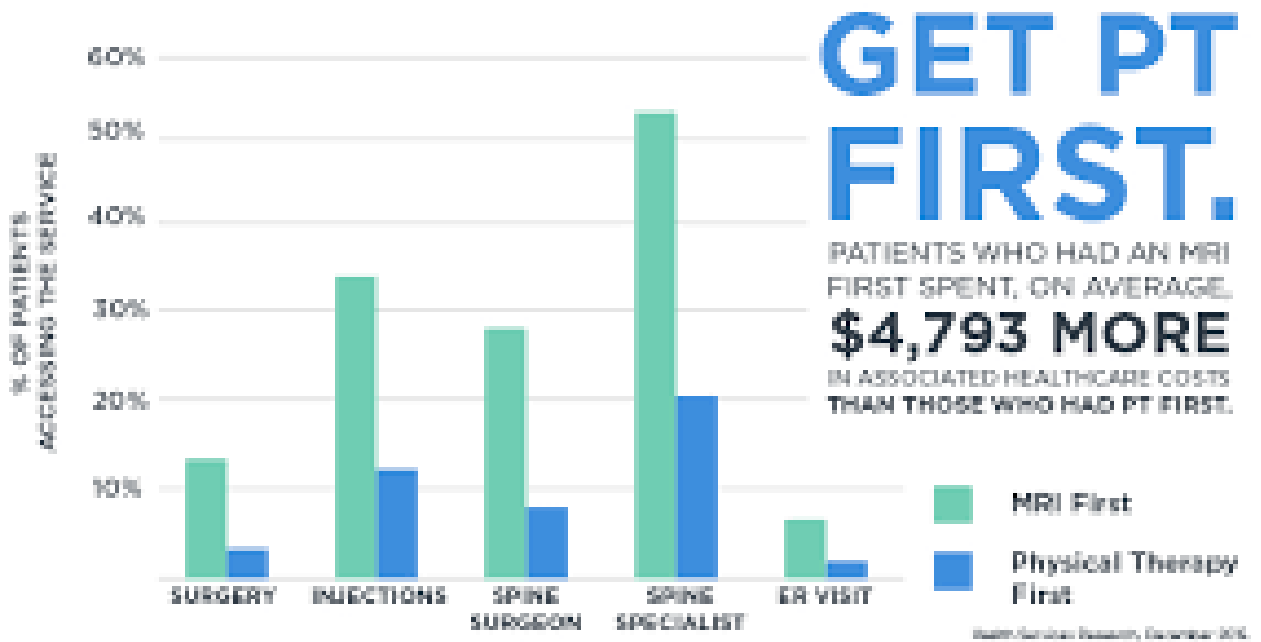


# Physical Therapy: Impact on Healthcare

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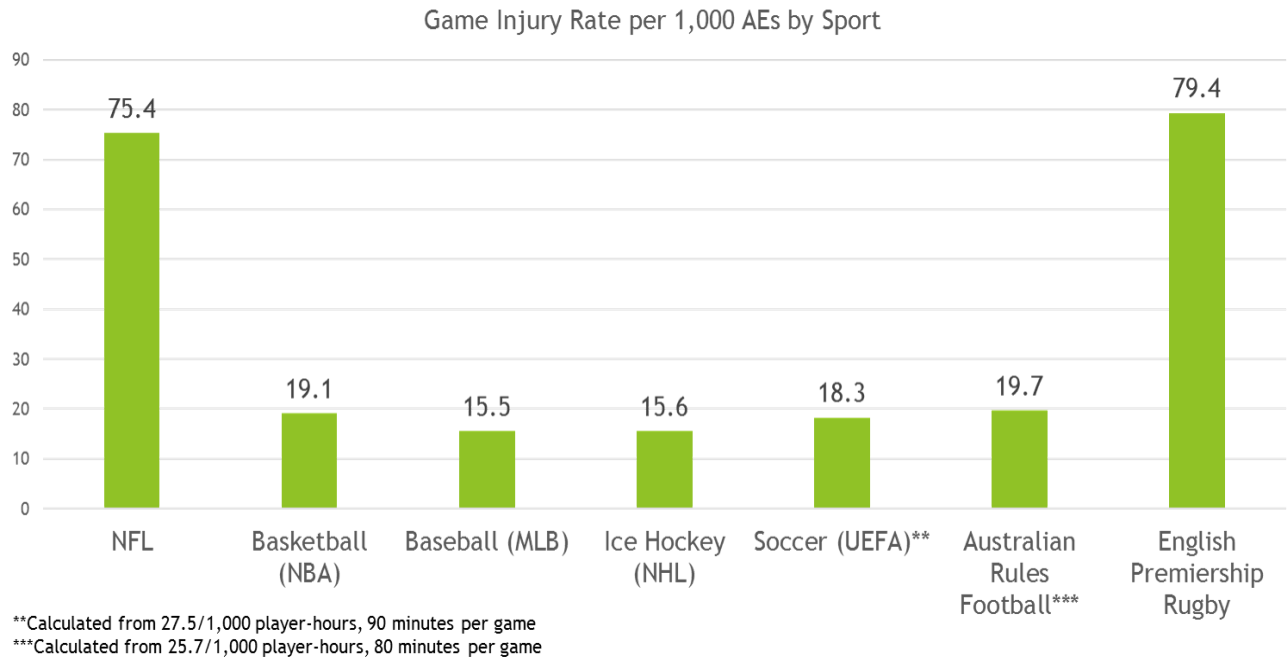


When it comes to amount of healthcare costs throughout the United States, those who receive physical therapy first were more likely to save money through healthcare than those who received MRI treatment. It has been said that an estimated 72% of people who see a physical therapist first, end up paying less for their healthcare costs down the road.



## **Abstract:** Physical Therapy in Healthcare

When it comes to my specific research topic of why Physical Therapy can help lower the cost of healthcare, I find many different attributes that help patients. Simply put, a physical therapy clinic is not a theft of money unlike other rehab institutes such as MRI facilities and spinal centers. Along with this, physical therapists can ultimately help to restore health back to individuals and keep the away from other various treatment and surgery which ultimately saves patients time and money. In addition to this, my subtopic ties directly back to the main research question of the semester, that being how healthcare costs can be lowered for residents in Arkansas. By finding ways in which physical therapy can help patients save more through healthcare, it creates a direct connection between my research question and the question that this project revolves around. As for my arguable claim, the idea of this particle infographic is to persuade and inform the audience of ways in which healthcare is impacted by physical therapy and the large role it plays. This is meant to attract those who disagree and switch their mentality around to show what really happens behind the scenes.



With the rising number of injuries each year though sports it is important for physical therapists to be there. By having access to one, it gives many more solutions other than surgeries and treatment that may be more expensive than therapy. Surgery costs can range anywhere between \$2,000 to upwards of \$8,000 depending on the severity. Thankfully therapists are there to help save you from these expenses. If you think about it in a different light, therapists save you money before you even spend it even though you may not realize it. While yes, therapy will cost some money, it is very small in comparison to the costs of surgery and medical bills.

3,120 patients per  
year/ per therapist

With a normal therapist seeing 8-12 people per day during a five-day work week, the total amount of patients helped is astonishing with around 200,000 therapists, I am sure you can see the impact these workers have on the community and how money is spent through the healthcare system. Without therapists we would have one less way to save time, money, and our health.

