

How does the system of health care provision in the U.S. support goals of public health?  
Provide an example.

The health care system services are a very complex system of private and public services. The public agencies are designed to identify public health threats and solve community health issues. Data has to be collected and analyzed through statistics, surveys and surveillance. Public health agencies are responsible for providing access to health care to all members of the community through collaboration and partnering with communities and private businesses. The prevention of disease for public health services includes screenings, rehabs, and support programs. The provision of care is done through effective leadership, policy development, strategic planning at local, state, and federal levels. Law enforcement and regulations are also part of the provision of care for food, water, drugs and occupational hazards. One example of a regulatory agency supporting the goals of public health is the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

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Response 2

“Resistance to antimicrobial organisms affects both public and community health. An organism’s resistance to antimicrobials is a consequence of exposure to antimicrobials. An association between heavy use of antimicrobials and drug resistance because of irrational use in health and veterinary services has been established through research studies. Resistance in organisms is costly in terms of money, livelihood, earnings, lost lives, and threatens the effectiveness of health delivery. The World Health Organization objectives advocate for national alliance for prevention and control of resistance. Surveillance systems that identifies the resistance, and supports the use of antimicrobial agents at all levels of healthcare and veterinary services is also supported by the organization” (World Health Organization, 2010 – 2015).

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