British Hospital Cuts Cancer Care

A top hospital in England is delaying chemotherapy for cancer patients. And those with terminal illness may get fewer treatments. The hospital has a shortage of specialist nurses, so administrators described the cuts in a memo to staff. The cancer unit has a 40 percent shortage of nurses skilled in chemotherapy.

England’s national health care system has tens of thousands of vacancies and there are no prospects for improvement in the next two years. Experts blame the shortages on central planning, as they should. Universal coverage is not care, and in the U.S. fight over socialized medicine, Americans should remember that no one has to become a doctor or a nurse.