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With U.S. health-care costs at \$2.4 trillion and rising, there is unprecedented urgency to the national debate about reforming the health-care system. Previous efforts to fix the country's current model have foundered on its complexity, but this time what's widely referred to as "the Dartmouth research" may make a difference. Here are perspectives first from a current leader of that research, and then from a slate of alumni—clinicians in various specialties from all across the country.

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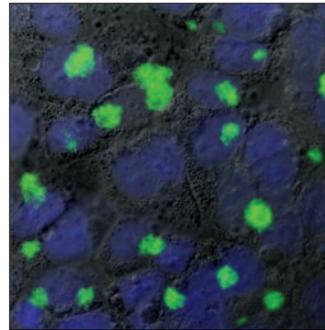
Aging well is often cast in physical terms—as an absence of disease or disability. But the psychological aspects of aging can be just as important, as two profiles reveal. That's a message that Dartmouth's one-year-old Centers for Health and Aging is helping to spread.

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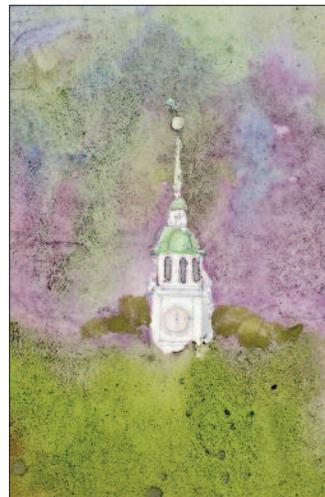
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Washington policymakers have for some time been beating a path to Dartmouth's door, in the hope that the health-care utilization research pioneered amid the green hills of New Hampshire can help to stanch the flow of red ink from the nation's health-care system. The related feature starts on page 28. The cover illustration is by Bert Dodson.