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Justice between generations: Who decides?

Healthcare in the early 21st century in Europe is facing two major issues: one being an overageing population, the other being exploding costs.

The first results in a rising figure of recipients and simultaneously decreasing number of contributors to the social and medical budgets. The latter is caused by a multitude of factors and influenced by an ever expanding healthcare industry.

From my perspective, I can report that on a microlevel within the hospital, we are confronted with this mismatch of supply and demand on a daily basis. On the macro level, problems seem similar and comparable yet far more severe.

So Europe as well as the rest of the developed world on this planet is facing a serious budget problem, which has to be addressed rather sooner than later.