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As a physician we have a one on one relationship with the patient. We work for the well being of the patient who presents themselves to us for their care. The corporatization of medicine has placed control of care in the board room. In many instances the bottom line is a financial one where profits take precedence. Clinical decision making can be strongly influenced by directives from non clinical individuals. Production pressure to improve profits can impact on the quality of care that an individual physician can render. Not only is quality impacted, but the cost of care can also rise as a result of a profit driven motivation to deliver healthcare.