

Editorial

President Barack Obama's ambitious health care reforms will transform health care permanently in the USA. His ambition is to make sure that all citizens of the USA will be able to avail themselves of health care insurance. The big question that the USA faces is, not just who is going to pay for all this (the American people of course, among others) but how, since the US economy is still in a trillion dollar debt and when. President Obama's policies will also have its echoes in health care environments all over the world. In India there are still many people who are uninsured. Such people avail themselves of government health services. These services cannot cope with the vast amounts of patients and are understaffed. This is probably true of most health care institutions all over the world. The triangle of availability of good standardized health care, affordability and excellence are being analyzed to determine if all three-dimensions can be fused together in a viable manner. As yet the problem is huge and complex and have many experts puzzle over it, trying to arrive at feasible solutions. Economies all over the world are still in the process of recovering from the depression that occurred recently. Thus many countries including India need to devise strategies to cover the vast majority of the uninsured people to make sure its citizens receive adequate, competent health care.

As populations increase, economies stagnate, expectations of people rise, health care moves from crisis to crisis, physicians the world over must contemplate how they will face these challenges and deliver. Not only to the societies in which they live, but also to themselves and their families.



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