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I have been a private practice anesthesiologist for 27 years, in a group of 80 doctors. I am surrounded by groups that have been bought by private equity investors. Doctors go into medicine for one reason: they realized at a young age that they wanted to help people. When a group gets purchased by investors, the goal is to make a profit. This leads to well-meaning doctors experiencing a mission creep, away from patient care as the priority, and toward profitability first. When a corporation is signing your paycheck, the consequences of your medical decisions have financial implications that you do not experience in private practice. This is not good for patients. Patient care should always come first.