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The increased annual cost if Canada moved to a for-profit hospital system: **7.2 Billion**

Number of Canadian deaths that would occur annually if Canada switched to privately-owned, for-profit hospitals: **2200**

The cost of hip replacement surgery in a non-profit hospital in Alberta: **\$10,000**

The cost of hip replacement surgery in a for-profit private surgical clinic in Alberta: **\$21,780**

Amount saved per cataract procedure after Winnipeg's Pan Am for-profit clinic was brought into the public system: **\$300**

Amount saved annually after Prince Albert's regional lab was brought back into the public system: **\$400,000**

Amount charged more per procedure by Cancer Care Ontario's private cancer treatment centre at Sunnybrook than Ontario's public cancer treatment centers: **\$500**

Amount given in public money to cover the start-up costs of Sunnybrook: **\$4 Million**

Improvement in wait-lists for cancer care after more than a year of operation: **0**

Percentage of patients who in 1998 received cataract surgery within 12 weeks at private, for-profit clinics in Calgary: **56%**

Percentage of patients who in 1998 received cataract surgery within 12 weeks at public clinics in Edmonton: **87%**

Annual membership to the Copeman Clinic "Elite Program" in Vancouver: **\$2900** (1st year is \$3900)

Cost of a partial knee replacement at Brian Day's for-profit Cambie Surgical Centre in Vancouver: **\$15,500 to \$20,750**

Average median income of a British Columbia resident: **\$24,000**

Number of private, for-profit MRI/CT clinics in Canada (as of 2007): **42**

Number of private, for-profit MRI/CT clinics illegally charging patients for medically-necessary scans: **41**

Number of private, for-profit MRI/CT clinics in the province of Québec: **21**

Number of for-profit MRI/CT clinics owned and/or managed by CMA President Dr. Robert Ouellet: **5**

Number of Québec MDs who have opted out of, or aren't participating in, Medicare: **158**

Number of Québécois without a family doctor: **Over 2 Million** (24.8% of population)

Canada-wide number of suspected violations of the *Canada Health Act* as of October 2008: **89**

Number of private clinics contracted by the B.C. government to provide for-profit health care services as of 2007: **22**

Private health spending per B.C. resident in 2000 prior to the election of the Gordon Campbell government: **\$871**

Private health spending per B.C. resident as of 2006: **\$1312**

The promised price of the Brampton P3 Hospital: **\$357 Million**

The actual price of the Brampton P3 Hospital: **\$614 Million**

The P3 extra costs taxpayers were stuck for: **\$257 Million**

Expenditure on health care as a share of GDP in the largely public Canadian system in 2004 (all citizens insured): **9.9%**

Expenditure on health care as a share of GDP in the highly privatized U.S.-system in 2004 (46 million uninsured): **15.9%**

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