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Hospice Notes: The Rise Of Corporate Investors Leads To Conflict Of Interest Problems, Study Suggests

Patient steering is back on the radar, thanks to a new study about corporate investors in healthcare in the September issue of Health Affairs.

"The percentage of acute care hospitals having common investor ties to the postacute or hospice sectors increased from 24.6 percent in 2005 to 48.9 percent in 2015," according to researchers led by **Harvard University** health policy PhD candidate **Annabelle Fowler**. The researchers studied data from the PECOS system.

"These changes have important implications for antitrust, payment, and regulatory policies," according to the study's abstract at <http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/36/9/1547.abstract>.