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Title: Health not healthcare: What we should talk about when we talk about health.

Abstract: The United States spends far more on health per capita than any other country. But our health outcomes are worse than any other high income country and getting worse. We have now had a decline in national life expectancy every year for the past 3 years—the worst downturn since the 1918 flu pandemic. Why is this? Ultimately this is because we are not investing in health; we are investing in healthcare. This presentation will discuss what really causes health and how we could reverse a national tragedy.

Sandro Galea, a physician, epidemiologist, and author, is dean and Robert A. Knox Professor at Boston University School of Public Health. He previously held academic and leadership positions at Columbia University, the University of Michigan, and the New York Academy of Medicine. He has published more than 750 scientific journal articles, 50 chapters, and 13 books, and his research has been featured extensively in current periodicals and newspapers. His latest book, *Well: What we need talk about when we talk about health*, will be published by Oxford University Press in 2018; Arianna Huffington has called it “A deeply affecting work from one of the important and innovative voices in American health and medicine”. Galea holds a medical degree from the University of Toronto and graduate degrees from Harvard University and Columbia University. He also holds an honorary doctorate from the University of Glasgow. Galea was named one of *Time* magazine’s epidemiology innovators and has been listed as one of the “World’s Most Influential Scientific Minds.” He is past president of the Society for Epidemiologic Research and of the Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine and the American Epidemiological Society. Galea has received several lifetime achievement awards, including the Rema Lapouse Award from the American Public Health Association and the Robert S. Laufer Memorial Award from the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies. He is a regular contributor to, and his work is regularly featured, in a range of public media, including a standing column in *Fortune* magazine.