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twenty-first century, where problems of specialization merge into the larger crisis of health care which affects most western nations today.

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