Americans Say U.S. Health Care Not the Best

Do you believe that the United States has the best health care system in the world?

- 60% Yes
- 34% No
- 6% Don't know

Source: National Survey, 2005
Charlton Research Company for Research!America
Americans Do Not Get Health Care They Need

Do you think that most people in this country get the health and medical care they need or not?

- 64% Most do not get what they need
- 34% Most do get what they need
- 2% Don't know

Source: National Survey, 2005
Charlton Research Company for Research!America
Americans Do Not Get Health Care They Want

Do you think that most people in this country get the health and medical care they want or not?

- Most do get what they want: 71%
- Most do not get what they want: 26%
- Don't know: 3%

Source: National Survey, 2005
Charlton Research Company for Research!America
Medical Errors Affect Many Americans

Sometimes when people receive health care, mistakes are made that result in serious harm such as death, disability, or additional or prolonged treatment. These are called medical errors. Some of these errors are preventable, while others may not be. Have you or someone you know experienced a medical error?

- 41% Yes
- 58% No
- 1% Don't know

Source: National Survey, 2005
Charlton Research Company for Research!America
Majority of Americans Don’t Feel They Get Unnecessary Care

Can you think of a time when you felt that you or a family member received unnecessary health care or treatment?

- Yes: 29%
- No: 70%
- Don't know: 1%

Source: National Survey, 2005
Charlton Research Company for Research!America
Americans Feel They Do Not Always Get Necessary Care

Can you think of a time when you felt that you or a family member didn’t get the health care or treatment that was needed?

- 43% Yes
- 56% No
- 1% Don't know

Source: National Survey, 2005
Charlton Research Company for Research!America
Many Americans Think They Got the *Wrong* Care

Can you think of a time when you felt that you or a family member got what turned out to be the wrong health care or treatment?

41% Yes

58% No

1% Don't know

Source: National Survey, 2005
Charlton Research Company for Research!America
Americans Believe Health Care Is Based On Research

Do you believe that the health care services you receive are based on the best and most recent research available?

Source: National Survey, 2005
Charlton Research Company for Research!America
Americans Believe Health Care Should Be Based On Best Research

Do you believe that the health care services you receive should be based on the best and most recent research available?

- Yes: 95%
- No: 1%
- Don't know: 4%

Source: National Survey, 2005
Charlton Research Company for Research!America
Americans Think Investment in Research Important for Health Care

How important do you think it is that we invest in more research to assure that there is a solid scientific base for healthcare?

- 70% Very
- 26% Somewhat
- 3% Not
- 1% Don't know

Source: National Survey, 2005
Charlton Research Company for Research!America
U.S. Investment in Health Services Research Is Very Important

A type of research called health services research seeks to translate discoveries from research into medical practice. How important do you think it is for the United States to invest in health services research?

- 65% Very
- 28% Somewhat
- 5% Not
- 2% Don't know

Source: National Survey, 2005
Charlton Research Company for Research!America
Americans Want More Spent on Health Services Research

Currently, much less than one cent out of each health dollar spent in the U.S. is spent on research that helps translate discoveries into medical practice. How much of each health dollar do you think we SHOULD spend?

- **Much more**: 20%
- **Somewhat more**: 36%
- **About the same amount**: 35%
- **Somewhat less**: 2%
- **Much less**: 1%
- **Don't know**: 6%

Source: National Survey, 2005
Charlton Research Company for Research!America