High-cost users of health care in Ontario

Top reasons for hospital admission among older adults
1. Congestive heart failure
2. COPD
3. Urinary tract infection
4. Hip fracture
5. Pneumonia

Top reasons for hospital admission among adults
1. Atherosclerosis
2. COPD
3. Palliative care
4. Congestive heart failure
5. Chemotherapy for neoplasm

Top reasons for hospital admission among children
1. Low birth weight
2. Preterm infant
3. Depressive episode
4. Chemotherapy for neoplasm
5. Acute bronchiolitis

High-cost users: the top 1% by age group

Top 1% accounted for
38% of spending among those aged < 18
36% of spending among those aged 18–64
16% of spending among those aged ≥ 65

Top reasons for hospital admission among children
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2. Preterm infant
3. Depressive episode
4. Chemotherapy for neoplasm
5. Acute bronchiolitis

In 2011:
- Cost threshold for top 1% cost at least $83 039 per person

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- Cost threshold for top 1% cost at least $22 070 per person

In 2011:
- Cost threshold for top 1% cost at least $8383 per person

Total Ontario government health care spending in 2009
$42 billion

About 75% spent on individuals
Most of the remainder spent on public health, community service agencies, admin staff

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