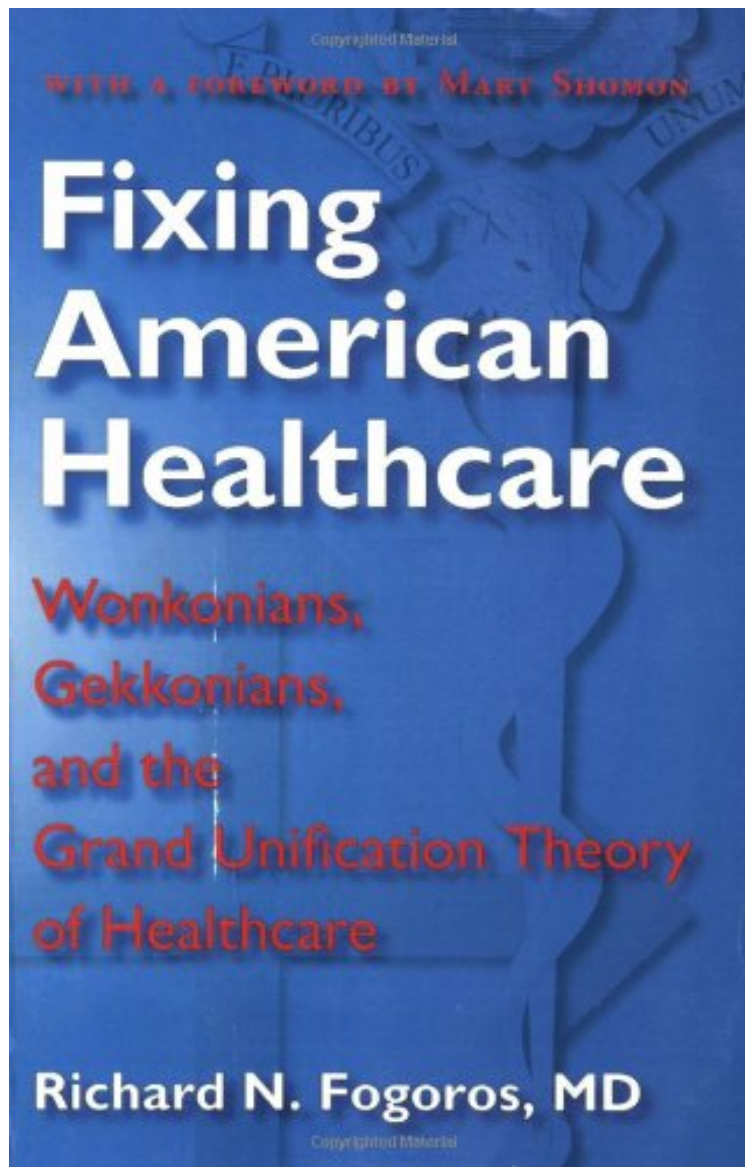


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*Private insurers intimidate doctors to ration care and increase corporate profits
*Money talks and when your government is trying to save money they put their budget ahead of your health
*The government intimidates doctors to ration care and decrease spending
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*Doctors have been complicit, through action and inaction, in destroying the patient-doctor relationship and consequently supported covert rationing of care
Almost no one is blameless when it comes to being responsible for the mess we are in.
Dr. Fogoros shows us how who pays for your care and who decides what care you can and can't have determines the quality of the system we have and the care we receive. He shows us how insurers and our government programs, Medicare and Medicaid, ration care without our knowledge and consent, sometimes hiding behind suspect science.
And he shows us how we will have to ration care because we just can't pay for everything for everybody. Americans have a "no limits" mentality when it comes to the care we want. Unfortunately we do have a limited budget and will need to learn to ration care openly and with compassion.
Besides the powerful insight he gives us into the real workings of medicine he gives us a blueprint for getting out of the mess and his solution starts where it should, with the patient and the patient-doctor relationship. Patients and doctors need to get back to the root of excellent care in our country and that is the relationship that they share.
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As a Physician myself and having been in the system for 25 years, this guy is spot on!

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The nuts and bolts of covert healthcare rationing are surgically exposed in a new book by Richard N. Fogoros. Fogoros is a former cardiologist who has authored textbooks, consults for companies developing new medical technologies, and hosts the heart disease information site at About.com. Now he's written a fine blueprint for radical health-care reform. *Fixing American Healthcare* is a survival guide every patient deserves. --Igor Greenwald, Smartmoney.com
Must reading for all people involved in health care. Reading *Fixing American Healthcare* is like reading an Ayn Rand novel, a murder mystery (how the doctor-patient relationship has been killed), a philosophical treatise, an investigative report, and an expose of Wonkonian and Gekkonian agendas. Richard Fogoros reasserts the primacy of the doctor-patient relationship by proposing a balanced solution to the healthcare crisis that addresses the needs of society, physicians, patients, business, and government. Quite an accomplishment. --Lynn Carlisle, DDS, SpiritOfCaring.com
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