

What happens when you have non-physicians managing healthcare

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Roy Poses feels that [physicians should reclaim healthcare management](#):

This commentary makes very clear what sort of thinking pervades the current leadership of health care. Health care is a business, like any other, without any particular values or ideals that set it apart from manufacturing automobiles, or hauling trash.

This thinking has been going on at least since the 1980's, when Einthoven, one of the leaders of the managed care movement, called for breaking up the "physicians guild" and putting managers and bureaucrats in charge of health care in order to constrain health care costs.

Doing that, of course, has not constrained costs, not improved access, and not improved quality. It has led to a huge increase in the number of health care managers, who now out-number physicians. It has let top health care executives make a tremendous amount of money. It has given health care a few leaders hailed as "visionaries," some of whom have been monumental flops.