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

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When you cherry-pick only the healthiest patients, your performance is going to look good.

Orthopedic hospitals claim they have higher quality, but when a hospital picks and chooses only the healthiest, least complex patients and doesn’t provide any emergency care, it should have good outcomes.

![Chart showing percentage of orthopedic cases by severity between physician-owned orthopedic hospitals and competing full-service hospitals.](chart).


CLOSE THE LOOPSHELME:

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