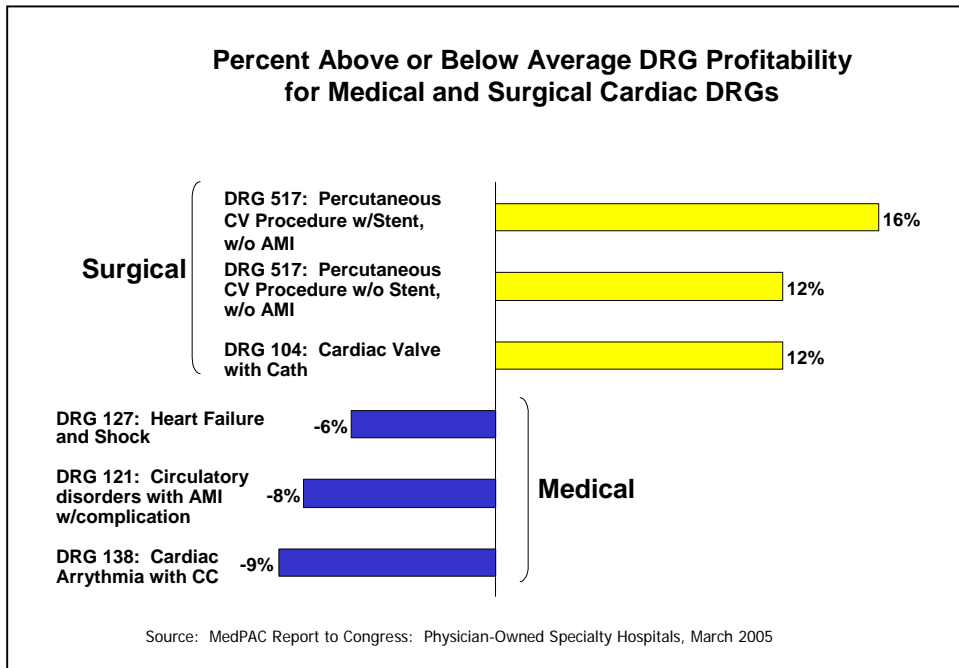


# Self-referral to limited-service hospitals: Bad for America's health care system!

## FACT Fax

### Focusing on surgical rather than medical cases guarantees high profits for physician-owners.

Physician-owners of heart hospitals do proportionally more of the profitable surgical cases than medical cases when compared to non-owners practicing at other hospitals (see FACT Fax June 15). This behavior demonstrates that the financial incentives related to self-referral influence decisions of physician-owners.



## CLOSE THE LOOPHOLE:

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

