

# Lecture Outline: State Medicine

## Introduction:

- British North America Act (1867)
- policy formation & implementation

## 2. Building Blocks for Canada:

- post-World War Two
- legislative initiatives – provincial & federal

## 3. Historical Models:

- Poor Law
- Citizenship/Maternal Feminism
- Professional Health & Welfare State

## 4. International Context:

- Britain - Switzerland - France - Sweden - United States

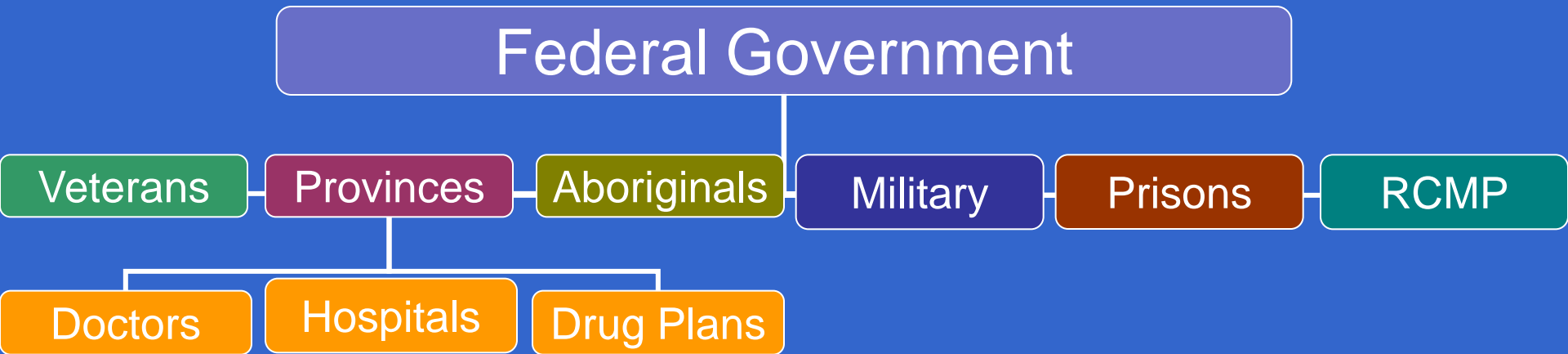
## 5. Dilemmas in State Medicine:

- cost
- politics
- scope

- [sicko canadian waiting room - Google Video](#)
- <http://video.google.ca/videosearch?q=sicko+canadian+waiting+room&hl=en&emb=0&aq=-1&oq=#>

# British North America Act - 1867

- Act to establish Canada
- Provinces responsibility
- Limited role for federal government

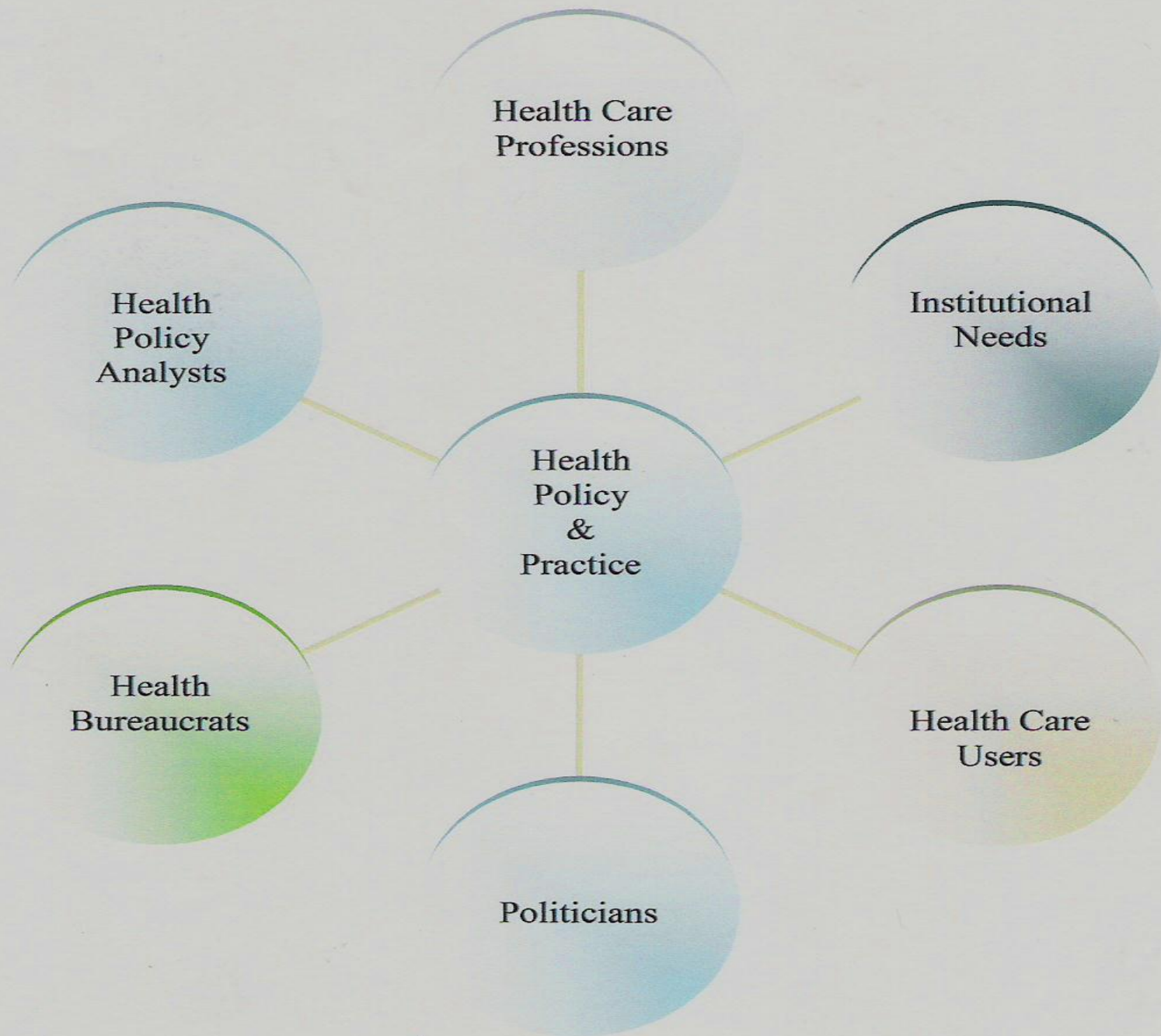


# Structure of Canadian Health Care System

# Healing Journey Program

How policy gets created

idea + funding + staff +  
space + program =  
**POLICY**





# Post-World II War Legislation

**1945** - Federal-Provincial  
Conference on Reconstruction

**1947** - Saskatchewan Hospital  
Insurance Plan

**1948** - National Health Program

**1943** – Marsh Report

**1957** - Hospital Insurance &  
Diagnostic Services Act

**1959** - Medicare in Saskatchewan

**1964** - Royal Commission on  
Health Services

**1966** - Federal Medical Care Act

**Tommy Douglas**



# **1966 - Federal Medical Care Act - 5 key principles**

- 1. Universality of eligibility**
- 2. Comprehensive coverage**
- 3. Portable between provinces**
- 4. Prepaid by taxes**
- 5. Non-profit and publicly administered**

# Poor Law State

- mixed economy of health provision: philanthropy, poor law & free enterprise
- paternalism & the local
- the 'worthy poor' & 'less eligibility'

# Citizens' Health State

- **middle class rights-based society**
- **maternal feminism & health provision**
- **health care as a national investment**

# Professional Welfare State

- 'experts'
- Leonard Marsh,  
Harry Cassidy,  
George  
Davidson
- health care &  
good citizens

# International Context:

- **Britain** - 1913 National Insurance Act– 1948 National Health Service (NHS)
- **Switzerland** - 1911 Sickness & Accident Legislation
- **France** – 1918 1st compulsory health system, expanded post-1945
- **Sweden** – 1891, 1910, 1931 sickness fund laws + government hospitals – 1946/47 full health insurance
- **United States** – national health insurance proposals of Progressive Era (1909-1920) & Truman Era not implemented

# The Cost of Health Care

- Graph needed showing raising costs of health care
- **Canadian health services:**
  - 1965 - \$3.3 billion**
  - 1985 - \$40 billion**
- **problem = hospitals**

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# The Scope of Health Care?

- 1974 Lalonde Report
- evidence-based medicine
- determinants of health
- health concept field