

# Health Care in the United States: A Tale of Two Systems

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It was the best of times...

- People often say the U.S. has the best health care in the world
- Leaders in government and business from around the globe seek treatment in the U.S.

It was the worst of times...

- U.S. ranks well below 20 other nations in attainment of key health objectives
- Great disparities among races
- Most costly system in the world
- One of the only nations without universal coverage

# **A High-Performing Health System**

- 1. Quality, Safety and Reliability**
- 2. Efficiency, Effectiveness and the Impact on Cost**
- 3. Universal Coverage**

# Partners HealthCare Initiatives

1. Electronic Medical Records
2. Improved inpatient drug ordering and administration systems
3. Tracking care
4. Disease management strategies
5. Manage the use of services

# The Problem of the Uninsured: A Key Element of High Performance

- **Cannot be separated from problems with quality, safety, and effectiveness**
- **We cannot leave 45 million behind**
- **Government must play a lead role**