

Dental Expenditures

- 1970- 4.7 Billion Dollars
 - Overall healthcare cost are approximately one trillion dollars, 14% of GNP, highest per capita amount in the industrialized world
- 1996 47 Billion Dollars
- 2002 (approximately 10% growth)

Per Capita Dental Expenditures

- \$22- 1970
- \$173- 1996
 - 686.4% Growth Rate, average 8% increase per capita per year
 - Dental Growth Rate In The CPI Was 6.79% From 1970-1996

Dental Expenditures

- ***In Constant Dollars (1970 Dollars), 1.37% Increase Annually***
- ***42.5% In Overall Real Growth***

Source of Payments

- ***Approximately Half Of All Dental Payments Come From Dental Insurance***

Source of Payment (1987)

- ***Older Americans-***
 - \$141 Average Annual Payment In 1977,
 - 90% Out Of Pocket, May Have Decreased To 79% In 1987
 - Mean Out Of Pocket Expenditure-
- ***\$164 For All Americans Who Made Visits***

National Medical Expenditure Survey

- ***Detailed National Estimates Of Health Care Utilization***
- ***Sources Of Payment***
- ***Insurance Coverage***

Dental Visits- 1987

- 292 Million Visits
- 57.6% Of The U.S. Population Had No Dental Visit In 1987
 - 15.7%- One Visit
 - 11.1%- Two Visits
 - 5.7%- Three Visits
 - 3.3%- Four Visits
 - 6.6%- Five Or More Visits
- Average visits per person 2.87

Dental Visits- 1987

- *Poorer Respondents And Respondents With Less Education Were Less Likely To Report Having Visited A Dentist Than Respondents With More Income Or More Education*
- *Females And Employed Respondents Were More Likely To Report A Visit Than Were Their Counterparts*
- *Blacks And Hispanics Were Less Likely To Visit A Dentist Than Were Whites.*

Dental Visits- 1987

- *More Education- 3X More Likely To Have Multiple Visits Than Poorer Or Less Educated Counterparts*

Dental Visits- 1987

- *Preventive Services- 30%*
- *Restorative- 13%*
- *Prosthetic- 10%*
- *Periodontic- 1%*
- *Endodontic- 3%*
- *Oral Surgery- 6%*
- *Orthodontic- 8%*
- *Diagnostic Services- 26%*

Dental Visits- 1987

- *Blacks And Hispanics More Oral Surgery And Less Preventive Procedures Than Whites*
- *Females More Prosthetic And Fewer Restorative And Oral Surgery Procedures Than Males*
- *Poorer Respondents Fewer Preventive Or Orthodontic Procedures And More Restorative Or Oral Surgery Dental Procedures Than Respondents With More Income*
- *Less Educated Respondents Had More Prosthetic Oral Surgery And Orthodontic Procedures And Fewer Diagnostic Preventive And Endodontic Procedures Than More Educated Respondents*

Services Provided to Patients at Discount or No Cost

- 5.3%- Free From Provider
- Unreimbursed Services (\$10,871)

Active Practitioners

- **140,000**
 - 9% female in 1991
 - In the near future the number of dentists retiring will outpace the number of entrants into the profession

Student Debt

- **1997 survey of dental school seniors, average debt of \$94,812**
 - First year tuition fees have risen 6% a year in the 1990's
- **May delay opening a practice**
 - Conservative cost of a new practice (\$250,000) for equipment, instruments and supplies

Student Interest in Dentistry

- **Approximately 8,000 students take the DAT's per year**