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Should Government Set “Standards of Care”?

Government set Covid standards of care and people died. Are standards of care a good idea? In the 1980s, Dr. Barry Marshall, suspected stomach ulcers were caused by bacteria, not stress. He thought antibiotics could cure ulcers, but gastroenterologists refused to try them, so patients kept suffering, having their stomachs removed, getting stomach cancer, and dying from bleeding ulcers.

So, he stirred the suspect bacteria into a broth, and drank it. After he got very sick and then cured himself, he knew the antibiotics worked. By 1985, he was curing almost everyone, but it took 10 years before other doctors used it as a standard of care. Meanwhile people died. In 2005, he got a Nobel prize. Standards of care should never stop life-saving innovation.

“The Doctor Who Drank Infectious Broth, Gave Himself an Ulcer, and Solved a Medical Mystery,” Pamela Weintraub, Discover Magazine, April 8, 2010: <http://bit.ly/3lhCwI0>

“Outpatient Treatment Overview,” CDC, Updated February 10, 2023: <http://bit.ly/3SfXLsa>

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