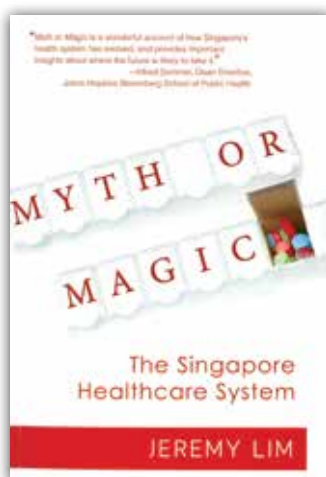


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BREAKING DOWN THE SINGAPORE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

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Myth or Magic comes at a most serendipitous time in the history of Singaporean healthcare, not least because the Ministry of Health is currently undertaking a review of the system. Despite our small size as a nation, our healthcare system is a complex creature that defies easy categorisation, and trying to describe it to an outsider can be an uphill task. Dr Jeremy Lim has taken on this challenge and the result is a seminal book destined for a permanent place on the reading list of a healthcare policy class.

Dr Lim chronicles Singapore's healthcare journey in a systematic manner, deftly breaking down the different components into digestible sections while maintaining a balance between succinctness and detail. The book is no mere chronological recollection: Dr Lim weaves in

historical perspectives with sharp analysis, drawing upon his past experiences as a former insider to present his arguments cogently. Although he gives credit where it is due, he does not shy away from providing criticism, pointing out areas where he feels the authorities could have done better. Dr Lim also offers invaluable insight as to where the future of Singaporean healthcare is headed, and proposes ideas for improvement.

Issues of public policy can make for dry reading. However, this book is the exact opposite as it is suitably pitched for both the layman and the healthcare professional. Any person interested in gleaning lessons for healthcare policy, or to simply seek an understanding of Singaporean healthcare should definitely add this book to their collection. **SMA**

Healthcare System in Singapore. ACTU4625 Topics: health insurance. Yu BAI, Chaoran SHI, Xiaoteng LI, & Feifei LIU. Background. Singapore, an island country with population of 5.2 million, is well-known for its efficient and widely covered healthcare system. The early primary health care, after Singapore's independence in 1965, started with a mass-inoculation program against severe tropical epidemic diseases. In order to provide convenience to the out-patient attendances, the government extended the network of hospitalization, including general hospitals, satellite out-patient dispensaries. It delves into different aspects of the Singapore healthcare landscape, including pharmaceutical cost management, medical tourism, doctors' remuneration, medical education, rules and regulations, workforce planning and health promotion. It suggests lessons that the Singapore healthcare story holds for healthcare policy makers and reformers and the challenges that the future holds. Singapore's healthcare system is designed to ensure that everyone has access to different levels of healthcare in a timely, cost-effective and seamless manner. MOH and its statutory boards are responsible for regulating Singapore's healthcare system. All Healthcare facilities such as hospitals, medical centres, community health centres, nursing homes, clinics (including dental clinics), and clinical laboratories (including x-ray laboratories) are required to apply for licence under the Private Hospitals & Medical Clinics (PHMC) Act/Regulations. All Healthcare facilities are also required to

A. Singapore has the ingredients for a very good health system. When I speak to overseas counterparts, I describe Singapore as having the "least imperfect" health system. Mr. Ngiam Tong Dow describes the Singapore model as very balanced, having co-payments, insurance and so on. To me, the biggest issue is the balance between state and individual/ family responsibility and assumption of risk. Dr Jeremy Lim is the Principal Consultant of Insights Health Associates, a healthcare strategy advisory firm and the author of "Myth or Magic: The Singapore Healthcare System" which is available at all major bookstores. Please follow and like us: Tags: Health care. The "magic" of the Singapore healthcare system is that in 50 years, Singapore has achieved stellar population health measures although government spending on healthcare, as a percentage of GDP, is a fraction of what other countries with c Jeremy Lin does a brilliant job breaking down the Singapore healthcare system - the philosophy and values that underpin it, the considerations and trends that have shaped its evolution over the past half a century, and the challenges it must grapple with today. The "myth" is that the system is perfect and Lim elaborates in his book why cracks are starting to show in the Singapore model and the pressures it is coming under. So what is the philosophy and the values underpinning the Singapore healthcare system? The World Health Organization, with 191 member countries, in 2000, published a paper ranking healthcare systems, validated by mathematical and statistical methods, and based upon, disability-adjusted life expectancy (50%); responsiveness (25%) " speed of service, protection of privacy, and quality of amenities; fair financial contribution (25%)1 Bang for the buck, in Wikipedia, may be understood in. As a healthcare provider who has worked for many years in the Singapore system, I can attest that Jeremy's description of our healthcare system is accurate and insightful. Read more. 3 people found this helpful. Jeremy Lim uncovers the magic of Singapore's health care system and good government. But he also does away with the myth that everything is fine in Singapore and presents his solutions, unconventional yet in Singapore's tradition of rich and practical thinking. This book will captivate policy makers across the world who are desperately searching for sustainable long term solutions for their health care systems in the face of pressure from voters. " Jan van den Berg. President Asia of Prudential Financial Inc. (USA). Jeremy's thoughtful assessment of Singapore's healthcare system provides the r

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