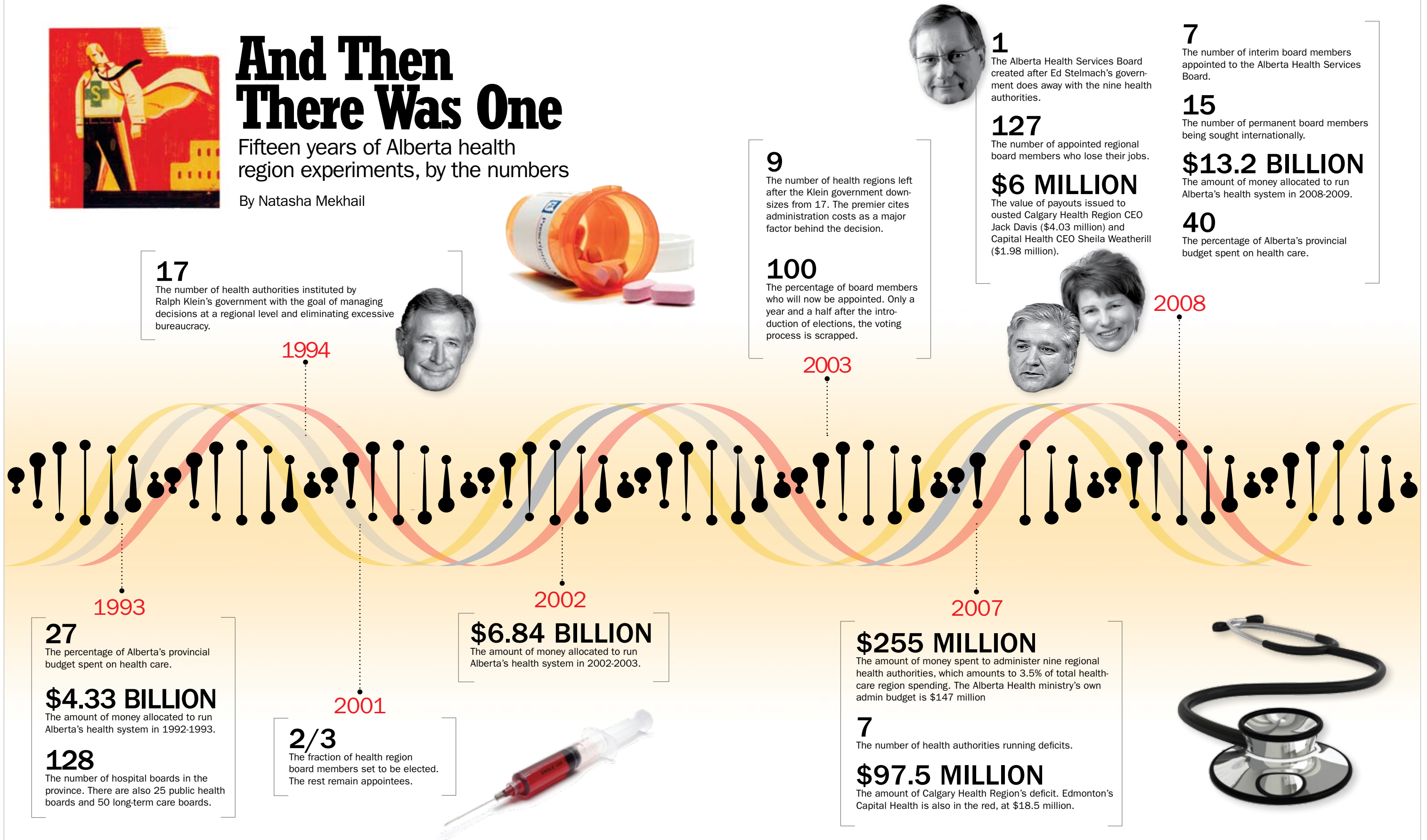




# And Then There Was One

Fifteen years of Alberta health region experiments, by the numbers

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**17**

The number of health authorities instituted by Ralph Klein's government with the goal of managing decisions at a regional level and eliminating excessive bureaucracy.



1994



**9**

The number of health regions left after the Klein government downsizes from 17. The premier cities administration costs as a major factor behind the decision.

**100**

The percentage of board members who will now be appointed. Only a year and a half after the introduction of elections, the voting process is scrapped.

2003



**1**

The Alberta Health Services Board created after Ed Stelmach's government does away with the nine health authorities.

**127**

The number of appointed regional board members who lose their jobs.

**\$6 MILLION**

The value of payouts issued to ousted Calgary Health Region CEO Jack Davis (\$4.03 million) and Capital Health CEO Sheila Weatherill (\$1.98 million).



2008

**7**

The number of interim board members appointed to the Alberta Health Services Board.

**15**

The number of permanent board members being sought internationally.

**\$13.2 BILLION**

The amount of money allocated to run Alberta's health system in 2008-2009.

**40**

The percentage of Alberta's provincial budget spent on health care.

1993

**27**

The percentage of Alberta's provincial budget spent on health care.

**\$4.33 BILLION**

The amount of money allocated to run Alberta's health system in 1992-1993.

**128**

The number of hospital boards in the province. There are also 25 public health boards and 50 long-term care boards.

2001

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The fraction of health region board members set to be elected. The rest remain appointees.

2002

**\$6.84 BILLION**

The amount of money allocated to run Alberta's health system in 2002-2003.



2007

**\$255 MILLION**

The amount of money spent to administer nine regional health authorities, which amounts to 3.5% of total health-care region spending. The Alberta Health ministry's own admin budget is \$147 million

**7**

The number of health authorities running deficits.

**\$97.5 MILLION**

The amount of Calgary Health Region's deficit. Edmonton's Capital Health is also in the red, at \$18.5 million.

