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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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By Jennifer Durgin

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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