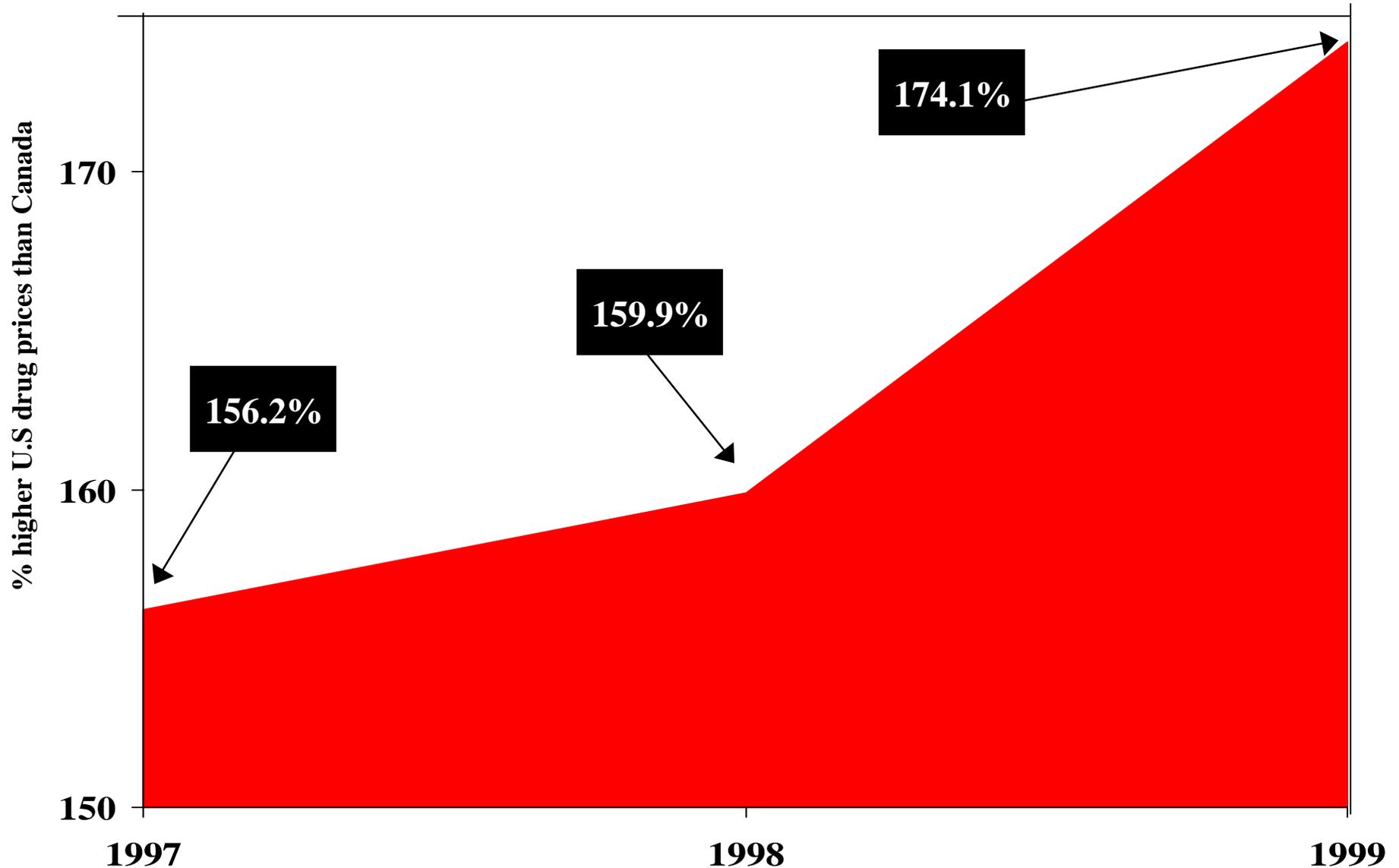


The Widening Price Gap

New Data released today shows the disparity between Canadian and U.S. prescription drug prices are growing at an exponential rate

Source: 1999 PMPRB Annual Report





Pennies on the Dollar...

The average drug that costs \$1 in the U.S. costs less in other countries



United States

\$1.00



Switzerland

\$0.65



United Kingdom

\$0.64



Germany

\$0.60



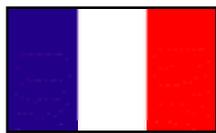
Sweden

\$0.60



Canada

\$0.57



France

\$0.51

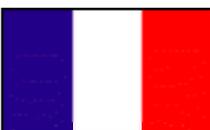


Italy

\$0.49

Drug Prices vs. Health Care

New World Health Organization study shows lower drug prices do not mean worse overall health care; America pays highest prices for drugs but health system lags behind others

		<u>Relative Drug Price</u>	<u>World Health Rank</u>
	Switzerland	\$0.65	2
	Sweden	\$0.60	4
	France	\$0.51	6
	Canada	\$0.57	7
	U.K.	\$0.64	9
	Italy	\$0.49	11
	Germany	\$0.60	14
	U.S.	\$1.00	15

Source: 1999 PMPRB Annual Report/WHO Annual Report