption**

Incentives or Penalties



"Even when you provide data in an easy-to-use form, people don't check it. They go to Penn because it has the best reputation, whether or not it's the cheapest and whether or not it's the best for that particular procedure."

--Andrew Cavenagh, Pareto Health

#### **TPAs**









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	Major Specialties & Outlier Patients	Individual	
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	Value-Based Primary Care	Stewar	
	Independent, Active Plan Administration & Oversight	ardship	
		High-Performance Plan Design, Docs & Risk Management	



## Roadblocks - Why Doctors Reject Transparency

It's more work -- "It's the patient's responsibility to know their costs."

Competitive Edge -- "I don't want my competitors seeing my prices."

Fear -- "What if the insurance companies see my prices and get mad."

Confusion -- "It's too complicated. Patients won't understand."

## **Price-Inclusive Care Models**



# **Key Elements of the Digital Healthcare Experience in Patient Access**

Online Scheduling Pre-Registration (Charity Care Options) Online Payment

Online Order Financial Clearance (Charity Care Options)

Online Payment

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Price Estimation

Shopping and Pushed Communications

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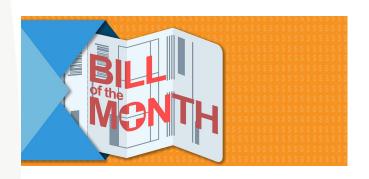


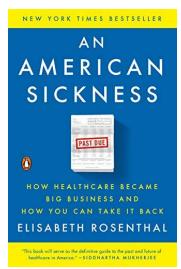
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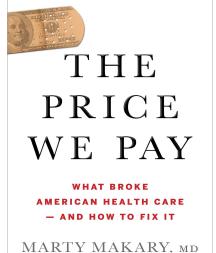












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