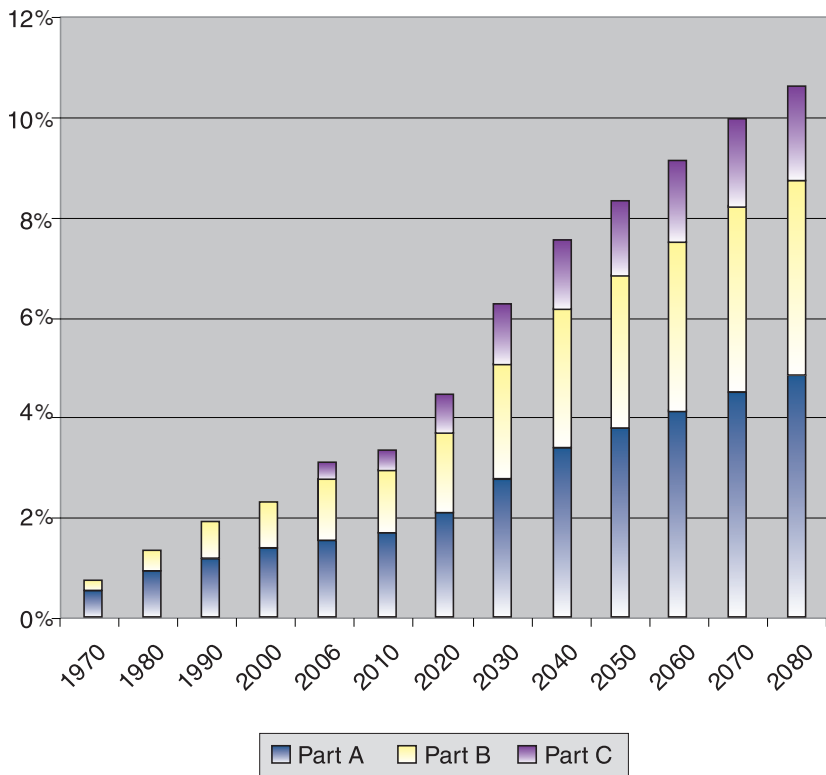


Medicare spending as a percentage of GDP



*Table 1 Medicare payments to physicians under Part B are growing faster than the gross domestic product.*

*Source: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services*