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Making Medical Spending Decisions: The Law, Ethics, and Economics of Rationing Mechanisms. By Mark A. Hall. New York: Oxford University Press, 1996. 312 pp. \$35.

Patients fail to get potentially beneficial tests, treatments, or subspecialist referrals for many reasons. Sometimes it happens because someone decides that the intervention in question isn't worth the money. Such not-worth-it decisions, which ration medical care explicitly, are the focus of Mark Hall's complex, interdisciplinary, and thought-provoking Making Medical

Spending Decisions--must reading for bioethicists who hunger for an institutionally situated discussion of rationing intermediate in abstraction between those that elaborate a grand theory of social justice and those filled with the drama of case-specific narratives.

Rationing decisions can be analyzed in at least two ways. A criterion-centered approach determines what best explains actual not-worth-it decisions and then, typically, offers a putatively better basis for rationing. By contrast, Hall focuses on institutional factors that empower decisionmakers to ration care. Hall focuses on the rationers partly because he thinks that the decisionmakers play a more basic role in rationing than the criteria they use and partly because he thinks that much desultory discussion about rationing criteria can be forestalled by determining who should be making the decisions. Hall takes for granted that already existing institutional arrangements limit feasible changes in the way rationing authority is distributed, so he eschews sweeping abstractions or dogmatic answers about proposed reforms. Instead, he undertakes "a micro-analysis of social institutions" in order to assess the relative strengths, weaknesses, and characteristics of alternative mechanisms for allocating health care resources. Hall's ethical recommendations build on existing arrangements, seek compromise, and tend toward the pragmatic rather than the ideological. His pragmatism leads to an inelegant answer to the question, "who should make medical spending decisions?" "[M]edical spending decisions should be made through a mix of market, democratic and professional mechanisms," he writes, "as they each are best fit for particular dimensions of the problem" (p. 10).

An initial concern one might have with the book is whether Hall's...

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Myriad definition is - ten thousand. How to use myriad in a sentence. Did You Know? Is myriad a noun? Myriad can also serve as an adjective meaning "innumerable" ("myriad particles"). While some usage commentators criticize the noun use, it's been firmly established in English since the 16th century, and in fact is about 200 years older than the adjective. All the Myriad Ways is a collection of 14 short science fiction stories and essays by American writer Larry Niven, originally published in 1971. "All the Myriad Ways". "Passerby". "For a Foggy Night". "Wait it Out". "The Jigsaw Man". "Not Long Before the End". "Unfinished Story #1". "Unfinished Story #2". "Man of Steel, Woman of Kleenex". "Exercise in Speculation: The Theory and Practice of Teleportation". "The Theory and Practice of Time Travel". "Inconstant Moon" (Made into All The Myriad Ways. Twilight hit the cutie map and rolled off to land on the ground with a thump. She had lost count of how many times it had happened now. Twilight is supposed to be making a split-second decision which she hasn't had time to properly evaluate though, rather than a perfectly rational decision. I admit I fully expected the "destroy the scroll" and "destroy everything" choices to be questioned, and not all choices are meant to be equal. The Starlight in the new timeline is as vulnerable to the butterfly effect as anyone else, and should have no reason to develop a time spell. "We are rational creatures, Professor Jove explained; hope is irrational. We thus set ourselves up for one dispiriting fall after the next. Anger and depression are not diseases or dysfunctions or anomalies; they are perfectly rational responses to the myriad avoidable disappointments that begin in a thoroughly irrational hope." — Shalom Auslander. Myriad Ways added an event. September 21, 2016 · SAT, SEP 24, 2016. Myriad Ways - Same same but different. 8 people interested. Myriad Ways. June 16, 2016 · We are playing a show at the Alliance Francais in Turner tomorrow night. Alliance Francais was the site of our first ever live show so we have returned to celebrate Fete De la musique and our anniversary. Come along for free entertainment from 7, crepes and drinks will be available. We are playing at 9. Best xoxo. Myriad Ways. May 22, 2016 · More tunes. www.triplejuneearthed.com. Feels like the end by Myriad Ways: triple j Unearthed Embe