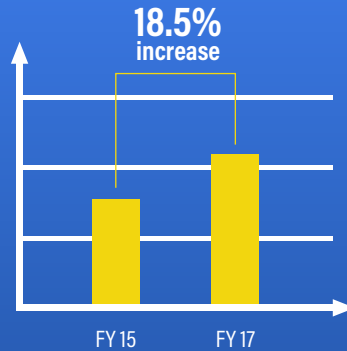


# AMERICA'S PRESCRIPTION DRUG SPENDING CRISIS



Drug spending is rising dramatically on top of historic growth.



Increases continued even after spending on drugs in the inpatient setting shot up **38.7%** from FY13-15 as a result of high prices.

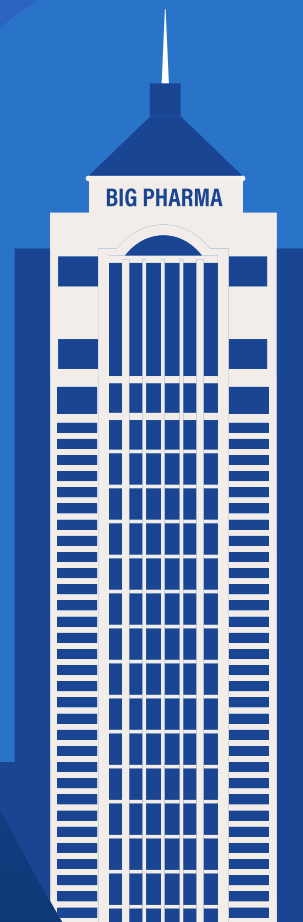
High drug prices create real challenges for hospitals and the patients they treat.

Some medications used to treat persons with heart attack and stroke shot up by **18.8 percent** from 2015 to 2017—increasing by over **\$650 per unit**.

Drug manufacturers took advantage of shortages of chemotherapy drugs used to treat cancer by hiking prices **over 30 percent**.



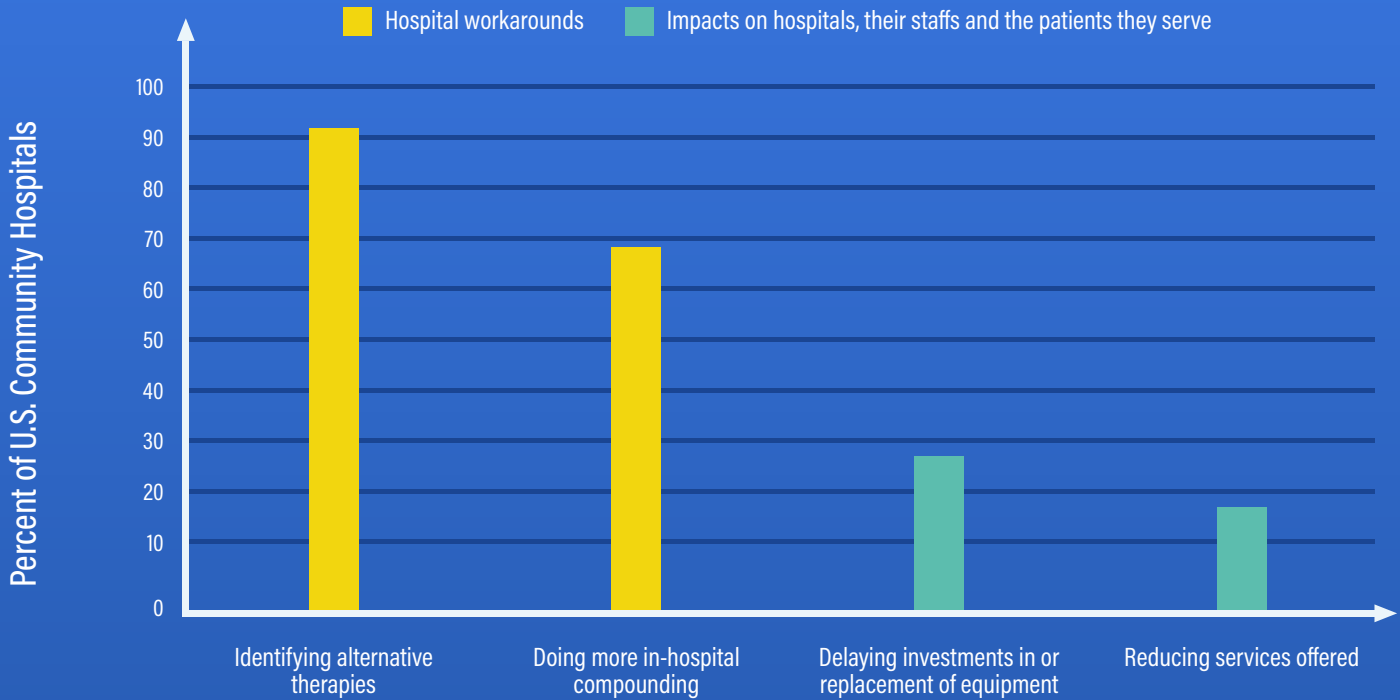
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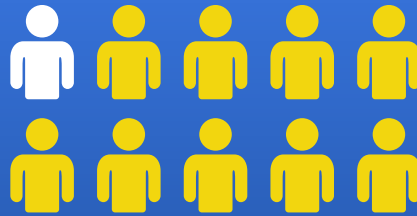
## Hospitals and patients take on the burden.

Rising drug costs have forced hospitals to find alternative ways to treat their patients and mitigate budget pressures by:



Continual and unjustified hikes in drug prices create **unsustainable** access challenges for patients and resource constraints for hospitals.

## Patients have spoken.\*



**92%** believe lowering drug prices is extremely important, making it the top health priority.

## CONGRESS: It's Time to Solve America's Prescription Drug Crisis.



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Source: Trends in Hospital Drug Spending: Issues and Challenges. NORC at the University of Chicago, 2019.

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