



How free market medicine addresses the most vulnerable among us

Greetings!

It's time we do a better job of educating our friends and communities on how free markets in medicine and healthcare do the best job of generating affordable, accessible healthcare for *everyone*, including the most vulnerable among us.

When freedom thrives, innovation and solutions expand. A market operating in freedom does a much better job in *all* buyer-seller (patient-doctor) relationships than government *ever* can. It is our job to spread this good news until it is known as a truly commonsense, given principle.

Part of our outreach to educate students (and doctors!) on free market principles in medicine, is to send deserving students on scholarship to the Free Market Medical Association (FMMA) conference every summer in Oklahoma City.

Jacob Chevlen, MS2 from Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine|Dublin had this to say after attending FMMA:



"After this conference, I feel educated and empowered to take the efforts necessary to run my own direct practice--a practice that will serve the needs of my patient and no one else. Meeting with like minded students and professionals was both inspirational and comforting. Inspirational, because speakers like Dr. Smith are worthy of emulation; their sacrifices and toil should guide the next generation of doctors. Comforting, because I know I'm not alone in the war to salvage the doctor-patient relationship."

And **Chris Radlicz**, MS1 from Ohio University confirms:



"As an attendee of the 2017 FMMA conference, I had the opportunity to engage with medical professionals and organizations at the intersection of health policy, medicine, and entrepreneurship. The passion of conference attendees and speakers was infectious, and left us medical students optimistic for the future of health care. Physicians spoke to us about how embracing a free market in medicine has led to their ability to spend more time caring for patients, spend less time on paperwork, and provide more pro bono care than they could have imagined. With physician burnout continuing to be a hot topic in medical circles, it was encouraging to see physicians reinvigorated in their practice of medicine. The Benjamin Rush Institute provides an avenue for medical students to hear a side of medicine that is not widely embraced by our current system, but which certainly will play

a role in our future."

Chris also wrote a blog post highlighting just one avenue through which healthcare costs can be reduced, health sharing ministries (HSMs). Please read Chris's post to understand more ways the free market responds!

[READ CHRIS'S POST](#)

Next Generation Medicine Podcast: Episode #17

Catch Dr. Beth Haynes on BRI's NEXGENMED podcast . . .

. . . for a pertinent discussion on the question of how best to provide healthcare services to the poor, and how understanding economics is critical to appreciating how free markets address this aspect of healthcare policy.



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