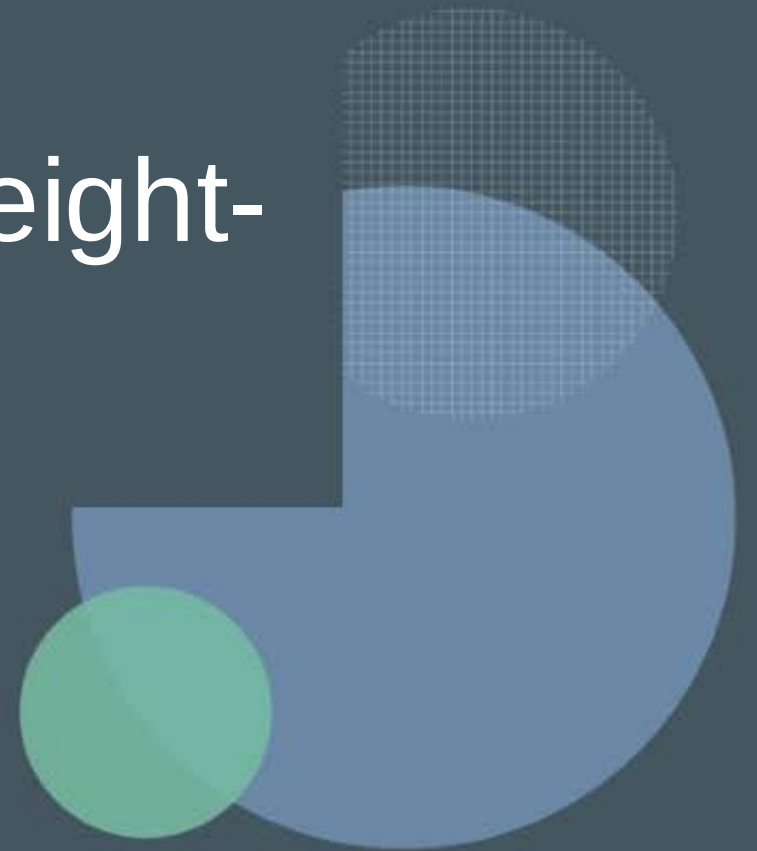


NASEM Committee on Implications of Discarded Weight- Based Drugs

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How to Interrogate Health Care “Reform”

- Universal Coverage
- Improving Quality
- Improving Social Determinants of Health
- Reducing per Capita Costs

All now in the context of...

- COVID-19 and Future 21st Century Threats
- George Floyd, Structural Racism, and Mobilization



Perspectives to Consider

- Total health care expenditures are far too high.
- Waste is extensive: 34% of total.
 - Overuse
 - Coordination Failures
 - Unwarranted Variation
 - Administrative Costs
 - Prices
 - Fraud
- Will to reduce total costs is deficient. Every separate effort meets strong opposition.
- Prices are the battleground. But that is the wrong battleground... a trap.



Perspectives to Consider

- Safety can be used as a trump card, leading to sub-optimization and poor systemic performance.
- Aims matter. Once the goal is established, redesign can follow.

