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↑ Operational costs
↑ ER visits
↑ Number of uninsured
↑ "On call" crisis
Fewer inpatient beds
Rising burden of chronic disease
↓ Reimbursement
EMTALA
Nursing shortage
Emergency Care
Emergency Department
“It’s not hard to be brilliant. All you have to do is think of something stupid, and do the opposite.”

- William Foege, MD, MPH
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