

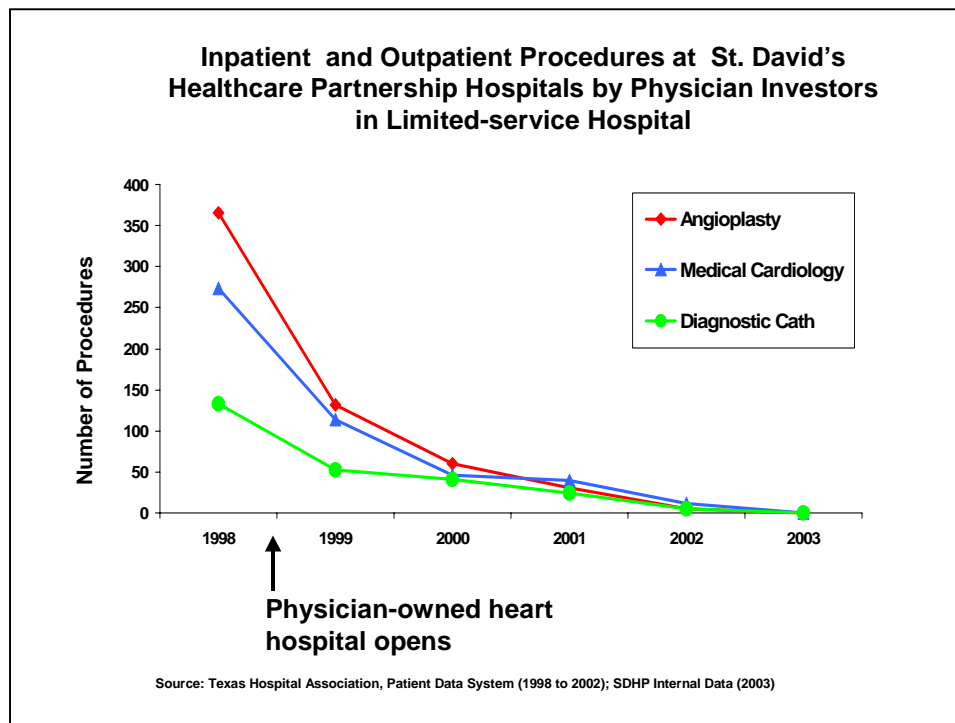


# Self-referral to limited-service hospitals: Bad for America's health care system!

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### Physician self-referral distorts the competitive model in health care.

Hospitals compete with one another every day on quality, service, and efficiency. This competition leads to a better health care system. But when self-referral is part of the equation, there is no competition. Physician-owners provide a guaranteed flow of the best paying patients to the facility they own. This ensures high profits for investors without the need to compete for patients.



## CLOSE THE LOOPHOLE:

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

