

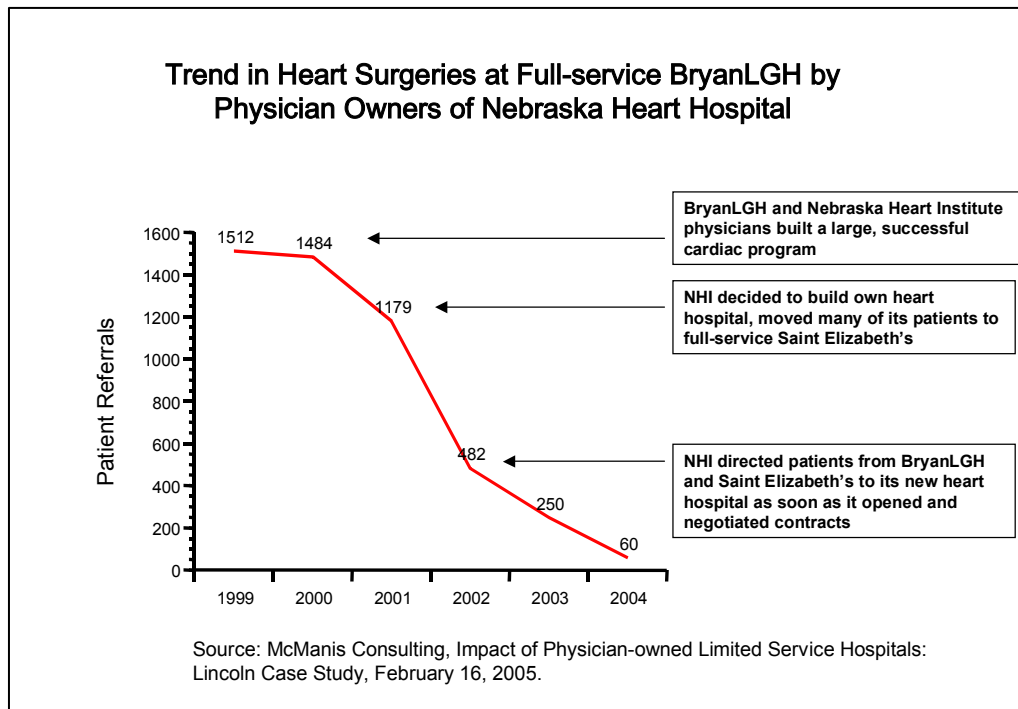


Self-referral to limited-service hospitals: Bad for America's health care system!

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Physician-owners can – and do – steer patients to the facilities they own.

Patients rely on their physicians to determine what care to get and where to get it. When physicians own limited-service hospitals, they have a financial incentive to steer patients to those facilities – which the data suggests is exactly what happens. This gives physician-owned facilities an unfair advantage over the community hospitals that compete for these patients.



CLOSE THE LOOPHOLE:

Make permanent the ban on physician self-referral to new limited-service hospitals.

