

# **The silent killer: corruption in healthcare**

## **Report on the EU study**

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# Corruption in healthcare



Don't ask.....

Don't tell.....

# Study on corruption in the European Healthcare Sector

European Commission, DG HOME



Study 1. October 2013

Study 2. Update, 2016

108 interviews

86 corruption cases

Bribery in medical service delivery	17
Medical devices	24
Pharmaceuticals	23
Sale of public medicines for private gain	6
Sale of unauthorised or counterfeit medicines	4
Revolving doors corruption	3
Unclassified cases	9
<i>Total number of cases</i>	<i>86</i>

## Six corruption-in-health typologies

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Bribery in medical service delivery | doctor - patient          |
| 2. Procurement corruption              | industry - medical sector |
| 3. Improper marketing relations        | industry - doctors        |
| 4. Abuse of (high) level positions     | all stakeholders          |
| 5. Undue reimbursement claims          | doctors - payers          |
| 6. Fraud and embezzlement              | doctors                   |



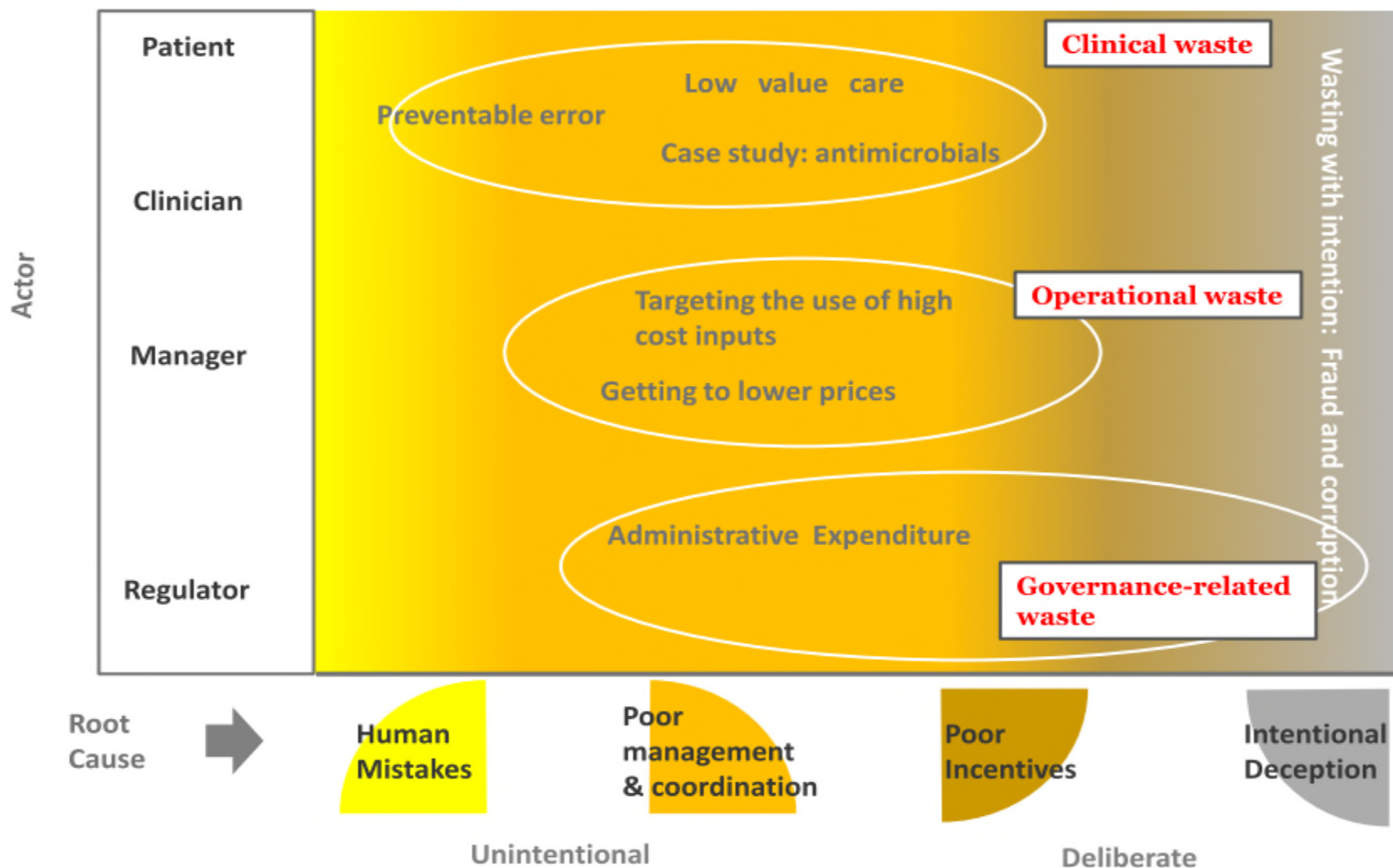
# Healthcare “Waste” defined

*healthcare spending that can be  
eliminated without reducing the  
quality of care*

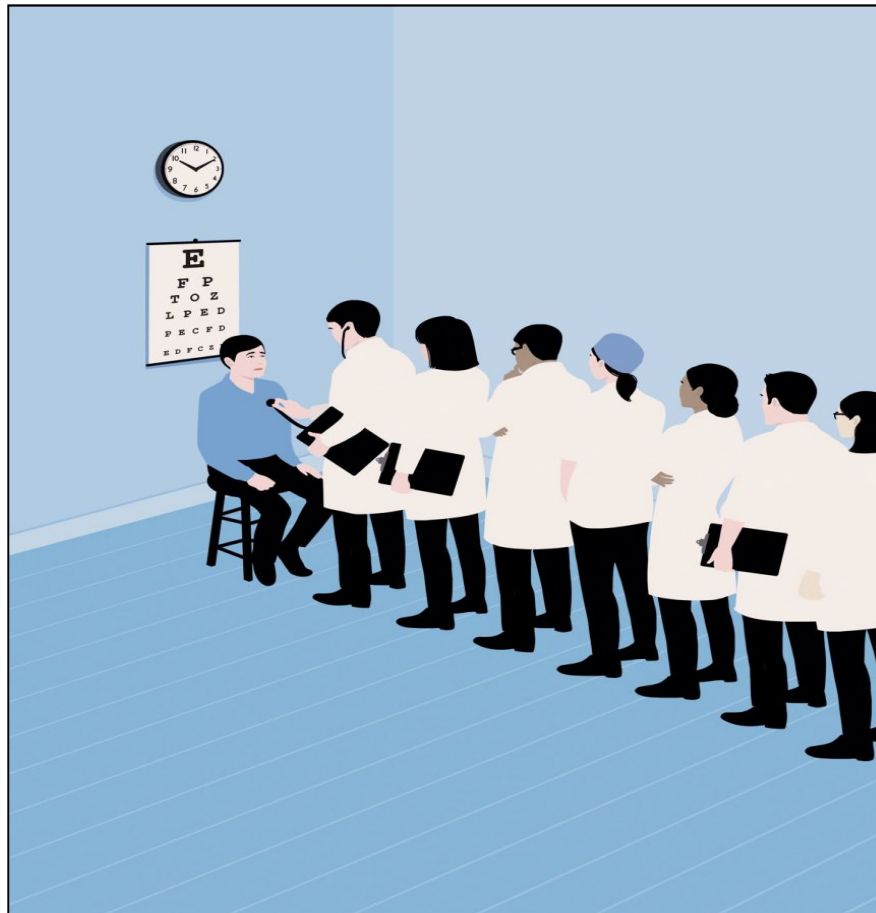
The New England Health Institute (NEHI)



# Waste and intentional deception



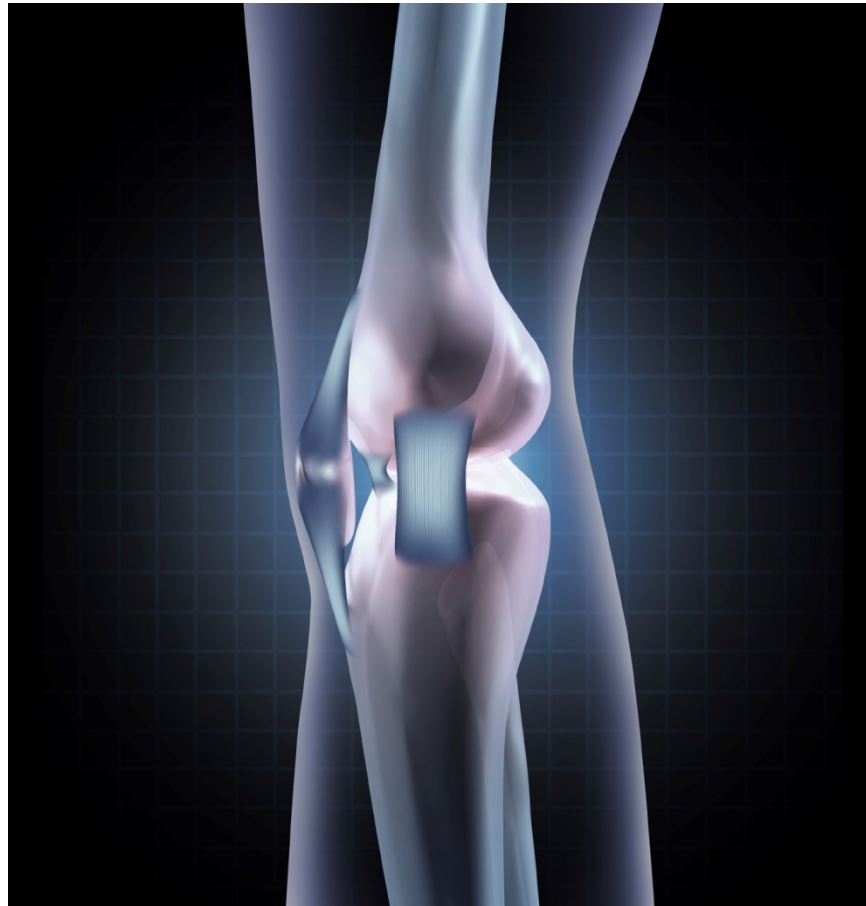
## The challenge: how to reduce inappropriate and low value care ?



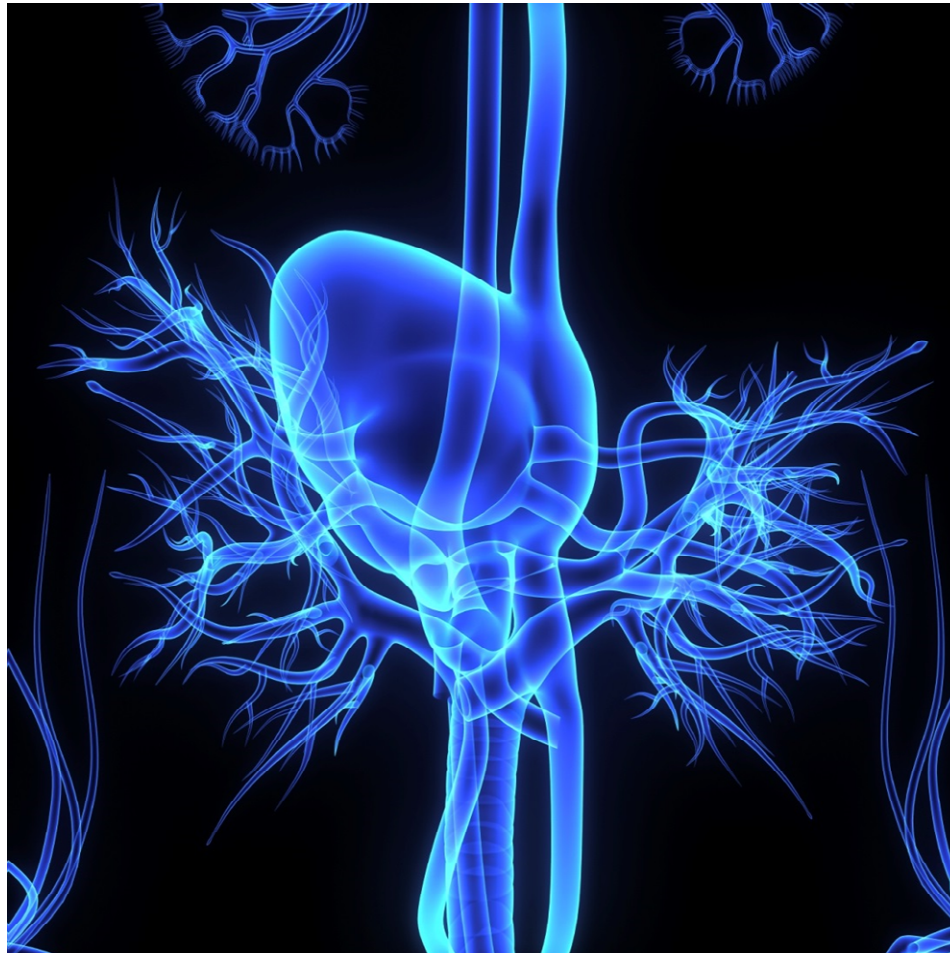
# Integrity violations defined

- Fraud : *illegally obtaining a benefit of any nature by intentionally breaking a rule*
- Abuse : *unjustly obtaining a benefit of any nature by knowingly stretching a rule or a guideline or by taking advantage of an absence of rule or guideline*
- Corruption : *illegally obtaining a benefit of any nature by abuse of power with third party involvement*

# Belgium : a case of orthopedics and corruption



# Spain : a case of cardiology and corruption





# Key inhibiting factor for success in preventing and sanctioning corruption



# Accountability and integrity management





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