

A: That is the "crabs in a barrel" fiscal logic of Part B budget rules at work, where the only way to free up resources is to ignite a civil war in medicine. It's a flawed and destructive premise. **Our payment system is fundamentally out-of-balance right now.** The return on capital (e.g. fancy technology) and institutional support (e.g. hospital overhead) is way too high in ambulatory medicine, and the **return on human judgment is way too low.** I think many specialists (radiologists, cardiologists, etc) are presently being **overcompensated for the technical component** of their work and undercompensated for what we need from them the most: sound diagnostic decision making.

We need to fund increased evaluation and management and diagnostic activity by physicians by