

A blurred background image of a hospital waiting area. People are seated in green plastic chairs, and some are standing near a reception desk. The scene is brightly lit with overhead lights.

Priorities for the future of healthcare

An OECD perspective

Conference of the German Managed Care Association
30 January 2024

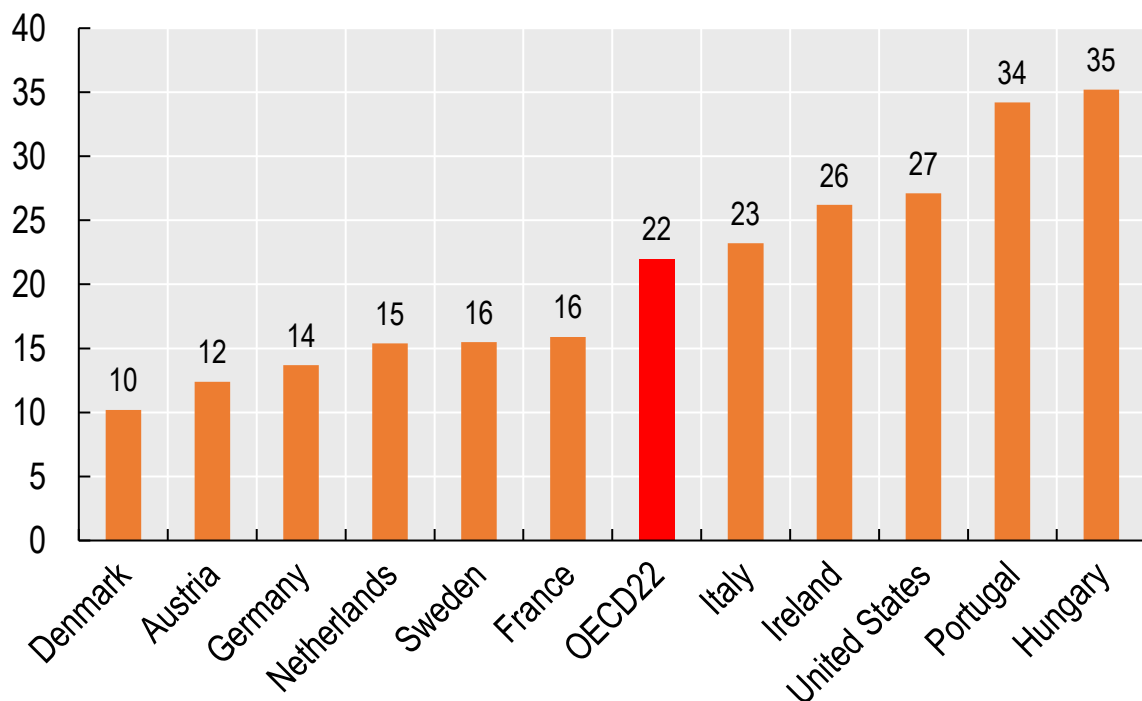
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COVID-19 revealed the fault lines of our health systems...

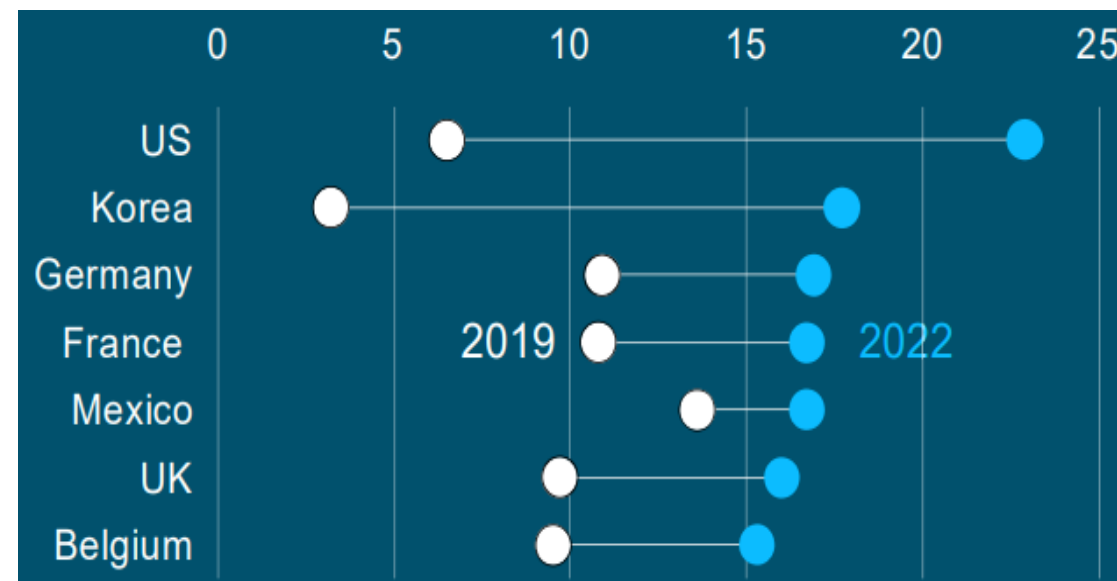
Substantial levels of unmet needs during the pandemic

Unmet medical care needs during the first 12 months of the pandemic, 2020-21



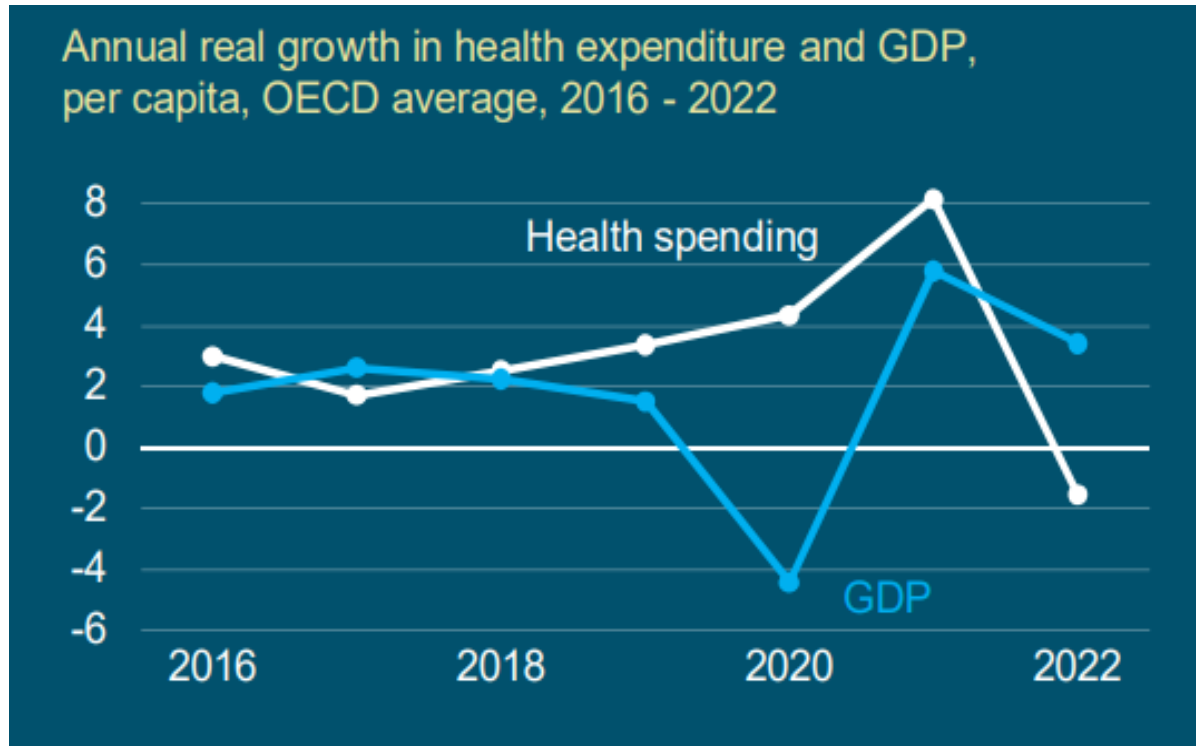
Mental ill-health is at least 20% higher than pre-pandemic levels

National prevalence estimates of depression or symptoms of depression, %, 2019-22 (or nearest year)



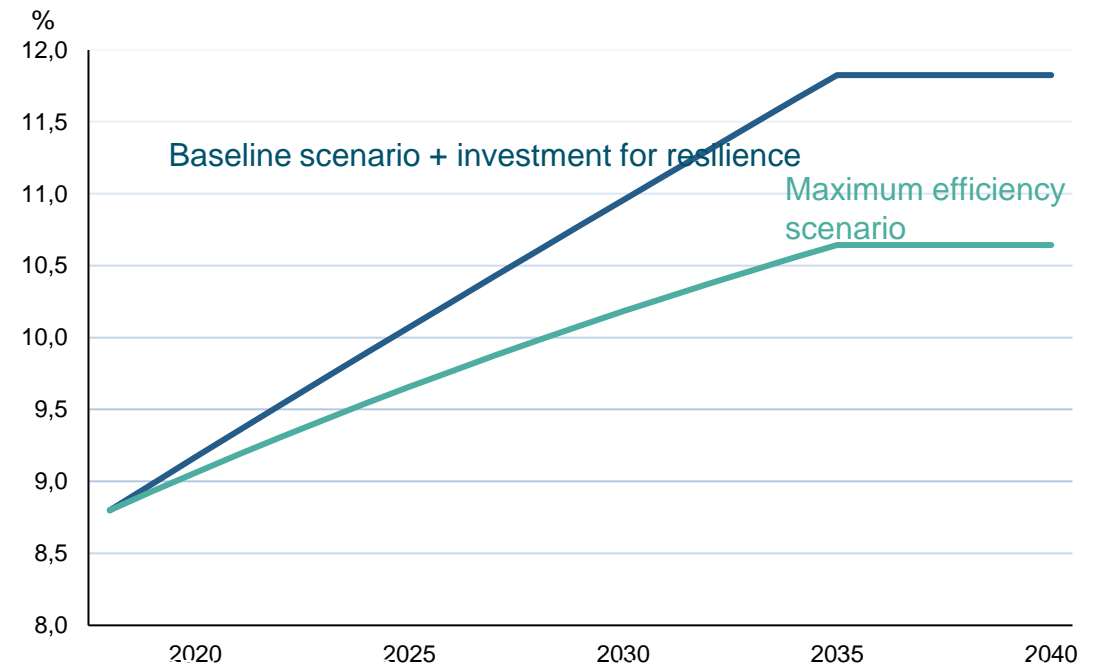
... and health system are again under financial pressure

Health spending is contracting: countries emerge from the pandemic under resource constraints



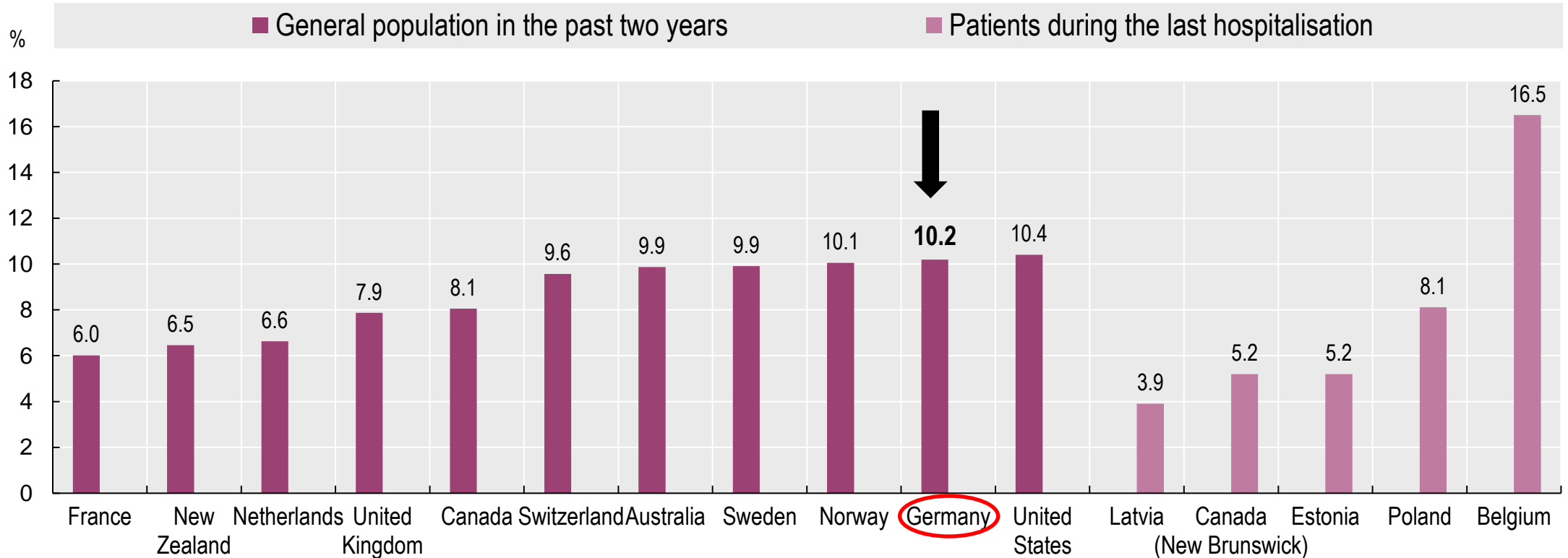
Health spending pressure will continue - smart policies key to ensure sustainability

Projected average health spending across OECD countries until 2040



A move to more value-based care is essential...

Across OECD, up to one in six patients reported experiencing safety incidents



up to 8% of patients experienced medication errors

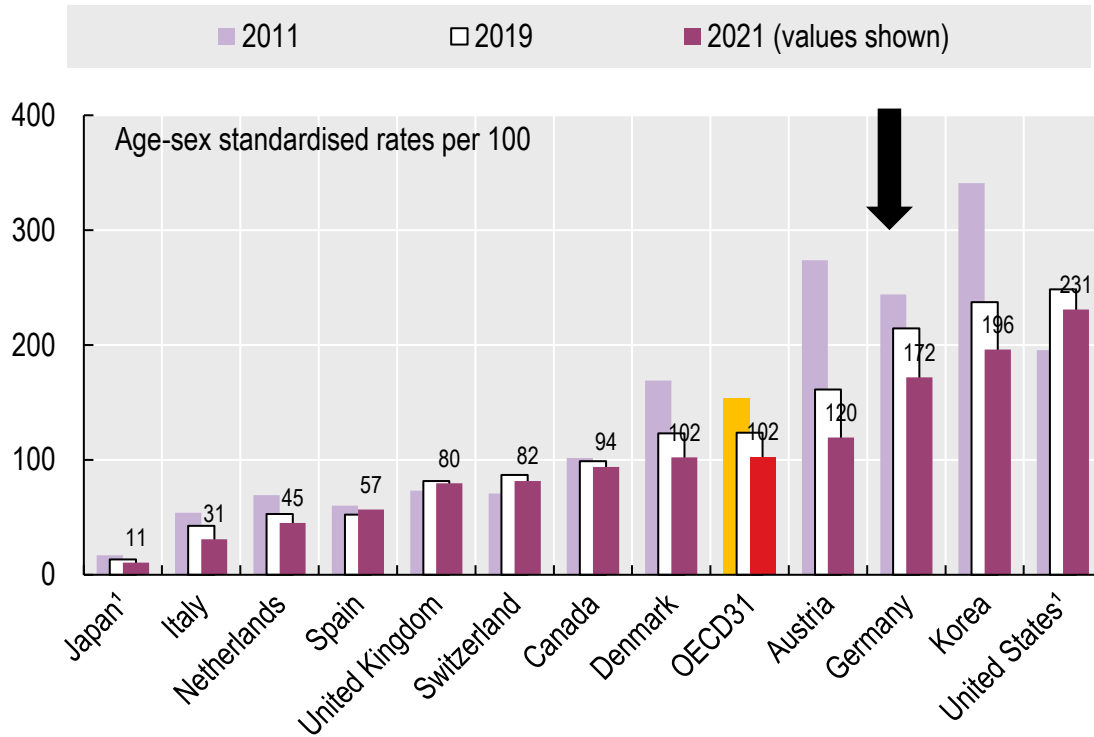
Note: Data for general population are collected through the Commonwealth Fund's International Health Policy Survey 2020.

Source: OECD Pilot Data collection on Patient-Reported Experience of Safety, 2020-2022.

... the way healthcare is delivered needs to change

Many ambulatory care sensitive conditions still treated in hospitals

Diabetes hospital admission in adults, 2011, 2019 and 2021 (or nearest year)

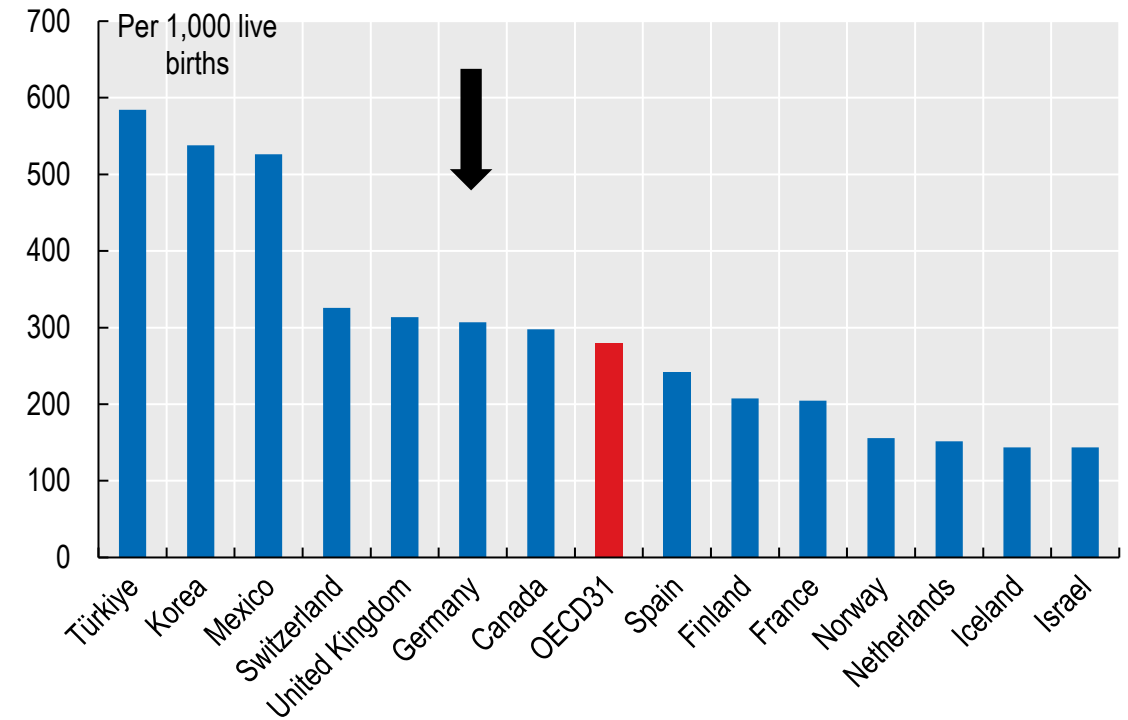


Note: 1. Latest data from 2020.

Source: OECD Health at a Glance 2023.

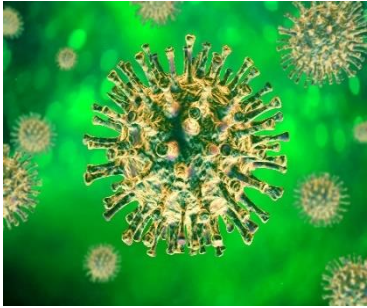
Rate of C-Sections remains elevated

Caesarean section per 1,000 live births, 2021 (or latest year)



Source: OECD Health Statistics 2023.

Digital health has the potential to transform health systems...



Antibiotics for superbugs

Virtually assess 000's of possibilities



Remote monitoring and telemedicine

Improves patient experience & lowers cost



Digital Emergency Rooms

Better throughput can save over \$1000 per patient

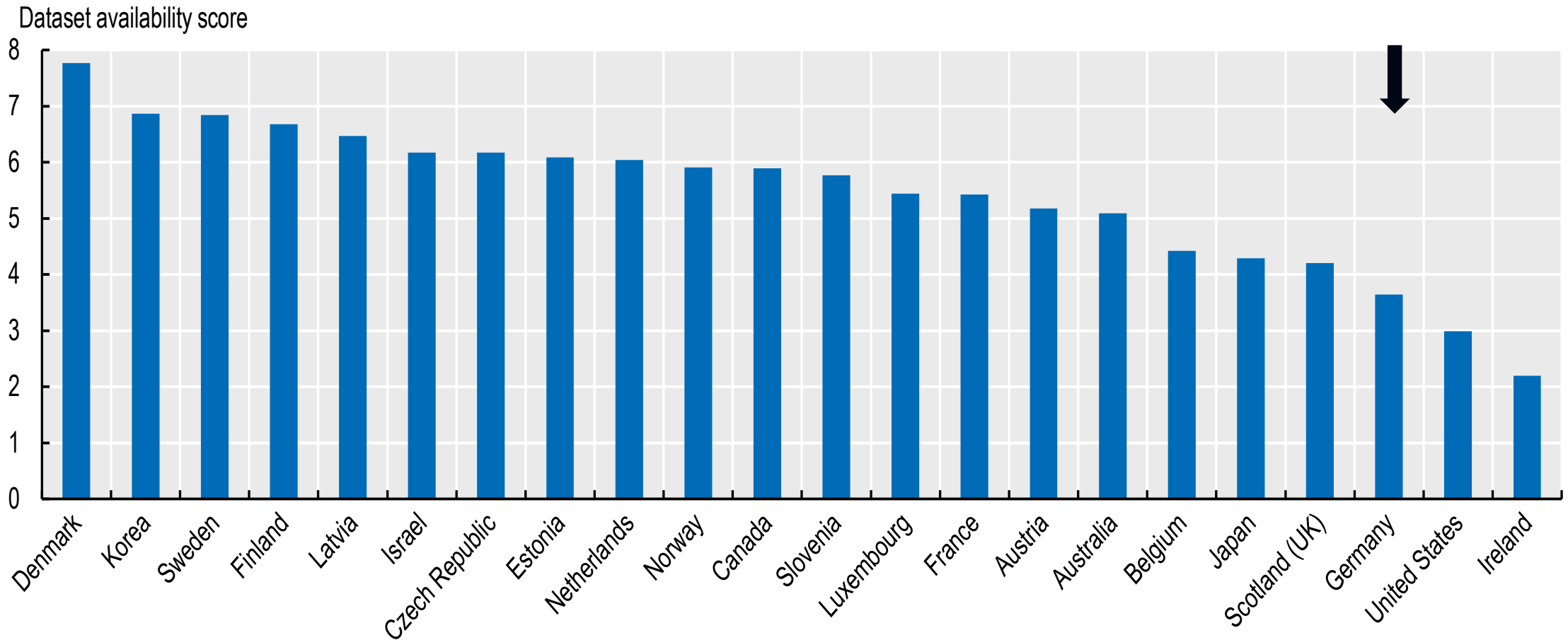


Improved public health

Tracking equitable vaccination uptake

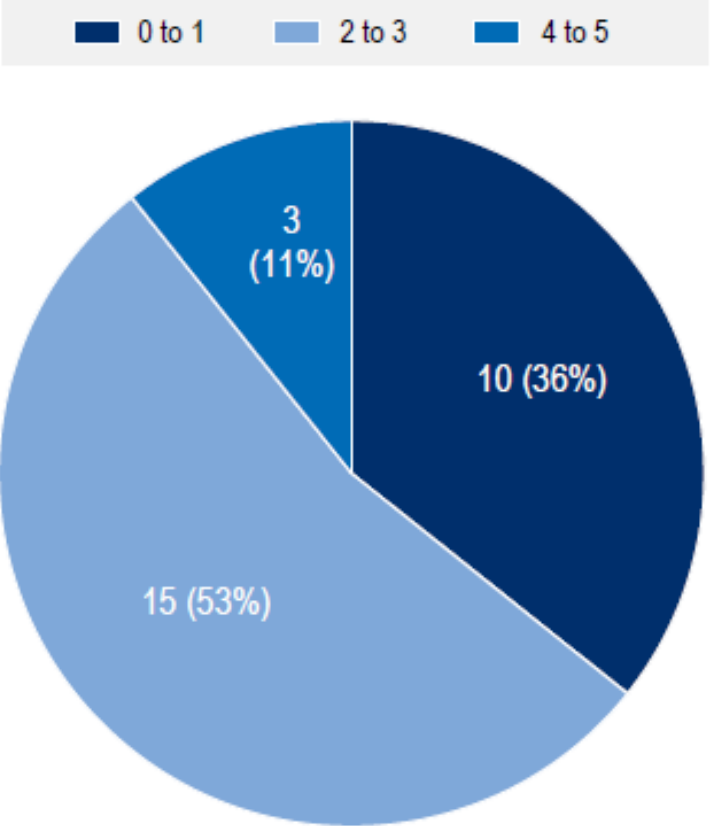
...but this potential frequently remains untapped

Ability to access and link datasets in healthcare



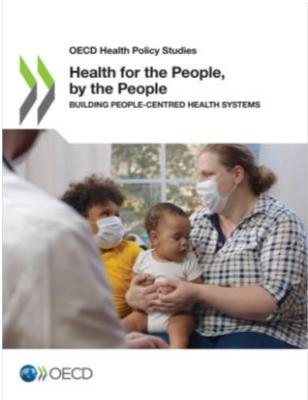
We are a long way from patients co-designing healthcare

Share of countries that institutionalise patient involvement in up to five key health policy decisions



Framework for people-centred health systems

- VOICE
- CHOICE
- CO-PRODUCTION
- INTEGRATION
- RESPECTFULNESS

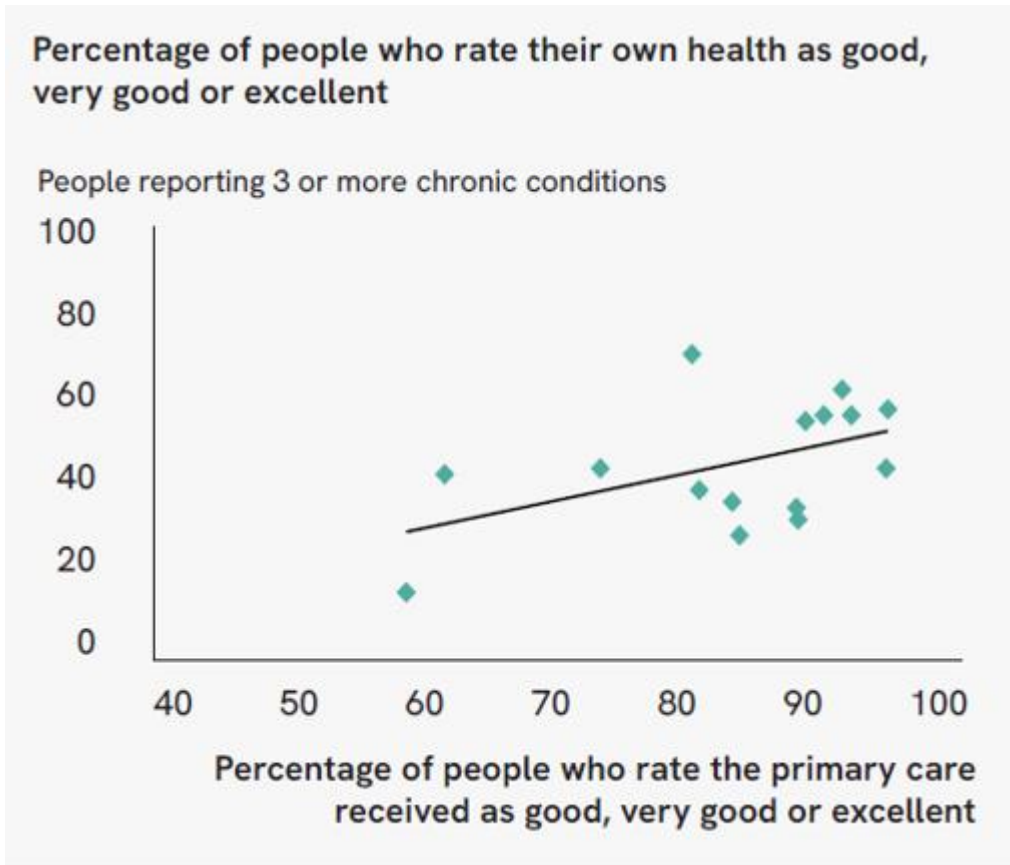


Source: Health for the people, by the people (2021).

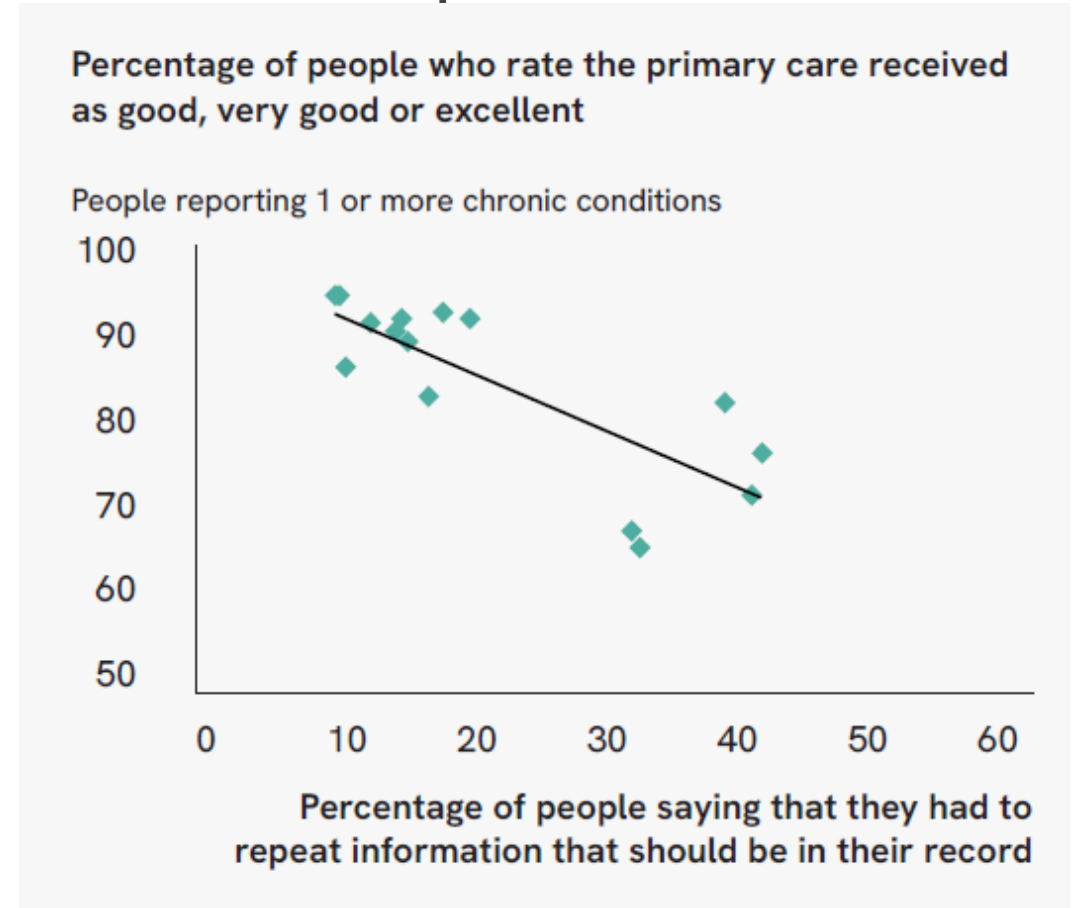


We need to measure what matters to patients...

In countries with better-rated primary care people with multiple chronic conditions rate their health as better



Effective exchange of health data improves the experience of care



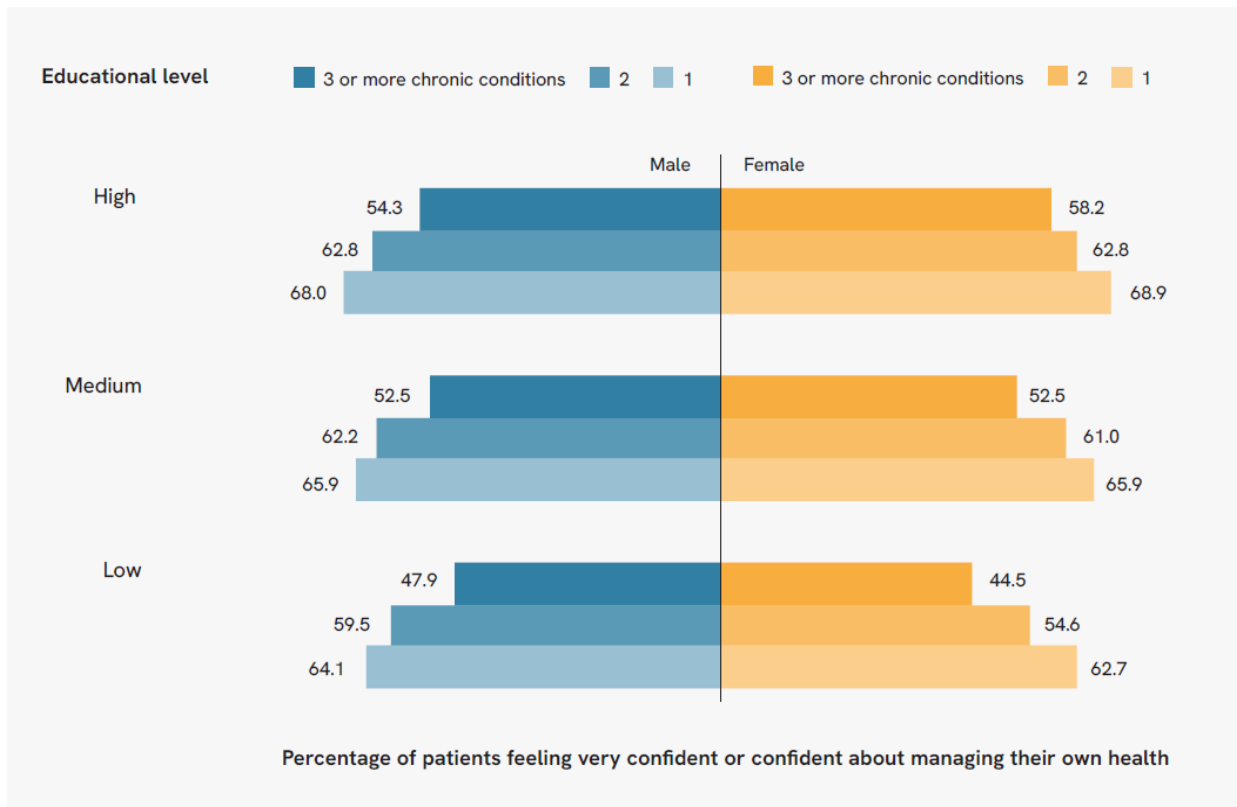
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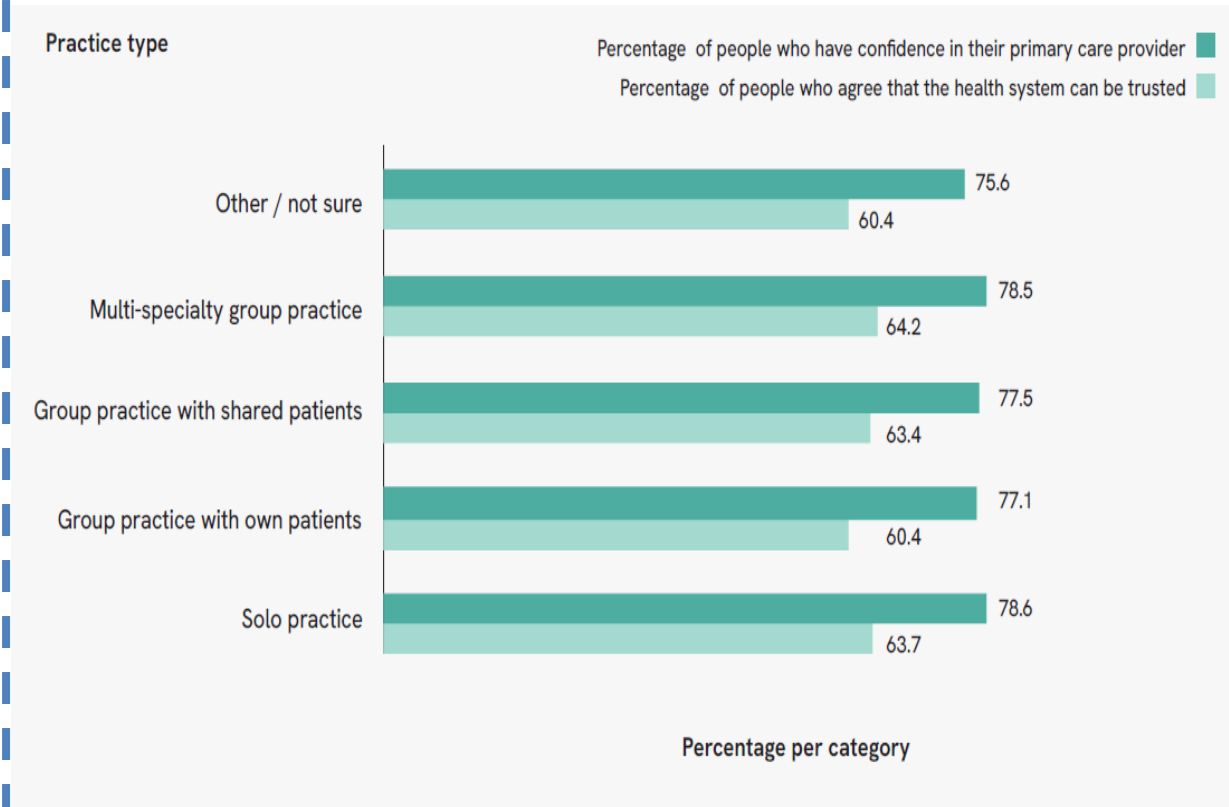


...and assess confidence in self-management and trust

People with a lower level of education have less confidence in managing their own health



Trust in primary care providers is high, regardless of the way primary care delivery is organised



Build more resilient health systems requires bold action

Better Policies for More Resilient Health Systems

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