

Migration of Surgery from Inpatient to Outpatient – Implication for Stakeholders

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Abstract

This paper is intended to review the changing healthcare landscape in the United States and the shift of surgery from inpatient to outpatient settings. The author will examine the factors which are driving this change and how it is affecting the various stakeholders including patients, physicians, hospitals, insurance industry, government and pharmaceutical companies. The analysis will also include data on quality of care in both settings.