

Despite some between-hospital heterogeneity, Olufawo et al. showed significantly higher price variability between insurers than between hospitals. Their single system analysis limits the ability to generalize, but the results suggest that savings depend more on hospital and provider negotiations than patient price shopping, given the difficulty of switching insurers¹⁾.

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