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The funding of the health care sector in Trinidad and Tobago through the consolidated fund has throughout the period 1982-1992 begun to dwindle and the search for alternative/complimentary methods of obtaining finances is topical. This thesis explores the health financing process in Trinidad and Tobago, in particular it examines the potential of user charges as a means of mobilizing resources which can perform an efficiency role in the health sector whilst at the same time enhancing the inflow of resources to the health sector.

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