

Peer Review

Review of: "Health Transformation Through Prevention Requires Progress Metrics for Value Creation"

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Thanks for the interesting article. I appreciate the call for transformation and agree with the author that prevention is required to progress metrics for value creation. In addition, I suggest that efforts are extended to the area of 'health promotion' to move beyond healthcare and prevention to focus on how we can use innovation in the health eco-system to keep people and populations healthy rather than focusing primarily on the treatment and prevention of diseases. Medical staff is important, but health is shaped by many more actors, and it would be interesting to explore how they can be involved in the wider eco-system to make a radical change. Regarding value creation, alternative forms of economic thinking are being suggested by the WHO and OECD, such as the implementation of a well-being economy – an approach that takes into account the development of the health of people and the planet in a sustainable manner. Innovations are needed at a large scale to support this kind of transformation. The fix and repair model that is dominating healthcare systems today is important but not sufficient. As the author is alluding to, it is time to try something new – so let us start by expanding the notion of health and include 'health promotion' and 'societal well-being' in addition to healthcare and prevention, and hereby change the perspective to generate new types of solutions to increase health.

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