



Evolution of AMC Funds Flow

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Introductions



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SECTOR FOCUS

	Academic Health Systems	Community Health Systems	Children's Hospitals	Cancer Programs	Public Hospitals	Rural Hospitals
Corporate Strategy						
Network Development						
Partnerships & Affiliations						
Organizational Design & Funds Flow						
Capital Asset Planning						
Service Line Planning						

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Before We Get Started...

AMC Funds Flows Are Complex, but Don't Need to be Complicated

1. The tripartite mission is at the core of every AMC
2. The research and education missions are unlikely to become profit-drivers for the foreseeable future – no matter how efficient they become
3. AMCs will rely on clinical margin growth (health system + practice plan) to support institutional objectives, no matter how successful they are at diversifying revenue streams (e.g., philanthropy, commercialization)
4. For the foreseeable future, there will be downward pressure on payor rates, and upward pressure on expenses, making it harder to generate incremental clinical margin
5. In most markets, professional fees are insufficient to support practice plan expenses, placing even more of a strain on the technical fee stream
6. Every AMC is trying to (1) maximize the dollars coming into the enterprise, and (2) use resources as efficiently as possible. A well-designed funds flow model enables both
7. As an AMC's strategy evolves, its funds flows model must as well (there is no "ideal" model)



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Which of the Seven Dwarfs best reflects your mood right now?

- Bashful
- Doc
- Dopey
- Grumpy
- Happy
- Sleepy
- Sneezy



Use one word to describe your current funds flow model

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How long has the current iteration/philosophy of the funds flow model in your organization been in place?



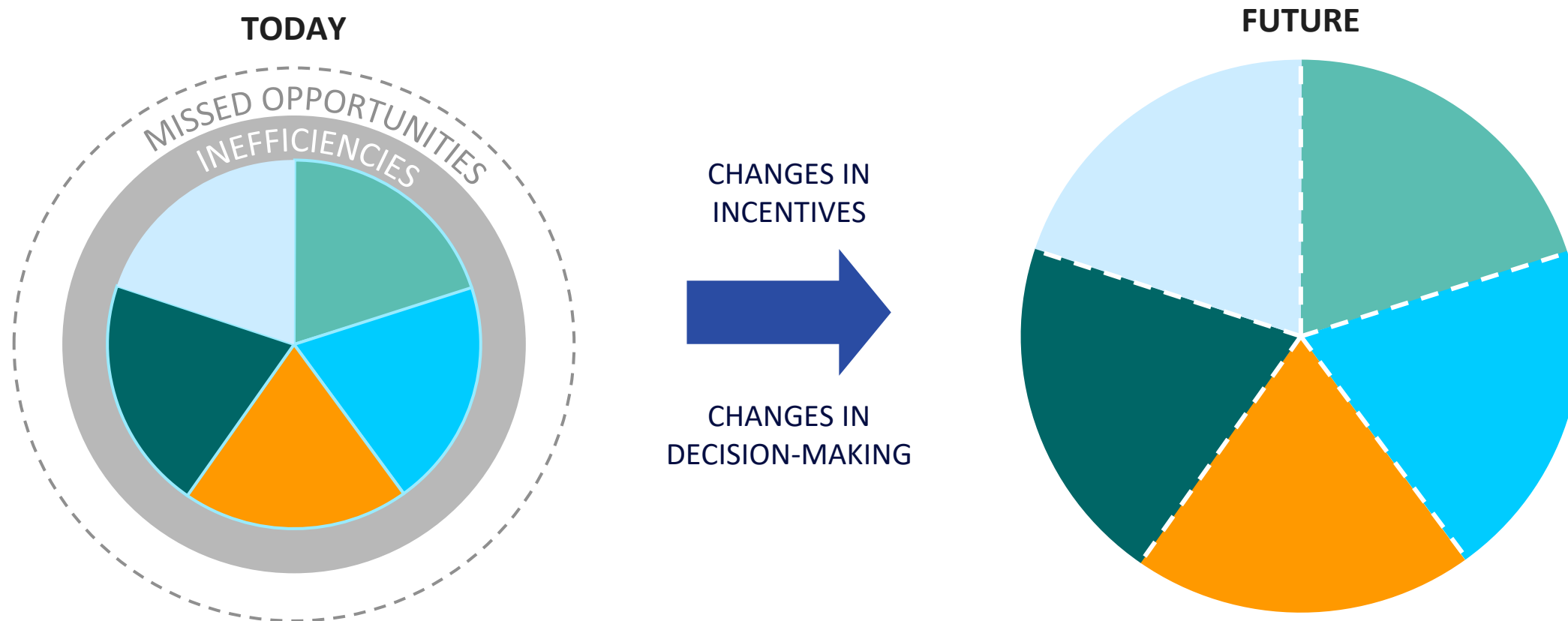


Linking Funds Flows Philosophies to Economics



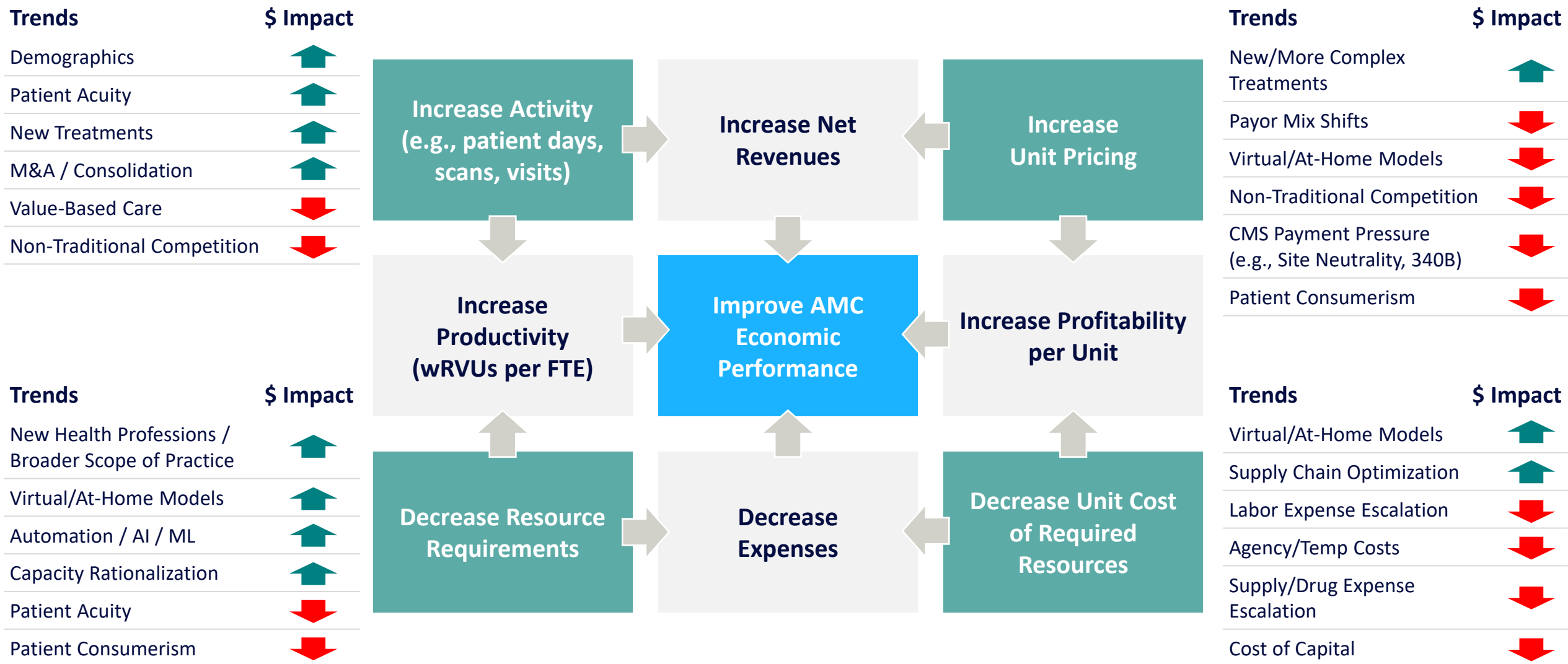
Funds Flows – Money and Control

- Well-designed funds flow models use changes in incentives (money) and changes in decision-making (control) to try and “increase the size of the pie”. Different funds flow models attempt to do this by emphasizing different levers





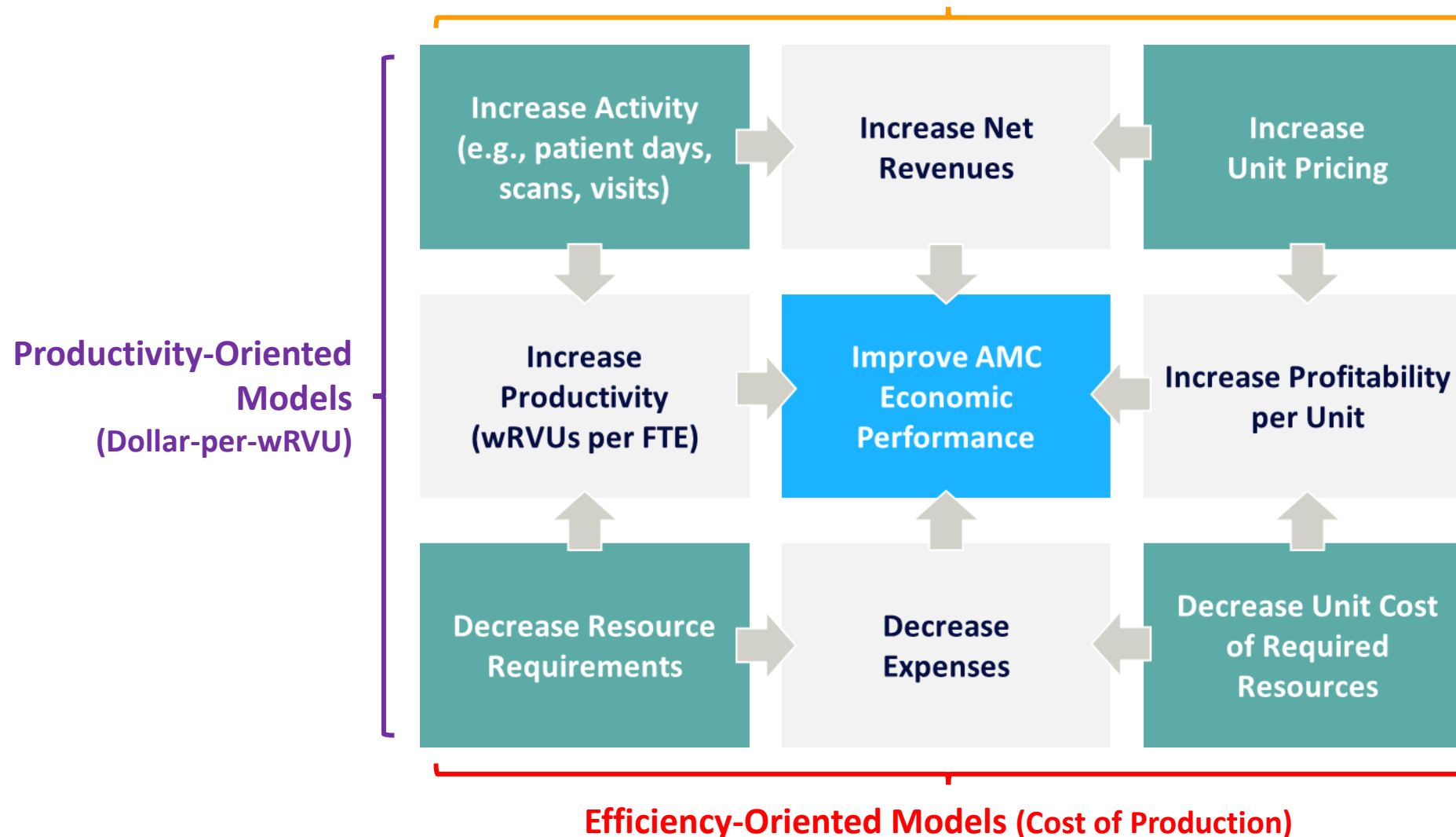
Funds Flows – Understanding AMC Economic Levers





Funds Flows – Different Philosophies

Targeted Growth-Oriented Models (Shared Upside)

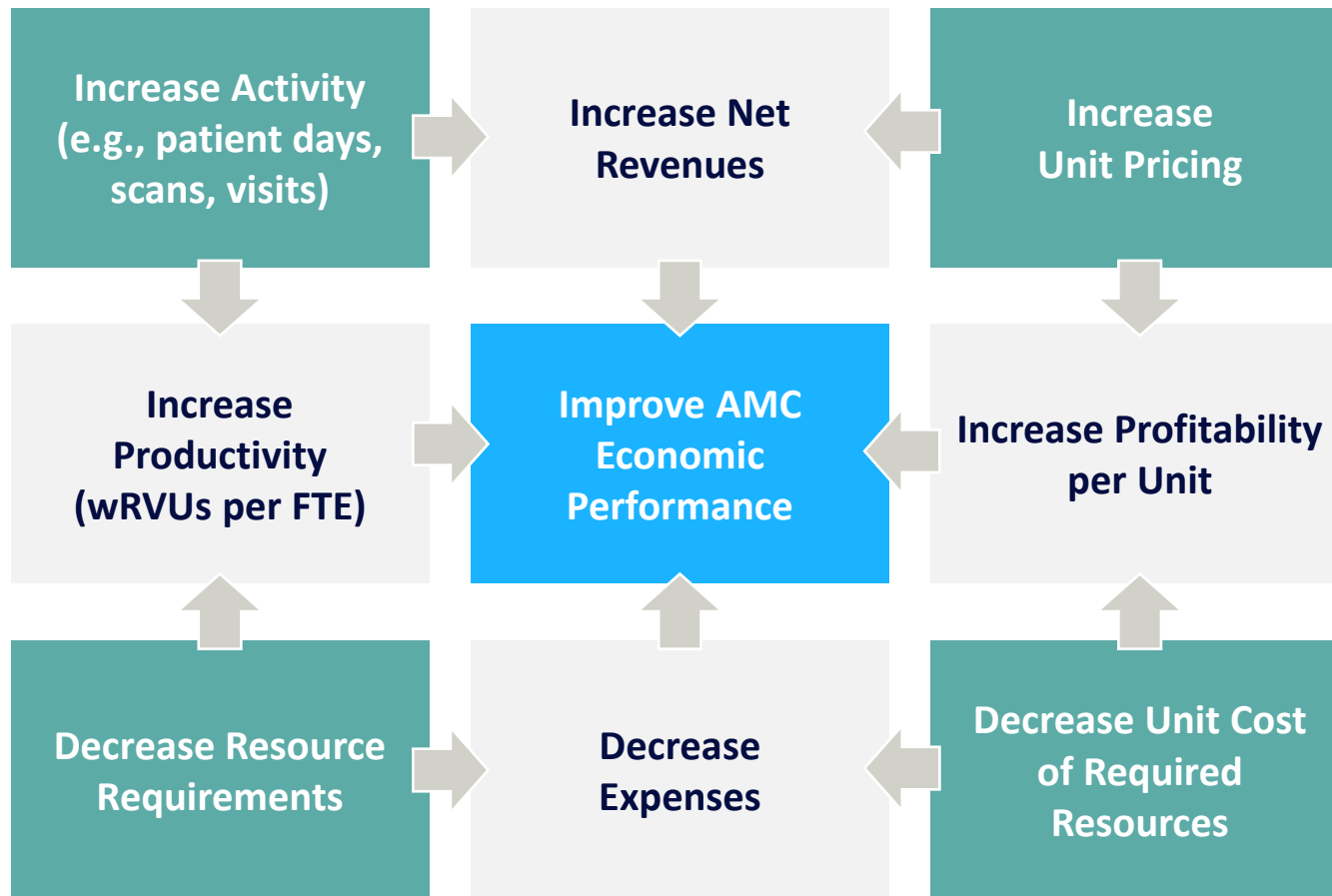




Funds Flows – Current AMC Strategy

AMC Strategic Response

- Own Referral Channels
- Maximize Access / Convenience
- Consolidation / M&A
- Ambulatory as a Destination



AMC Strategic Response

- Centers of Excellence
- Payor Mix / Geographic Targeting
- Capture an Increasing Share of Premium Dollar

AMC Strategic Response

- Increase / Leverage Scale
- Care Team Structure (Scope of Practice)
- Optimize Service Distribution
- Asset Light / Technology Heavy

AMC Strategic Response

- Standardization
- Provider Compensation Strategy
- Workforce / Team-Based Care



Funds Flows – Different Philosophies

Key AMC Objectives / Priorities	Different Funds Flow Philosophies		
	Productivity-Oriented	Targeted Growth-Oriented	Efficiency-Oriented
Encourage clinical growth	+	++	-
Promote cross-departmental collaboration	-	++	-
Encourage innovation & entrepreneurialism	+	++	-
Provide appropriate rewards for departments that are more efficient with their resources	+	-	++
Encourage improvement in metrics other than wRVU production	-	+	++
Find the right balance between departmental autonomy and centralization	More oriented towards departmental autonomy	Depends on underlying principles	More oriented towards centralization
Transition to population health principles	+	-	++



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Rank the four economic levers in terms of where your organization focuses its resources/efforts (highest to lowest)

- Increase activity
- Increase unit price
- Decrease resource requirements
- Decrease unit cost of required resources



In my organization, the practice plan does get a reasonable percentage of its clinical revenues from technical fee streams (i.e., not all technical fees flow to the health system)

Agree

Disagree





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Key Questions for Discussion

1. Where will clinical revenues enter the enterprise, and what will be included in future iterations of academic funds flow?
2. What level of research growth is desirable/affordable, and how do future funds flow models account for investment in the research mission?
3. How much AMC clinical revenue will truly be “at-risk” in ten years, and what are the implications for funds flow?



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Question 1: Where will clinical revenues enter the enterprise, and what will be included in academic funds flow?

- HOPD Rates and 340B have pushed nearly all technical fee streams to the health system (hospital-license) and out of the practice plan. But payors, federal policy and consumers are all pushing in the other direction
- As AMCs continue to add outlying community hospitals and acquire private practice physician groups, there is resistance to using “community-focused” clinical margin to support the priorities of the tripartite mission



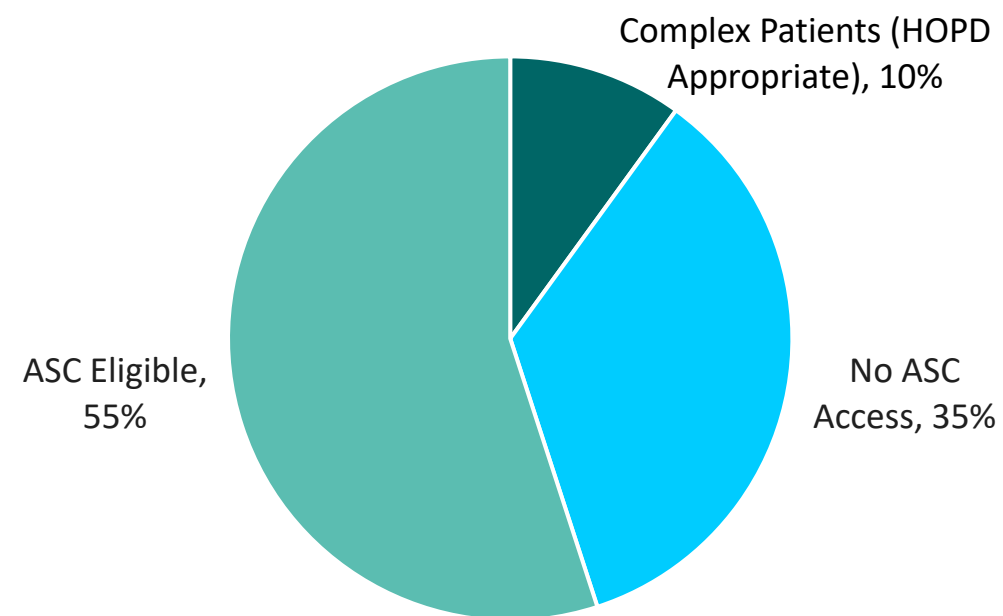
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US Surgery Cases by Setting: IP vs. OP (2005-2020)



UHG Projected Surgical Mix by Location (2030)



UHG is targeting 55% of all member surgeries to be done in an ASC setting by 2030



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Harder to Grow Clinical Margin Organically, Even as the FTC Makes In-Market M&A Harder

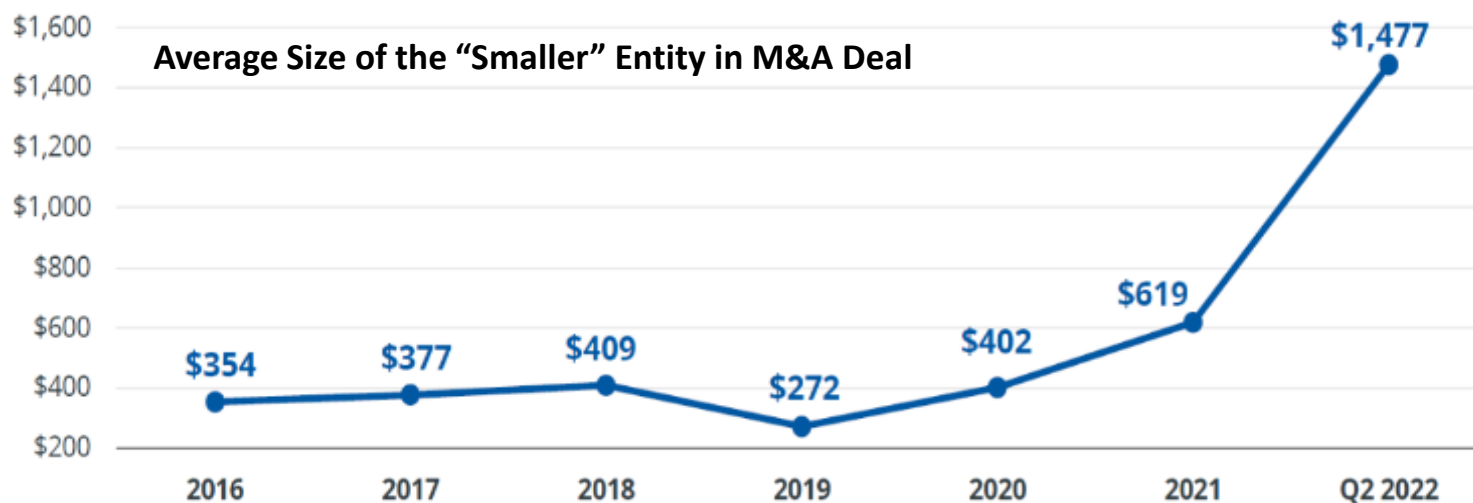
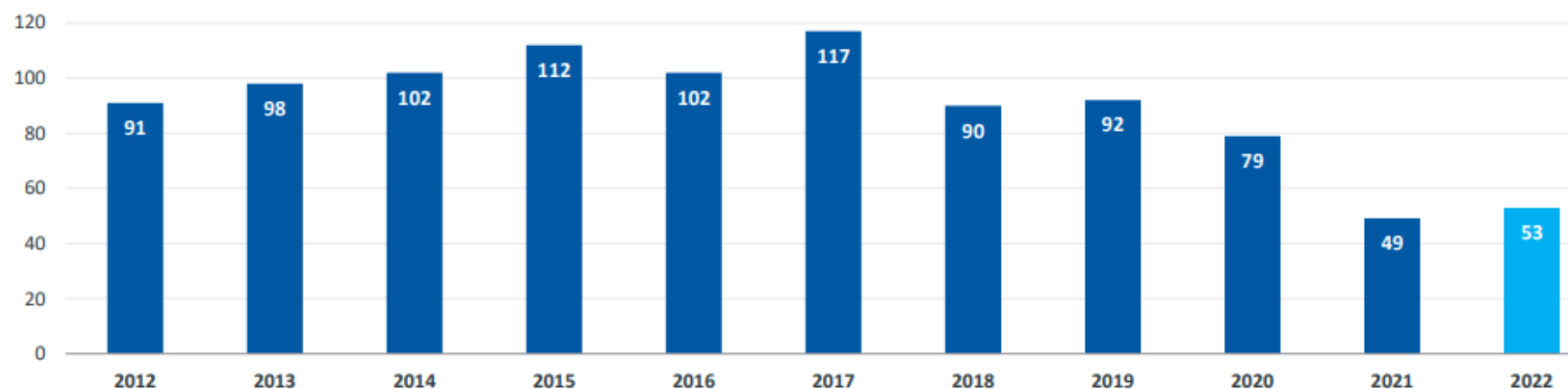
Shrinking number of deals

- Strained balance sheets
- Fewer “high-quality” candidates
- More FTC scrutiny

Increasing Deal Size/Mega-Mergers

- Cross-market M&A
- Limited Care Model Synergies
- No FTC challenges... yet

Number of Announced Transactions 2012-2022





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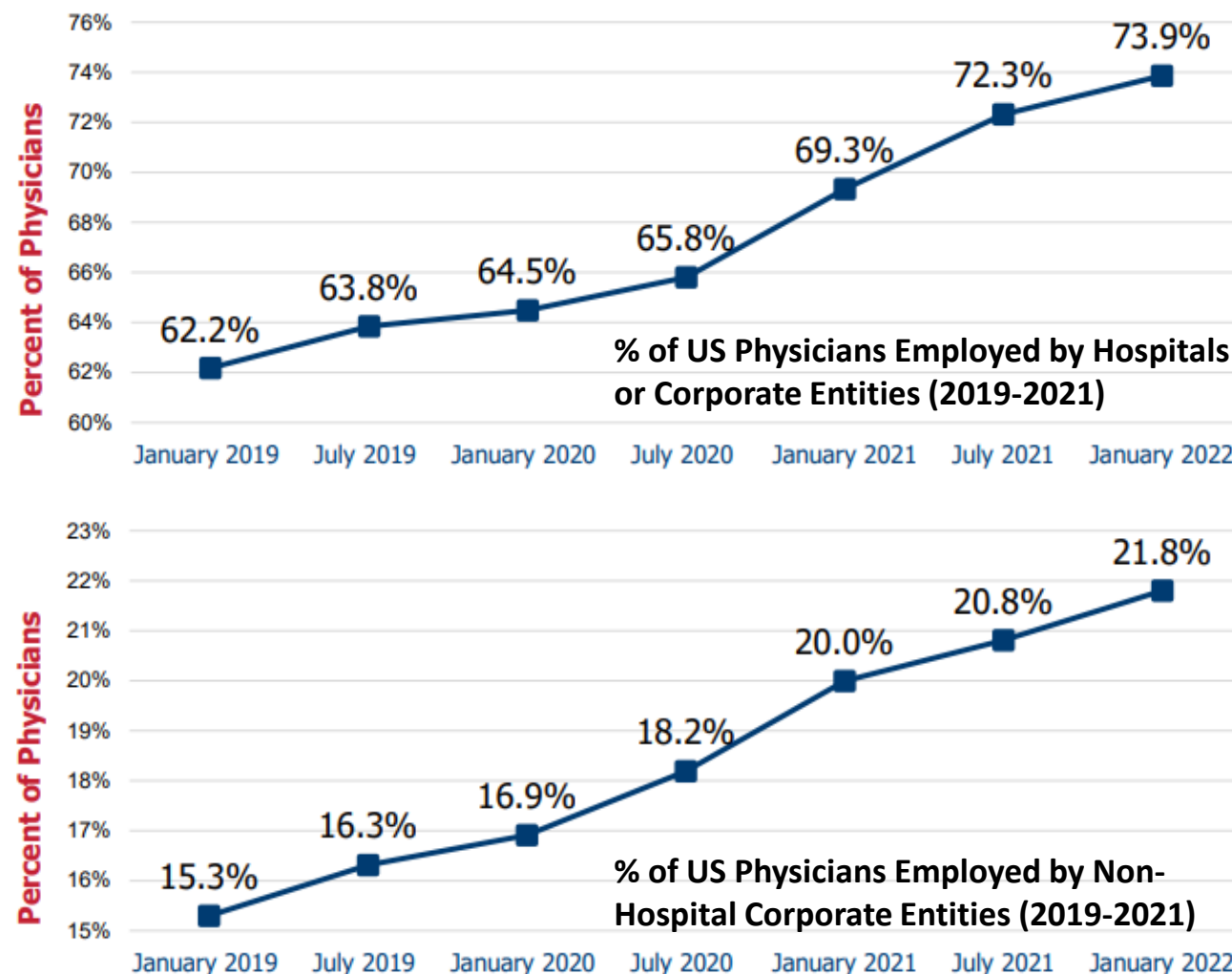
Evolving Characteristics of the Typical Faculty Practice Plan

More “Community” Influence

- Fewer true “triple threats”
- More physicians (new grads and acquired private practice) focused predominantly on clinical care
- Comp plans focused on clinical effort
- Less willingness to support unproductive “protected” time

Health Systems Creating Alternative Platforms

- Belief that “academic model” is inefficient
- Unhappiness with “tax” and “tenure” model
- Belief that chairs/Deans tend to be research-focused, not as focused on clinical/business metrics



Over the next ten years, I expect payor and/or regulatory pressure will require a substantial shift of clinical activity out of a hospital-licensed facility

Agree

Disagree



In the next ten years, I expect M&A activity to significantly increase our clinical revenue base (i.e., acquisitions that grow the clinical revenue base by 20% or more)

Agree

Disagree



Which of the following statements is more true in your organization?

Every part of the clinical enterprise is assumed to benefit from the halo of the academic mission, and is expected to contribute in some way to its support

There are components of the clinical enterprise (physician or hospital) that are not expected to contribute at all to academic funds flow

My organization has created (or is the process of creating) an alternative physician employment vehicle that I believe will eventually compete with the specialists in the faculty practice plan

Agree

Disagree





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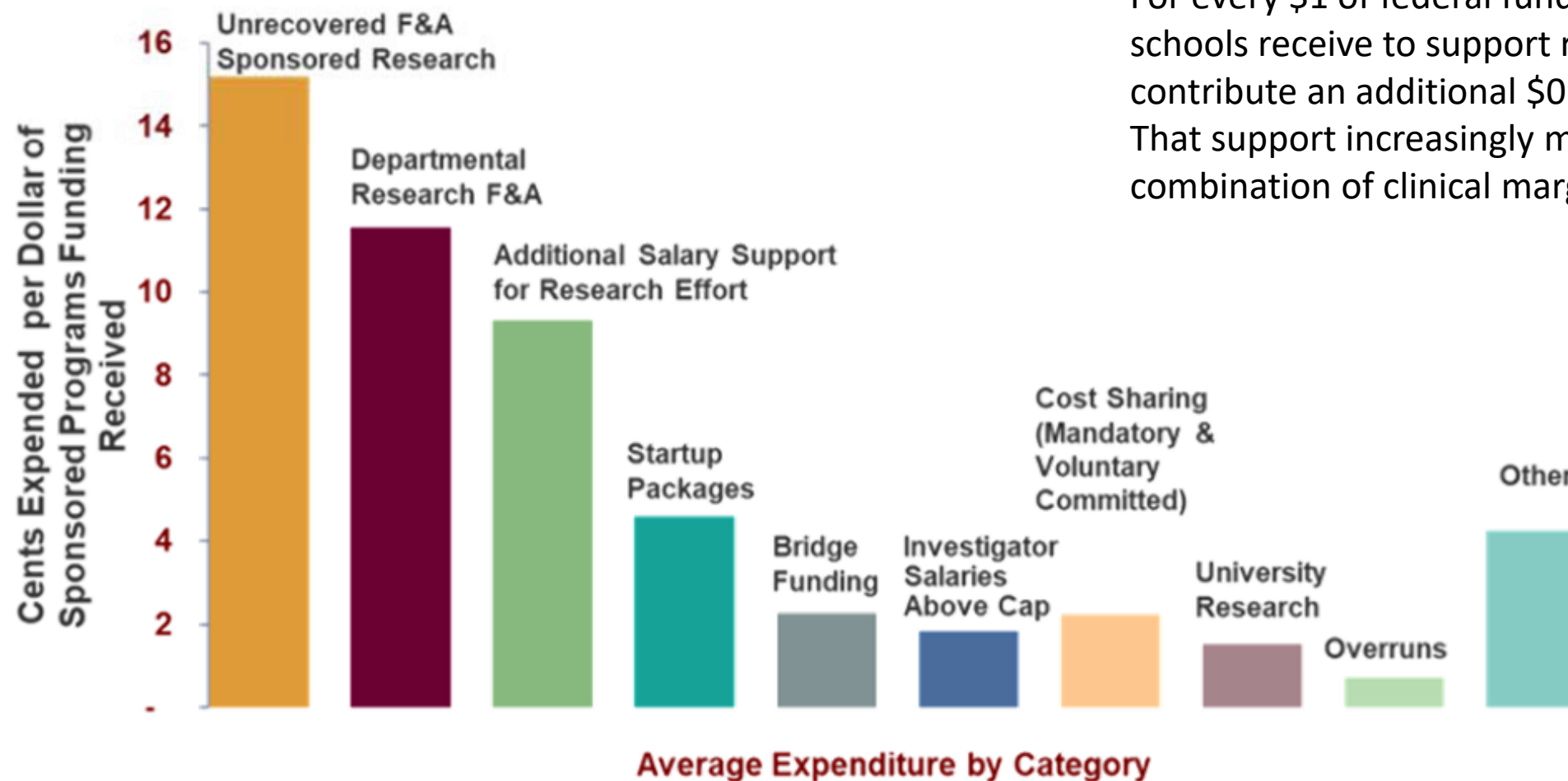
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- The cost of research continues to escalate faster than research funding sources, and research investment comes with no guarantee of success (i.e., research publications, NIH funding)
- Correlation between the growth of the clinical enterprise and the growth in research funding is tenuous; and while the academic brand/mission is a competitive differentiator, there's no consensus regarding the true value of the “halo”



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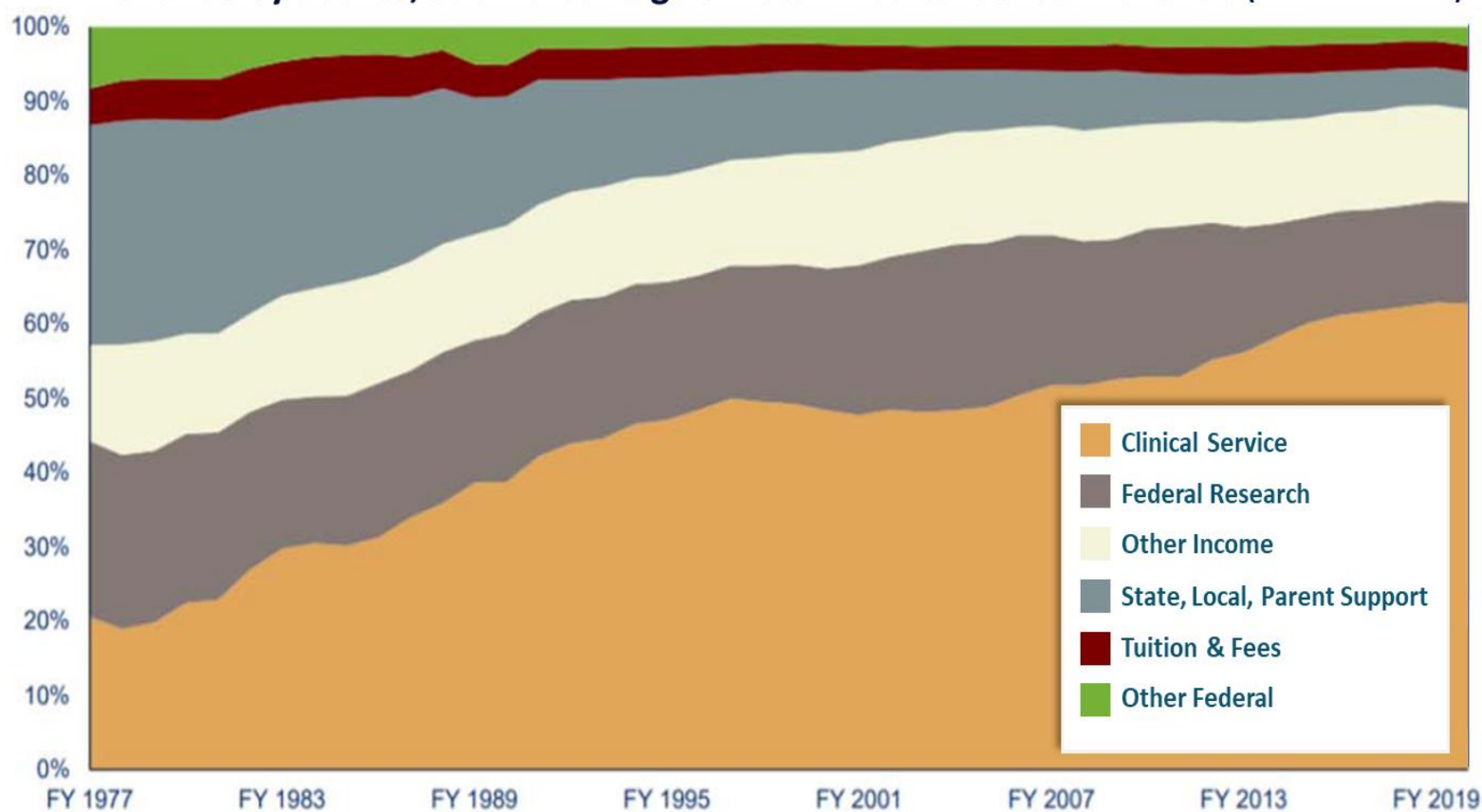
- For every \$1 of federal funding that medical schools receive to support research, they now contribute an additional \$0.53 of their own funds. That support increasingly must come from some combination of clinical margin and philanthropy



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Revenue by Source, as a Percentage of Total Medical School Revenue (FY1977-FY2020)



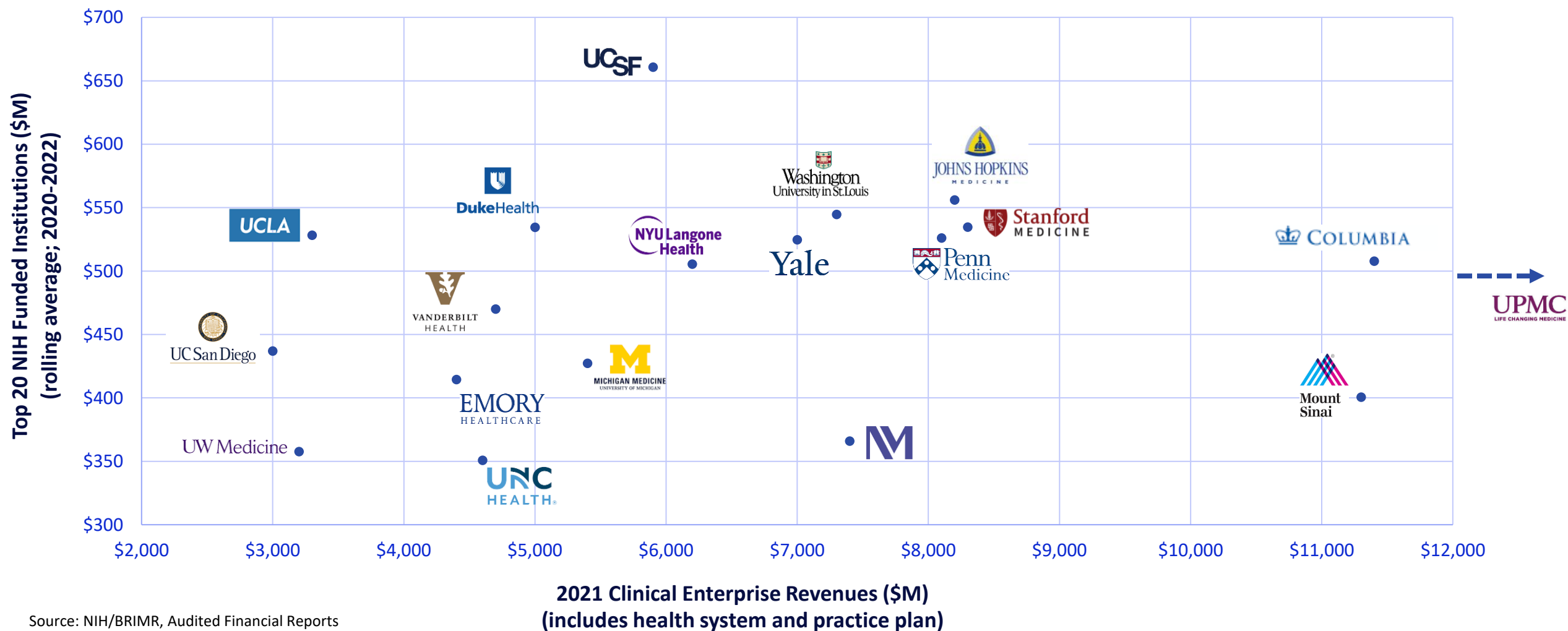
Characteristic	% Δ (rounded) 1960 to 2020
# of medical schools	70%
# of medical students	200%
# of residents & fellows	900%
# of full-time faculty	1,600%
SOM Revenues in millions	29,500%

Sources of SOM Funding	1960-61	2020-21
Federal Research (Grants/Contracts)	31%	13%
Other Gov't or Parent Funding	27%	4%
Tuition / Fees	6%	4%
Clinical Service	6%	63%
All Other (e.g., Gifts, Misc.)	30%	16%



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Source: NIH/BRIMR, Audited Financial Reports



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Institution	AMC 1	AMC 2	AMC 3	AMC 4	AMC 5	AMC 6	AMC 7
Clinical Enterprise Revenues	\$2.9B	\$1.7B	\$1.1B	\$1.3B	\$1.8B	\$1.3B	\$1.6B
Clinical Enterprise Operating Margin	\$111M	\$29M	\$53M	\$31M	\$83M	\$28M	\$118M
Clinical Enterprise Operating Margin %	3.7%	1.9%	4.9%	2.4%	4.7%	2.2%	7.4%
Clinical Support Funds Flow	\$111M	\$115M	n/a	\$91M	\$84M	\$70M	\$102M
Clinical Support Funding as % Clin. Enterprise Rev.	3.7%	6.7%	n/a	7.0%	4.8%	5.6%	6.4%
Academic Support Funds Flow	\$18M	\$14M	\$53M	\$24M	\$39M	\$10M	\$6M
Acad. Support Funding as % of Clin. Enterprise Rev.	0.6%	0.8%	4.9%	1.8%	2.2%	0.8%	0.4%
Total Clin. + Acad. Support Funding as % of CE Rev.	4.3%	7.5%	4.9%	8.8%	6.0%	6.4%	6.8%

My organization is committed to growing its investment in the research mission, and recognizes that much of this will come from clinical margin

Agree

Disagree



My organization philosophically tries to grow its funds flow to support the research mission proportionately with clinical revenue

Agree

Disagree





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Question 3: How much AMC clinical revenue will truly be “at-risk”?

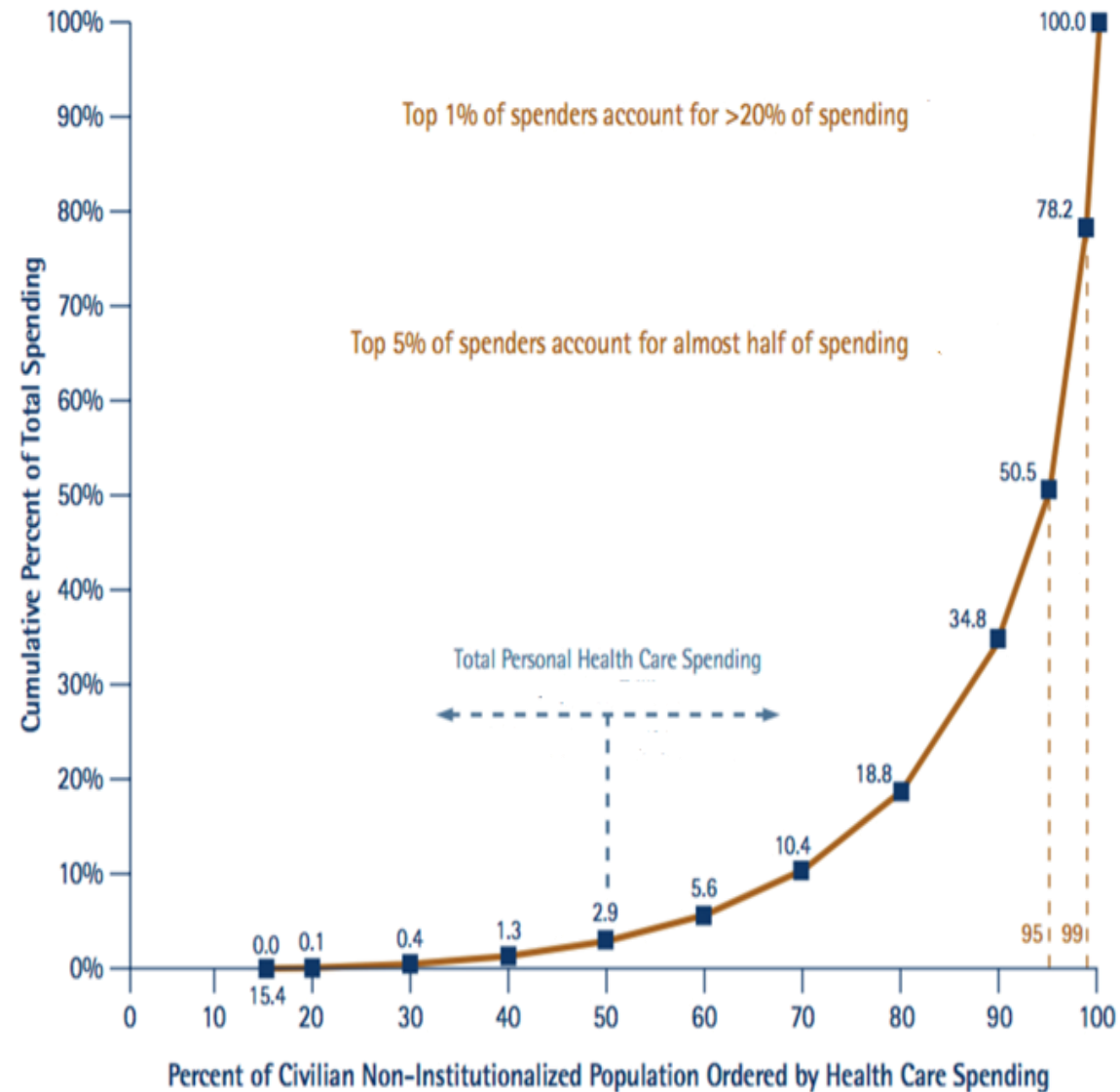
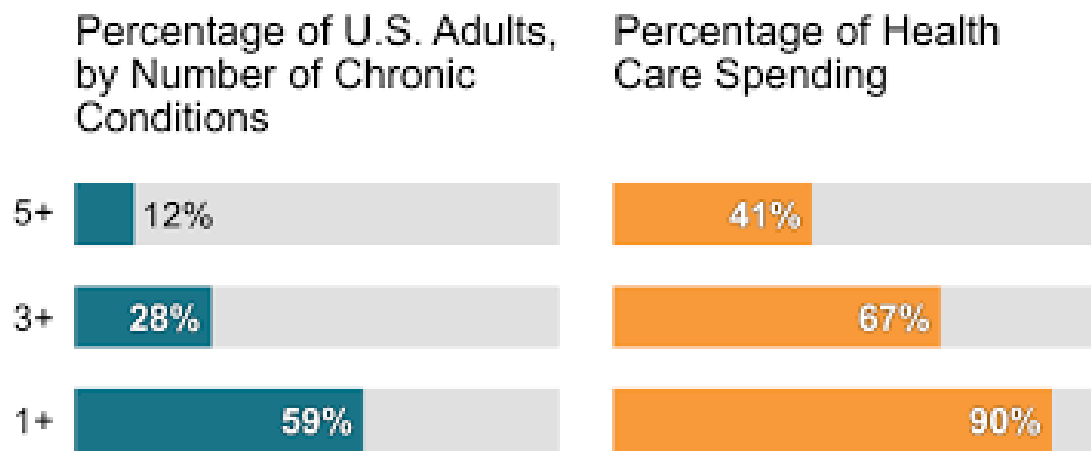
- Current funds flow models are still almost entirely oriented towards fee-for-service clinical revenue streams
- AMCs have complex patient populations that are difficult to risk-adjust (lots of outliers)
- Very few AMCs have successfully created their own health plans and have premium income that represents 25% or more of the total clinical revenue base



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Anecdotally, AMCs disproportionately care for a much higher percentage of high-complexity patients with multiple comorbidities, which makes it much harder to risk-adjust

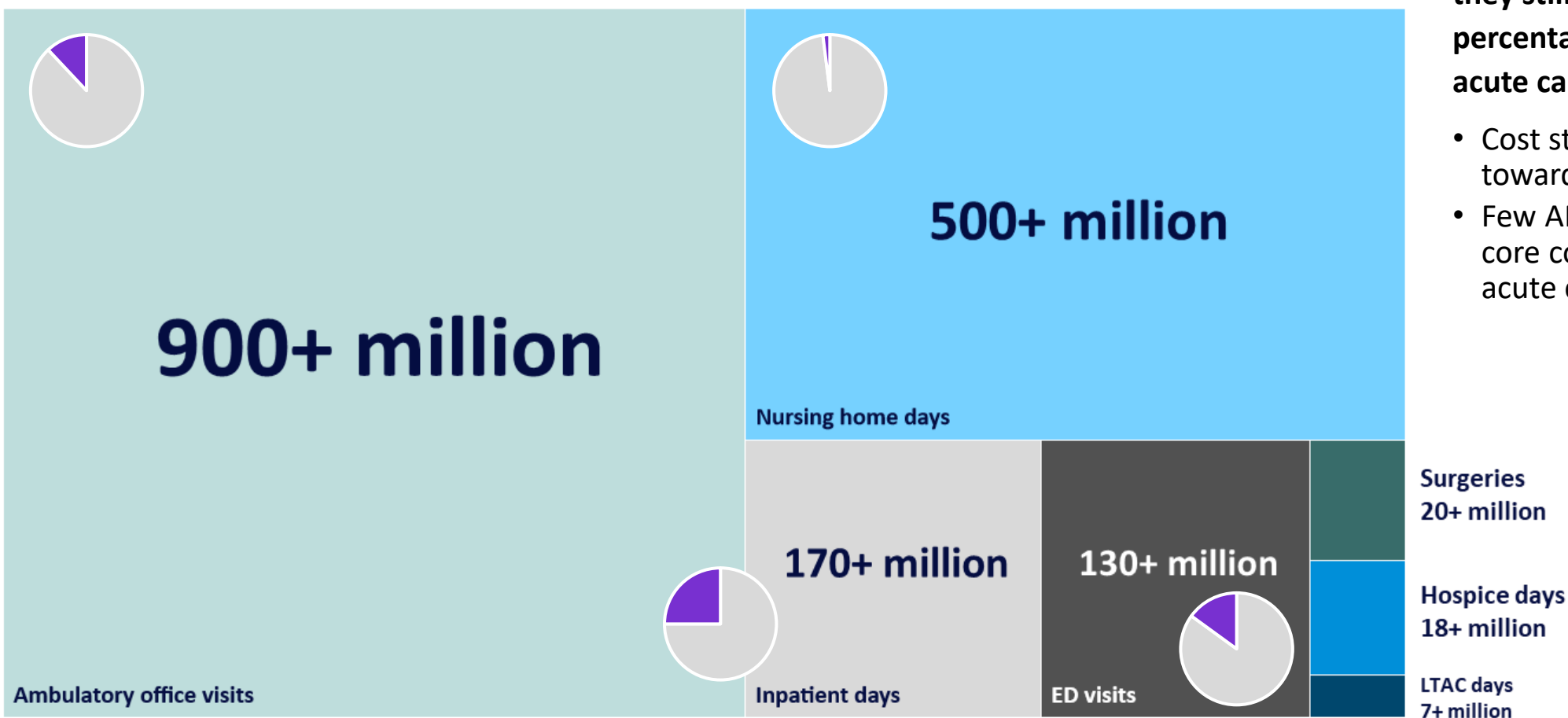




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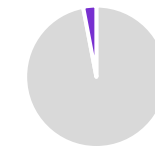
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US Utilization of Different Healthcare Services



AMC have acquired assets across the continuum, but they still represent a small percentage of pre- and post-acute care capacity

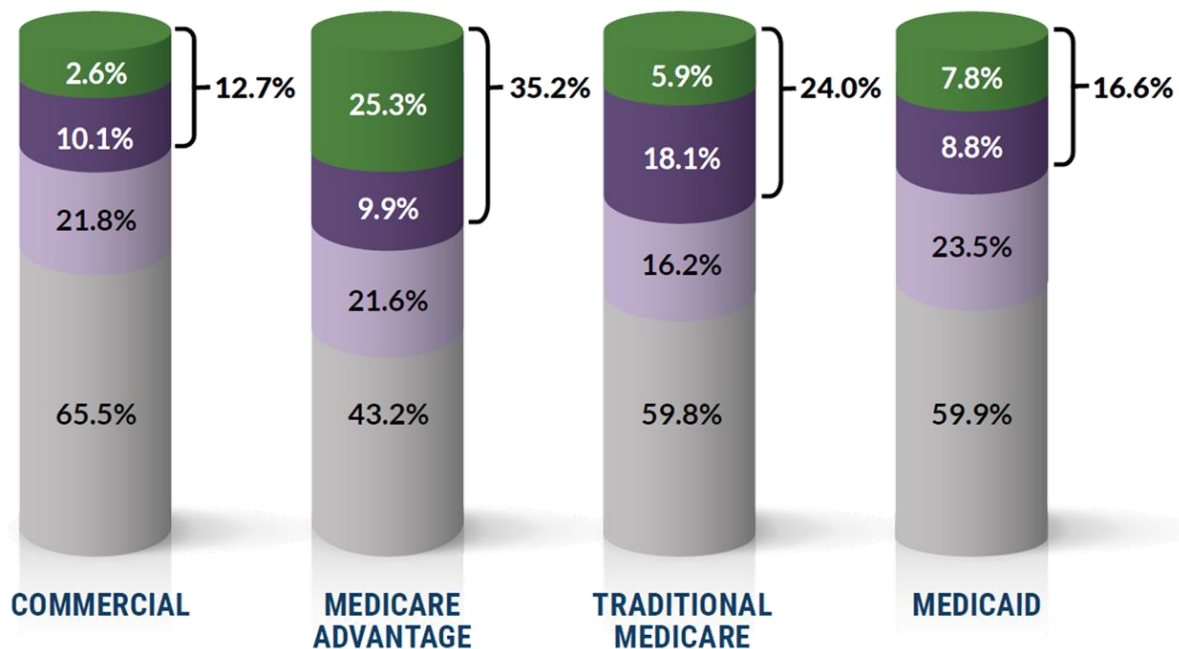
- Cost structure still oriented towards complex care
- Few AMCs have developed core competency in post-acute care management



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Question 3: How much AMC clinical revenue will truly be “at-risk”?



- Category 4
- Category 3B
- Category 3A
- Category 1 & 2

CATEGORY 1: FEE-FOR-SERVICE - NO LINK TO QUALITY & VALUE

40.5%

CATEGORY 2: FEE-FOR-SERVICE - LINK TO QUALITY & VALUE

A + **B** + **C**
 Foundational Payments for Infrastructure & Operations Pay-for-Reporting Pay-for-Performance

19.5%

CATEGORY 3: APMS BUILT ON FEE-FOR-SERVICE ARCHITECTURE

A
Upside Rewards for Appropriate Care

20.4%

B
Upside & Downside for Appropriate Care

12.2%

CATEGORY 4: POPULATION-BASED PAYMENT

A
Condition-Specific Population-Based Payment

2.1%

B
Comprehensive Population-Based Payment

4.5%

C
Integrated Finance & Delivery Systems

0.8%

19.6% Combination of Categories 3B, 4A, 4B, & 4C Represents Two-Sided Risk APMS

I expect Category 3B/4 payment models (i.e., upside/downside risk and or capitation) will represent at least 25% of my organization's clinical revenues within 10 years

Agree

Disagree



My organization's funds flow model has elements that have been incorporated to support a future transition to population health

Agree

Disagree

