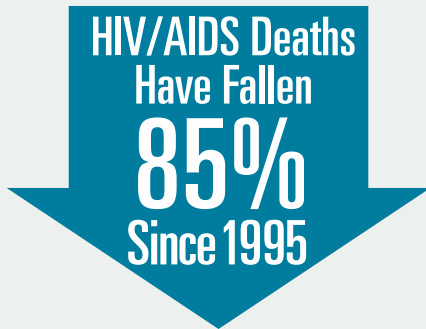


Medical Innovation: Protecting Patient Access to Care

Medical research and innovation saves lives by developing new treatments for some of the world's deadliest conditions.

HIV/AIDS THEN

In 1995, the death rate from HIV/AIDS was 16.2 per 100,000

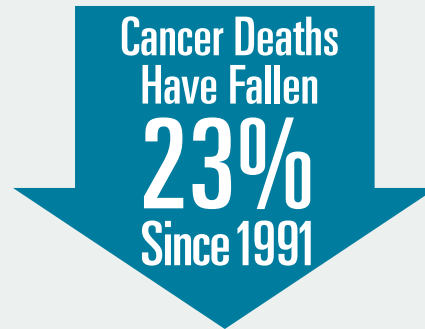


HIV/AIDS NOW

With the increasing use of combination antiretroviral therapies, it had dropped to 2.6 per 100,000 by 2010

CANCER THEN

In 1991, there were 215 cancer deaths per 100,000



CANCER NOW

In 2012, there were 166 cancer deaths per 100,000, resulting in 1.7 million deaths averted since 1991

Unfortunately, restrictive health insurance company policies are undermining further gains by:

The New York Times

Raising out-of-pocket costs, burdening patients who already pay premiums.

DEC. 22, 2014
Group Sues Aetna, Claiming Discrimination Against H.I.V. Patients By KATIE THOMAS

...The company's new policy, which takes effect Jan. 1 and applies to people who have purchased individual coverage, also raises the out-of-pocket amount that patients must pay for their treatments, potentially doubling it in some cases...

The Washington Post

Using adverse tiering to restrict access to care. These discriminatory practices and bureaucratic hurdles can triple a patient's medicine costs.

Jan. 28, 2015
Health insurers may be finding new ways to discriminate against patients By JASON MILLMAN

...patient groups say they've spotted an alarming trend of some health insurance plans designing drug benefits to purposefully keep out sicker, costlier patients. It's currently the subject of a federal complaint, and a new study offers evidence this is happening across the country.



Protect patient access to care. Don't be deceived by proposals that hinder the next medical breakthroughs.

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