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.

**Preserve Care**
**Promote Fair Competition**
**Prevent Conflict of Interest**