

# SPECIAL TOPICS

**Tuesday, May 16, 2023**

**Location: HSC, Level 3, FPPM Conf. Rooms 066 & 067 and Zoom** (please [RSVP](#) for link)

**3:30pm- 5:00pm**

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## **Medical Economics: How Greed Corrupts US Health Care**

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In his trending JAMA opinion piece, *Salve Lucrum: The Existential Threat of Greed in US Health Care*<sup>1</sup>, Dr Donald Berwick states:

***“No sector of US health care is immune from the immoderate pursuit of profit, neither drug companies, nor insurers, nor hospitals, nor investors, nor physician practices.”***

But how did we get here, and how can we fix it? Join Dr Maria Basile as she reviews the four principal elements that have historically been pillars of the US health care industry (Reimbursement, Regulation, Competition, and Technology). She'll describe how avarice, manipulation and profiteering create higher costs, concentration of wealth and political power which then block any constraints on greed. Finally, she'll propose some solutions and tactics to identify and address greed in US health care.

<sup>1</sup>*Salve Lucrum: The Existential Threat of Greed in US Health Care* JAMA. 2023;329(8):629-630.  
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