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America's Health Care System is Sick

HOW TO CURE IT

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We are surrounded by medical miracles: polio has been eradicated; childhood leukemia is now treatable; death by cardiovascular disease has declined by two-thirds in the last 50 years. Yet while American medicine has never been better, angst over American health care has never been greater.

Why is American health care such a mess? In this pathbreaking book, *The Cure: How Capitalism Can Save American Health Care* (Encounter Books, October 2006), — Nobel laureate Milton Friedman called it “fascinating and thorough”— Dr. David Gratzner shows that the crisis in American health care stems largely from its addiction to outmoded and discredited economic ideas.

What needs to be done? Dr. Gratzner rejects the conventional wisdom that socialized health care is compassionate or that top-down government agencies like the FDA actually save lives. Instead, he prescribes a strong dose of capitalism, promoting individual choice and competition. Dr. Gratzner makes the case that it's possible to reduce health expenses, insure millions more, and improve quality of care while not growing government or raising taxes.

David Gratzner, a licensed physician in the U.S. and Canada, is a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute. Dr. Gratzner is also the author of *Code Blue: Reviving Canada's Health Care System* (ECW Press, 1999) and is the editor of *Better Medicine* (ECW Press, 2002), a collection of essays from leading health care thinkers in North America and Europe. He is often quoted across North America and is frequently invited to speak on health reform. Dr. Gratzner has written for more than a dozen newspapers and magazines and is a peer reviewer for numerous publications and organizations. He debated Congressman Gil Gutknecht (R-MN) on drug reimportation at the American Enterprise Institute, testified before Congress on the Health Care Choice Act, and keynoted the Long Island Health Care Summit in lieu of Senator Hillary Clinton.

The patient is in critical condition; Dr. Gratzner diagnoses the disease and prescribes the cure.

