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How Socialized Medicine Hurts in Finland

A Finnish woman who’s lived in America for a while prefers America’s system. She told me she likes having her own doctor and said “Americans have no idea what socialized medicine is like.” I asked her to tell me more.

She told me about an upper endoscopy, where a scope was passed through her mouth, into her stomach. In America, people receive mild sedation. In Finland, they see sedation as an unnecessary expense. So they sent two nurses who she said weighed at least 200 pounds each to lay on her and hold her down during the procedure.

Then she told me about her mother who was anesthetized and waiting for surgery, but the hospital prioritized someone else. She woke up to find out that her surgery never happened. Share these stories. Tell the truth about socialized medicine.