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Independent Doctors are Happier

Physicians are very unhappy. The Physician Misery Index is nearly four out of five. Eighty-nine percent of 300 full-time doctors say the business and regulation of health care has changed the practice of medicine for the worse. Eighty-six percent say data reporting requirements have reduced the joy of practicing medicine. And 87 percent say it's increasingly difficult to develop an "authentic engagement with each patient."

The study also found that doctors who are employed by hospitals and corporations are more dissatisfied and burned out than those who work independently and in physician-owned practices. So why does Naples Community Hospital plan to deprive hospital patients of happy and independently-practicing physicians?

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