Perspectives on Consolidation in the Health Care Industry: What is Good and What is Bad? How Can Physicians Cope?

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Health Care Spending is Unsustainable

It is estimated that in 2021, 1 out of every 5 dollars will be spent on health care in the US


Does This Make You Nervous?

Aging Population, Fewer Docs, and…

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What Are The Top 5 Healthcare Related Economic Challenges of 2015?

- Can we actually pay for health care in the US?
- Physicians choose to “opt out” of Medicare
  - Real physician shortage
- The honeymoon of hospital owned physician practice ends
- Patients choose to wait a little longer to seek medical attention
  - No copay for office visits
  - No copay for medications
  - No medication costs at all
- Refusal to address “end of life” issues