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## Debate Answers: Overview

Eleven days ago, I posed this question to get your responses:

*Why do you think the focus of physicians is geared toward only treatment and rarely prevention?*

Your responses were overwhelming. In all the time I've asked readers to respond to an email, more of you took the time to answer this question than ever before. I love it, but I'm still not done reading them; I'll read them all and give you a summary in a special Monday message. It's a holiday, so I hope you'll have more time to read it.

What I can tell you is that you are passionate about healthcare. You've shared some personal experiences with physicians, both good and bad. Some physicians and nurses took their time to respond. What that gives me is hope that a solution is possible. While everyone talked individually, what is necessary is that every participant in the process—patients, physicians, nurses, insurance companies, pharmaceutical companies, nutritionists, exercise physiologists, other healthcare professionals, and more—need to talk to each other to decide how we can prevent what we can prevent and then quickly and decisively treat what we can't prevent. If we can do that, have that dialogue, I feel hope.

From Paula, Mom, Dad, and me, have a very Merry Christmas!

What are you prepared to do today?

***Dr. Chet***

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