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Even if after several years of contraction, the Italian economy returned to growth at the end of 2015, we are still facing prolonged austerity measures at the expense of public servants in the public sector. People is not taking care anymore of their health condition because of economic constraints. In fact, the 2015 Osservatoriosalute Report (that represents the largest database focused on Italian people healthcare & provided Services) has shown that, in our country, life expectancy at birth is now 80.1 years old for males and 84.7 years old for females with respect to previous 80.3 years old for males and 85.0 years old for females, respectively, in 2014. This had never happened before after World War 2. It is probably due to many reasons, including progressive deterioration of the National Public Health System with reduction of provided services, lack of screening programs and people poorness: all these components even increased after an additional lessening of the healthcare System was established by law 125/2015 (officially devoted to reduce inappropriate prescription & over prescription of medical tests). Moving on to the revision of the Medical Malpractice Law, in order to decriminalize medical negligence, it is still on its way. At the moment, in our country, current legal provisions call for a very long time for the interruption of the prescription period (10 years), burden of proof lies on the physician, doctors can be held criminally liable for their actions, and reimbursement are very expensive.

Last, but not least, Italian Trade Unions are pushing a large restyling of medical doctor's education, launching a large training experience to be performed in academic as well as in non-academic hospitals: a vigorous debate is still open.

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