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As a physician and radiologist, I strongly support the prohibition of the corporate practice of medicine and the following are just a few of the brief reasons why:

1) Physicians are the ones who have gone to 4 years of medical school and then 3-10 years of residency training to learn how to appropriately take care of patients.

Only physicians have taken the Hippocratic Oath to always put the well-being of the patients first. Therefore, only physicians have alignment between their education/training and ethical commitment to put patients first and put patients over profits. Third party corporations introduce a conflict of interest into the physician-patient relationship where profits become the priority.

2) Corporations (private equity, insurance companies, and large hospital systems) take away physician autonomy by taking away physician scheduling flexibility, telling physicians how they should practice medicine (often to increase through-put to increase profits), and don't allow physicians to spend the necessary time needed with patients or interpreting images etc.

3) Corporations have incentive and do inappropriately use non-physician providers to "increase" the number of patients they can bill for and then require the physicians to "oversee" and take on all the medicolegal responsibility for the patients that are being seen by non-physician providers. This is unsafe because often times this is far too many patients for a physician to "oversee" and this further leads to physician burnout.