

HEALTH⁺ CHEQUE

The truth we should all
know about New Zealand's
public health system

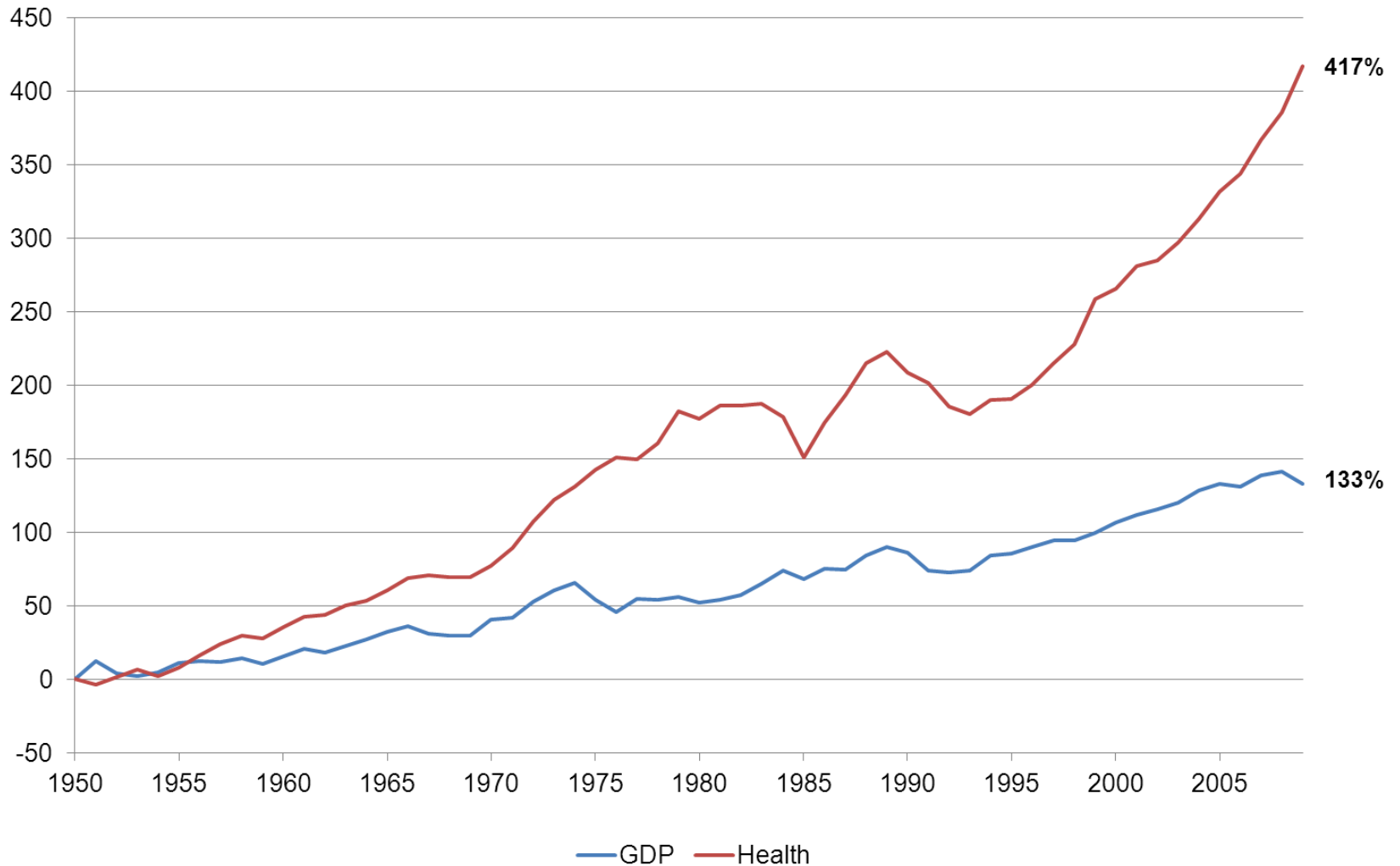


Is our system
world's best practice,
average,
or a croc?

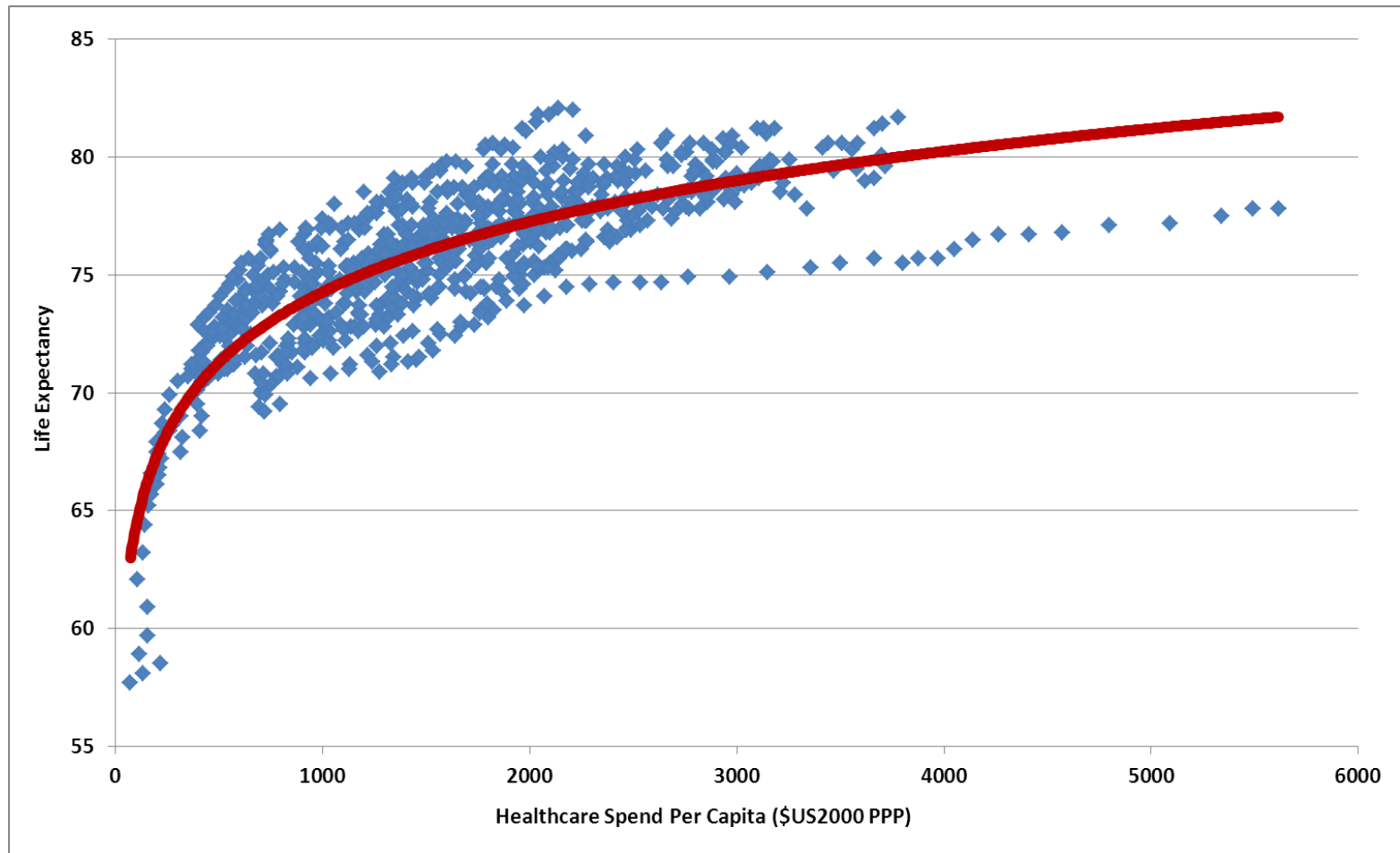


Health: Bigger Bills...

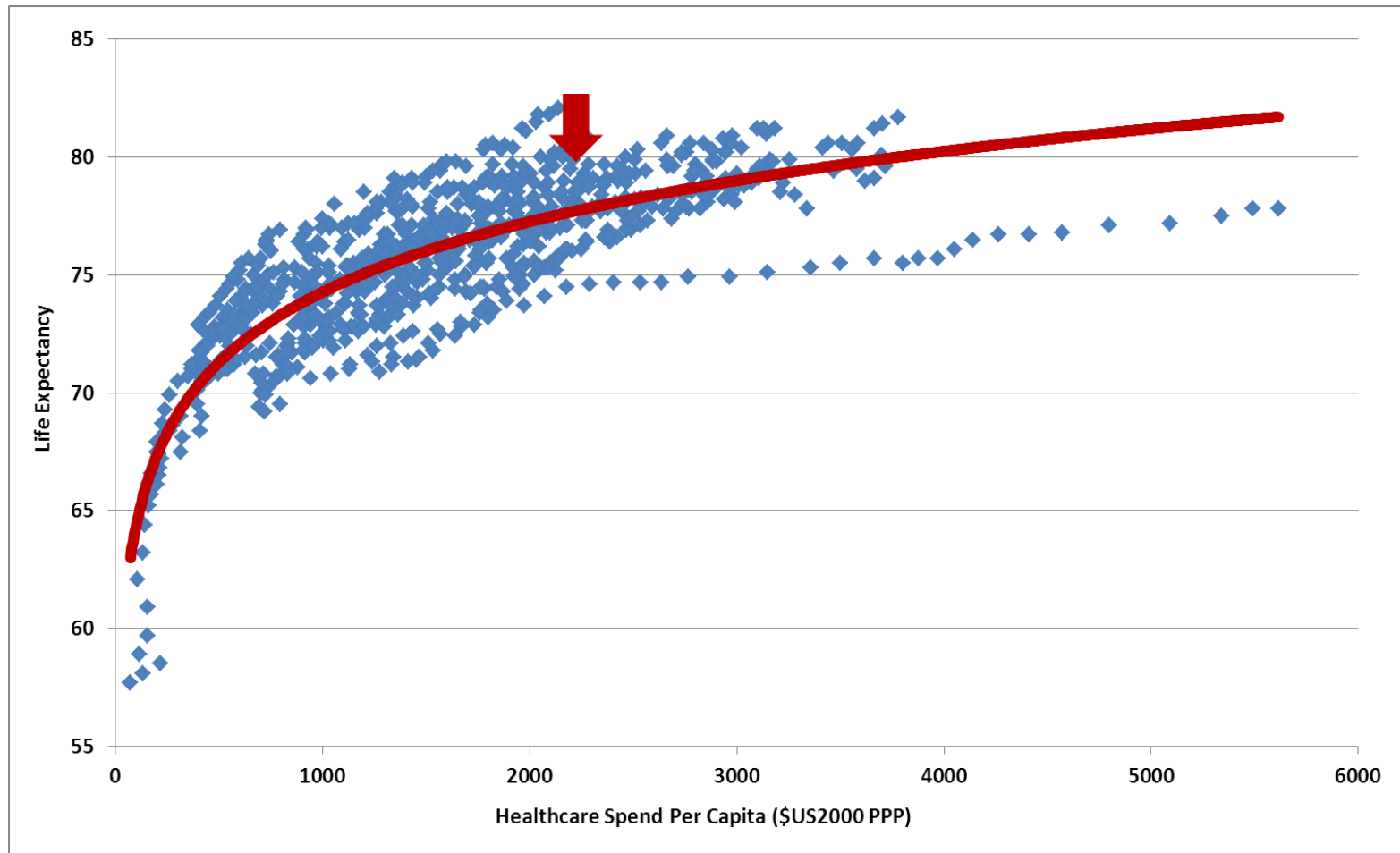
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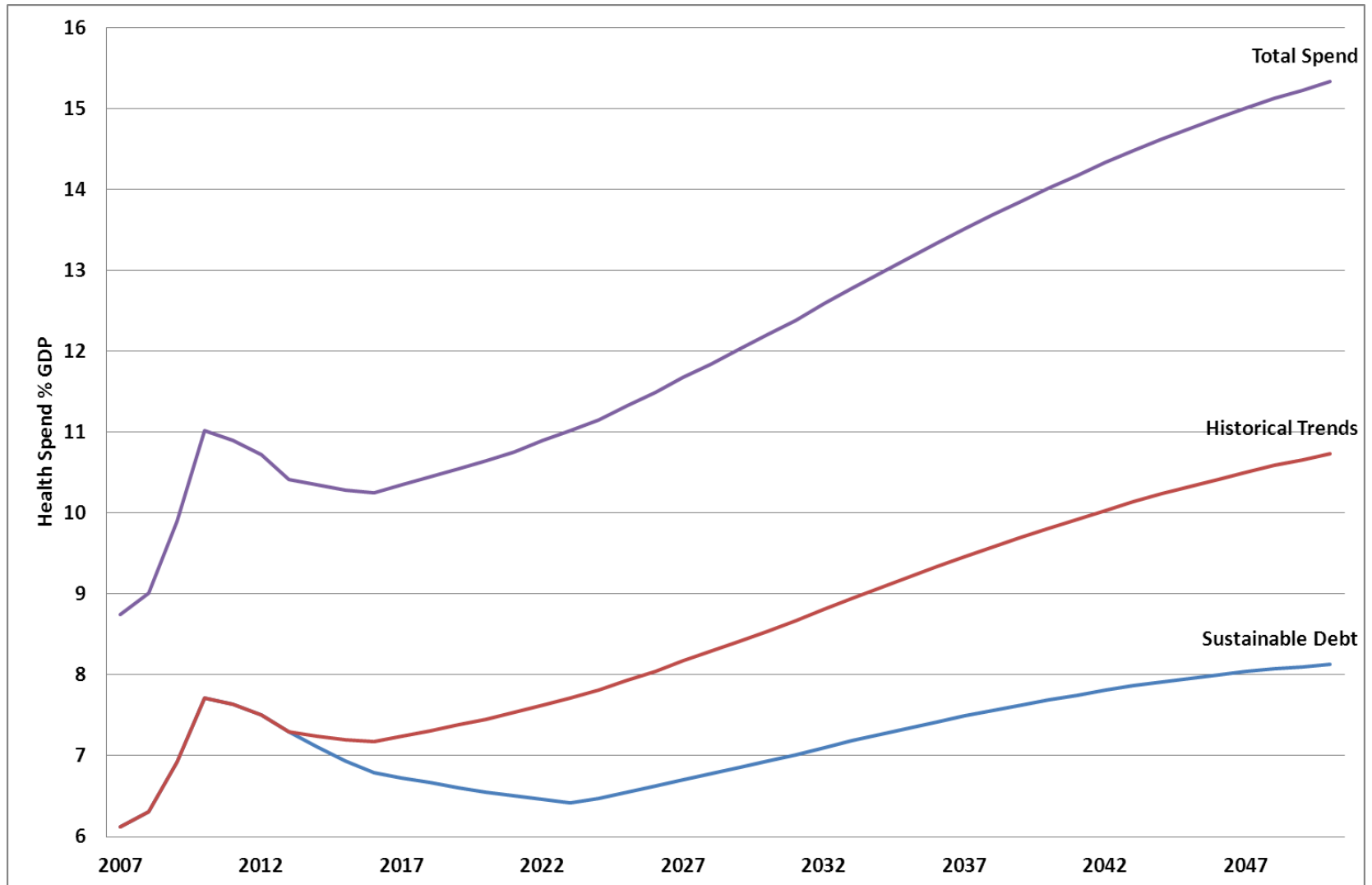
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Projected Health Spend



**Please Sir...
Can I Have
Some More?**



Diabetes



- 5% population diagnosed
- 2% population undiagnosed
- Rising even faster than predicted
- 50% diagnosed managing condition
- Lower for Maori & Pacific
- Lifetime risk 9% Pakeha vs 25+% M & PI
- Average loss of life for Maori & Pacific = 12 yrs

The Good:

- System does well on oily rag
- Pharmac, primary, A&E

The Bad:

- Spending more, getting less
- Demand is unlimited
- More is coming
- Not a universal “all you can eat” system - rationing already exists

The Unavoidable:

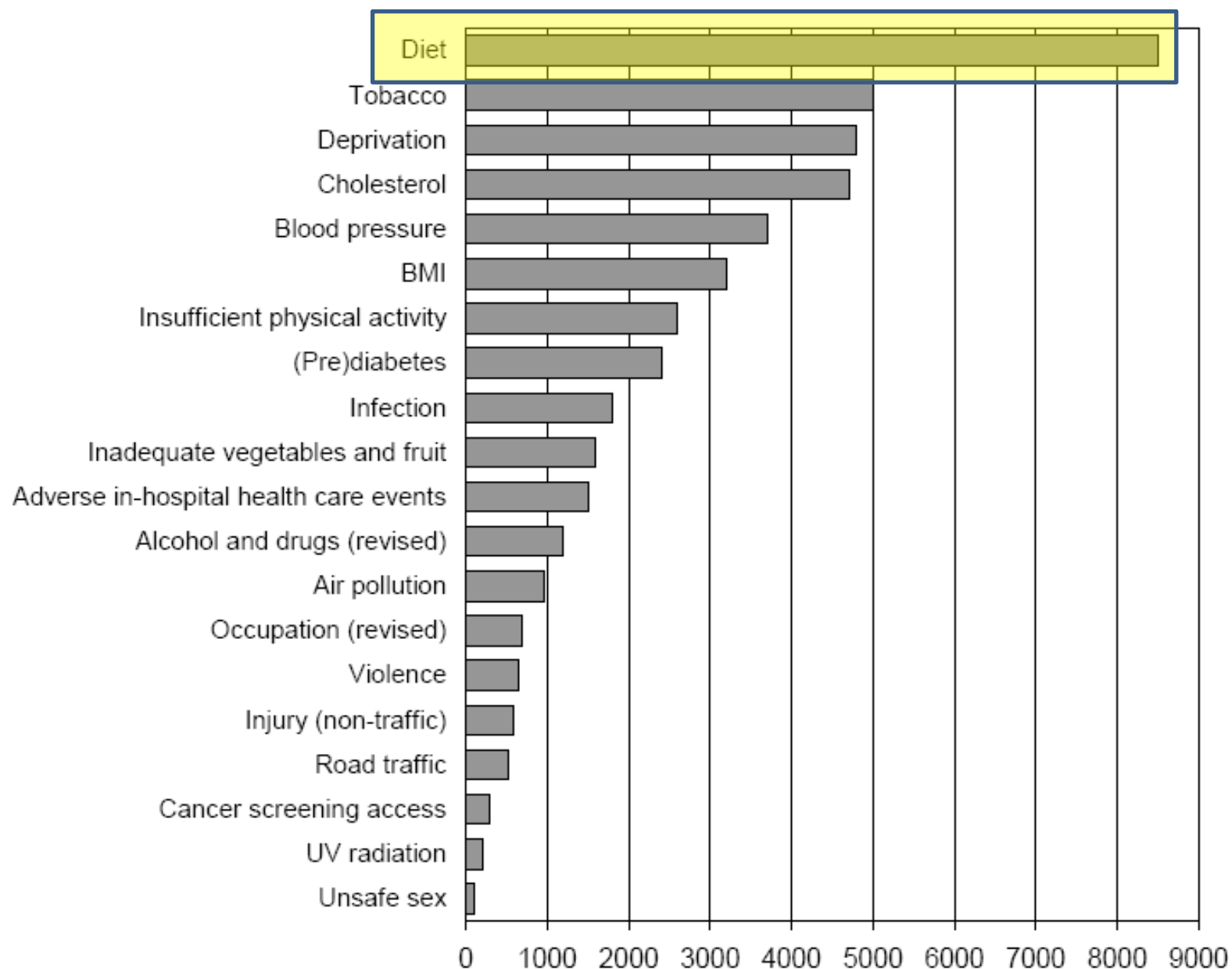
- Economy is major constraint



Prescription One: Stem the Tide



Risk factors, 1997, attributable causes





Saving
Lives

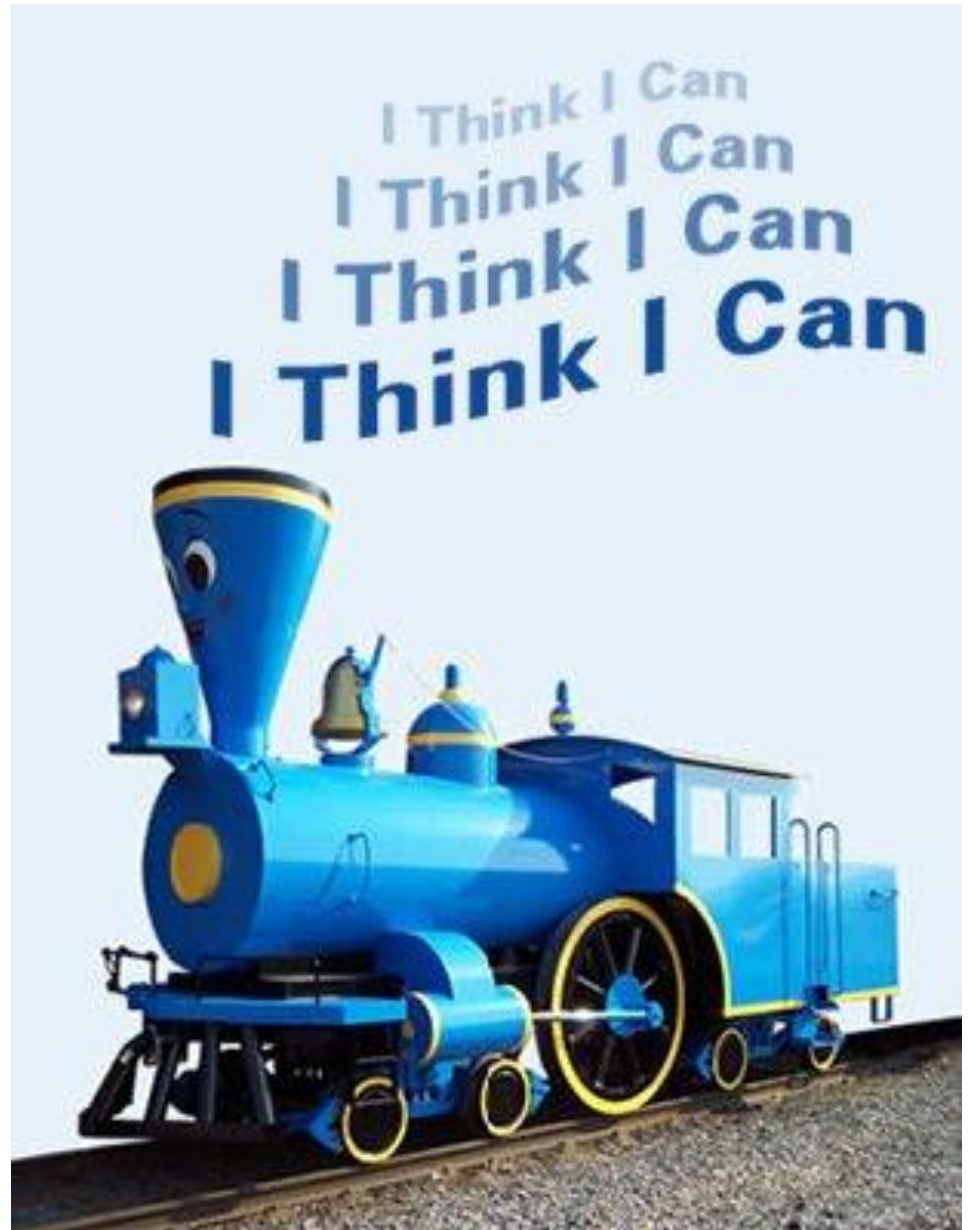
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Saving
Money

Prescription Two: Rationing



Prescription Three: Improve Delivery Structures



The Political Trade-off

Prevention	Cure
Long payback time	Rule of rescue
More Community Care	More Hospitals
Multidisciplinary Teams	More Doctors
More Lifestyle Mgt	More Operations
“Live longer, healthier and more independent lives”	“Better, sooner, more convenient”



