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Book Synopsis

Would you support a reform that would make prescription drugs better, available sooner, at lower cost?

If you answer yes to this question, then you should support Free To Choose Medicine. Free To Choose Medicine, or FTCM for short, would be implemented through federal legislation authorizing four things:

1. Creation of a Free To Choose track, outside the control of the FDA, for patients and their doctors who want early access to promising new drugs;
2. Creation of a Tradeoff Evaluation Drug Database (TEDD) that would make real-time data about the treatment results and side effects of early-access drugs available to the public on the Internet;
3. Creation of a new type of FDA new drug approval based on observational data, rather than randomized controlled trials, utilizing assessments of safety and effectiveness from drug use by patients on the Free To Choose track; and
4. Legal liability reform, so patients are legally able to take responsibility for choosing a drug that might pose risks to their health and drug companies are not held liable for side effects that aren't due to incompetence or neglect.

Why is FTCM needed?

- People are suffering and dying because they are denied timely access to new drugs stuck in the FDA new drug approval pipeline. There is an enormous invisible graveyard of patients who were denied access to drugs that could have saved their lives.
- The purpose of the drugs-to-patients system should be to deliver better drugs, sooner, at lower cost, not to chase after the impossible goal of zero risk.
- The FDA is unnecessarily delaying the approval of new drugs by many years as well as stifling innovation. It refuses to change.

- The essential ingredients of reform are increasing patient and doctor choices, reducing regulatory costs and delays, increasing innovation, increasing competition and consumer choice, and reducing drug prices.

This third edition of Bartley J. Madden's book *Free To Choose Medicine* describes how we can achieve this defining moment for America—a directional change from today's trend of increasing litigation and regulation as well as a stake in the ground anchoring the undeniable truth that control of medical decisions belongs, first and foremost, with individual patients and doctors, not the government.

