

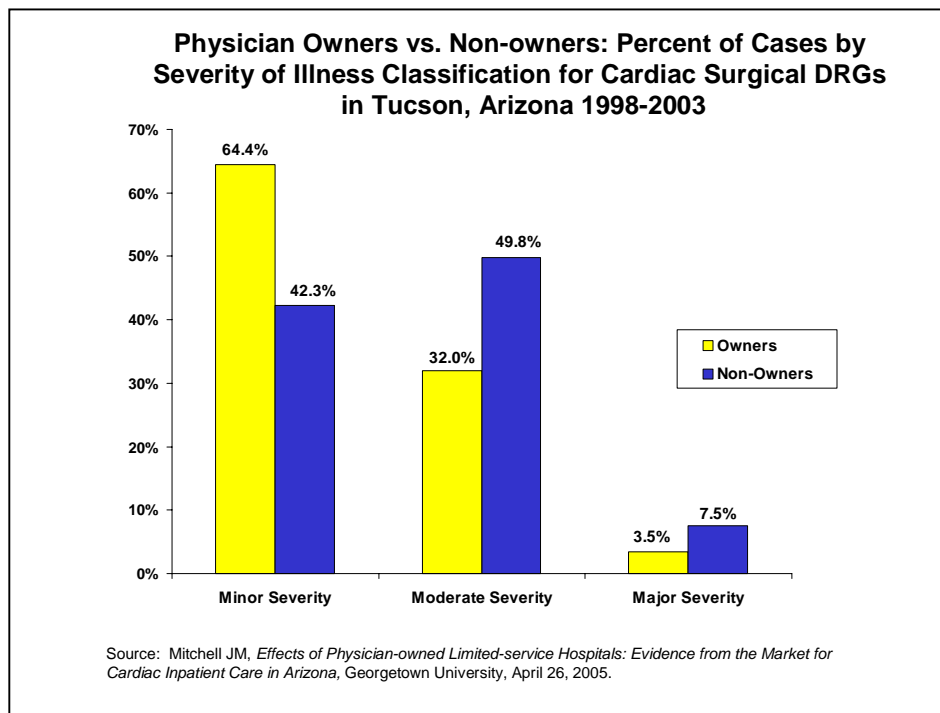


# Self-referral to limited-service hospitals: Bad for America's health care system!

## FACT Fax

### Is it fair competition when physician-owners steer only the healthiest patients to the hospitals they own?

Patients rely on physicians to determine where they go for hospital care. When physician-owners send only the healthiest, and consequently least costly, patients to their own hospital, it's not fair competition.



## CLOSE THE LOOPHOLE:

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

