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Changing Patterns of Disease
   Approaching a square-shaped mortality curve?
   Longevity, but with chronic illness? Or with mental illness?
   Reversal of the demographic transition?
   Challenge of increasing obesity, diabetes, heart disease, etc.
   Challenge of resurgent infectious disease: HIV, SARS, Bird Flu

Will Medicine Be Able To Preserve Health
   Failure to deploy HAART on a global scale
   Few good options for Bird Flu
   The Red Queen Effect: Is medicine well suited for our burden of disease?
   Disease, behavior, and individualism: tobacco-related mortality
   Preventable mortality: why have we failed?

What Role for the Medical Profession?
   High, but eroding, prestige
   How will costs be contained?
   How best to improve international health?
   What obligation do we have to ensure the health of others?