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The world has changed rapidly to Uncertain Times while national health and medical systems remain a major national social capital. Four issues are major factors in health systems reform of many developed nations. They are 1) Ageing, 2) Chronic diseases as major disease burden, 3) widening income disparity, 3) little spendable public money. Yes, techcological advances in clinical settings and telcommunication are critical enablers. Nonetheless, policy development and deployment require ligned with each national legacy values by the wide public. With various societal factors, one policy may not fit all and community and personal incentives may be needed. Here we discuss the major issues on health issues of our time.