**Theres Gold In Them Thar Pills: An Inquiry Into The Medical-industrial Complex**

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**Medical-industrial complex**

The medical-industrial complex is a term used to describe the close interconnection between the medical and pharmaceutical industries. It refers to the powerful influence these industries have on healthcare practices, drug regulations, and healthcare policy. The complex includes the activities of pharmaceutical companies, medical research, and healthcare providers, and is often associated with the commercialization of medicine and healthcare. The medical-industrial complex is a product of the convergence of medical science, industrial production, and capital investment, and is characterized by the interdependence of medical research and development, marketing, and the provision of healthcare services. The economic and social power of this complex has been a subject of critique, as it is seen to influence medical decision-making, drug pricing, and access to healthcare. The term was popularized by Allan Klass in his book *Theres Gold in Them Thar Pills: An Enquiry into the Medical-industrial Complex* (1975), which explored the impact of the medical-industrial complex on healthcare practices in the United States. Other works that have contributed to the analysis of the medical-industrial complex include *The Pharmaceutical Studies Reader* and *Drug topics red book*. The medical-industrial complex has been the subject of ongoing debate and scrutiny, as it continues to influence healthcare practices and access to medical treatments around the world.