Soviet Medicine

Meet Yuri Maltsev, a professor at Carthage College in Wisconsin who grew up in the Soviet Union. He has stories of socialized medicine. For instance, there was the devoted socialist who refused to pay a bribe and died trying to reach the bathroom after brain surgery. There were the nurses who would not sterilize reusable needles and syringes between patients. There was a 14 year old girl who died of inflamed kidneys because the hospital ran out of x-ray film and misdiagnosed her. Many hospitals were filthy, rat and roach infested and without soap. The doctors made 1/3 the wages of a bus driver. But hey, they had universal coverage.