

# The Future of Health Services Research

## Advancing Health Systems Research and Practice in the United States

**In the US, health care costs are 18% of our GDP - among the highest in the world.**

**Yet, unacceptable health outcomes and disparities exist in many populations.**

People of color in the US unilaterally face more challenges accessing health care than their white peers.

American life expectancy at birth is a full 3 years less than other comparable countries.

**Health services research provides the evidence needed to increase access to care, decrease health care costs, and improve health outcomes.**

**Yet only 0.3% of US health care spending is directed to funding health services research.**

To transform itself to meet the needs of a 21st-century health care system, health services research must develop data infrastructure, create a network of stakeholders, and characterize results that would lead to system-wide improvement.

**The physical and financial health of the nation is at stake.**

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