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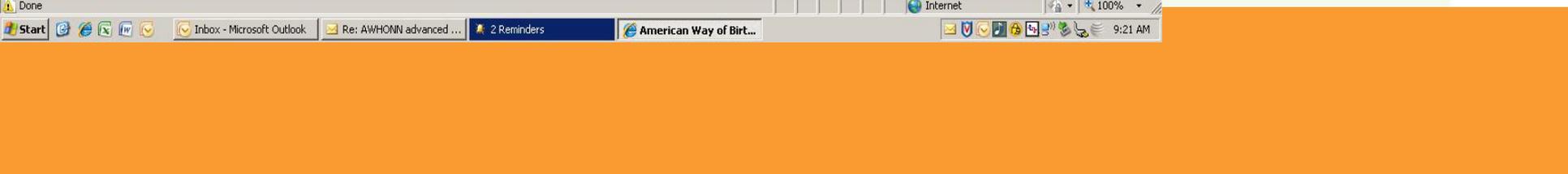
# American Way of Birth, Costliest in the World



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# American way of birth, costliest in the world

- Average total price for a vaginal delivery is about \$30K and for a C-section \$50K
- Women with insurance pay out of pocket about \$3,400
- Switzerland, Netherlands and France tops out at \$4,000 with the family paying little or none
- New mothers usually remain in the hospital for nearly a week to heal and learn to breast feed in those countries



# Social Determinants

- Evolving obesity epidemic
- Smoking
- Delayed childbearing
- Increased Reproductive technologies
- Hypertension and diabetes
- Ethnicity

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# History

- Charlene Lugar: Mom-mobile, MOD,
- Susan Bayh and Charlene Lugar:  
led campaign to fight premature birth
- Co-chaired Indiana symposium on  
Child Care financing
- Endowed fund for fighting birth defects  
and infant deaths

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# History

- In 2008, the March of Dimes gave Indiana an “F” for prematurity rates.
- In 2009, the MCH needs assessment showed:
  - Inductions and Primary Cesareans < 39 weeks were partly responsible;
  - High risk mothers and VLBW infants were being delivered in Level I and II hospitals – not in appropriate Level III hospitals;
  - Rapid rise in Level III NICUs raised concern that reported levels of OB and NICU services were not accurate.
- In October 2009 MCH, the March of Dimes and the Indiana Perinatal Network developed the Indiana Prematurity Initiative to address late preterm births and elective inductions and cesareans prior to 39 weeks without a medical cause.

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# Importance of neonatal levels of care



- Provision of standardized nomenclature
- Use of uniform definitions of levels of care
- Development of consistent standards of service

# Vision of IPQIC

- All perinatal care providers and all hospitals have an important role to play in assuring all babies born in Indiana have the best start in life.
- All babies in Indiana will be born when the time is right for both the mother and the baby.
- Through a collaborative effort, all women of childbearing age will receive risk appropriate health care before, during and after pregnancy.



# Guiding Principles

- Achieve the best outcomes for mothers and babies
- Comply but not exceed AAP and ACOG National Standards
- All standards must be grounded in solid evidence
- Produce a visionary document



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If we all  
jumped up &  
down at the  
same time.

I said, I'll  
bet we  
could  
move the  
world.

She nodded.

I'd throw in  
five bucks toward  
it, she said, just  
to see the old man  
get his butt off the couch.



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