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Oregon Urology Clinic in Springfield Oregon is now the only source of urologists in four counties, including Lane County. Wait times have become ridiculous for appointments, some are up to six months! There is nowhere else to go in these four counties for help because there is NO competition in the area. Patient care is not as important to this corporate organization as making money to pay off their very expensive radiation machine.

Oregon Medical Group was purchased three years ago by United Health Care/Optum. Since then, doctors and nurses have been leaving in droves. Some, if not all, have been forced to sign noncompetes to work there, and when they choose to leave they have to leave the area for a year or more. Waits for care are ridiculously long. None of this is working for the patients!