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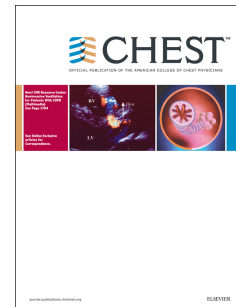
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First let me start by saying that I truly enjoy practicing pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine. I entered the field of medicine for all of the same reasons that most others' chose the profession: The ability to make a difference in the lives of others, intellectual curiosity and life long learning. I have experienced the practice of medicine in several different clinical settings including a brief career in academic medicine, 12 years in private practice and currently as an employed physician.

During this time I have observed the transformation of the practice of pulmonary medicine. While it was previously a common expectation for many fellows to obtain a job in private practice, those opportunities are rapidly evolving. Now more than 50% of physicians are employed by a hospital or a group while only 35% are in private practice, and these trends are expected to continue<sup>1</sup>. Thus all physicians, including those specializing in pulmonary medicine, will need to continue to explore alternative practice models as the healthcare landscape

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