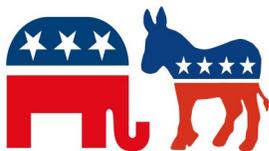


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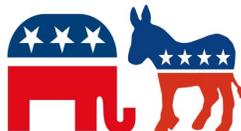
## Improving Cost and Quality By Using New Approach to Common Blood Tests



Healthcare is changing, and we can all sense it and feel it. It is not only the elephant sitting in the room, but the one that is perched on the roof of the hospital. As providers, we know it is there. The roof bows in, but we often choose not to look.

However, change is pervasive. It is unavoidable. Those who ignore to see that elephant just above them will not survive in the current healthcare environment.

## Party Conventions Offer Competing Visions of Health Care



The political conventions are over, the tickets are selected, and the country and candidates are moving towards the November election. The last two weeks saw back-to-back presentations of the major parties' views on a variety of policy issues. While the presidential nominees didn't devote a lot of time to health care, there were some interesting developments in the party platforms this year.

## Three CT Hospitals Get Greenlight To Go For-Profit



Connecticut now has three more for-profit hospitals, joining [Sharon Hospital](#), for a total of four for-profit hospitals in the state.

**Waterbury, Rockville, Manchester Hospitals now for-profit**

## Anthem Proposed Insurance Rate Increase Hearing (8.3.16)



Consumers, stakeholders and elected officials weigh in on Anthem's recent request to increase insurance rates.

**Americans use the doctor less than people in other countries. We still pay more for health care.**

-Vox article:  
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