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What if Your Hospital Disappears?

Many hospitals are finding it difficult to survive. Due to expensive, bureaucratic regulations, non-profit and public hospitals may be forced to close. Hospitals are closing at a rate of 30 per year in the U.S, “with no end in sight.” One study found approximately eight percent of 6,000 hospitals are at risk of closing.

Is this all bad? Perhaps not. Hospitals often hold dangerous bacteria. Care received in smaller facilities when possible may be less prone to secondary infections, simpler, more personable, and less expensive, particularly for outpatient care, diagnostic procedures, some surgical procedures, and labor and delivery.
