Too Much Red Tape Threatens to Degrade the Stature of the Medical Profession: Merritt Hawkins Article

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IRVING, TEXAS -- The medical profession is in danger of devolving from a higher calling to a mere occupation due to a growing burden of non-clinical duties undermining physician morale and diminishing the nature of the profession, according to a paper to be published in the March 2016 edition of *Health Affairs* by Merritt Hawkins, the nation’s leading physician search and consulting firm.

Entitled, *The Medical Profession’s Future: A Struggle Between Caring For Patients and Bottom-Line Pressures*, the study will be released online and in print on March 7, 2016 at 4:00PM Eastern Time. Its conclusions are based largely on data derived from a 2014 survey of over 20,000 physicians conducted by Merritt Hawkins on behalf of The Physicians Foundation, a not-for-profit grant-making organization dedicated to advancing the work of practicing physicians. Merritt Hawkins is a company of AMN Healthcare (NYSE: AHS).

The paper will be presented by its author, Phillip Miller, Merritt Hawkins Vice President of Communications, at a *Health Affairs*’ March issue briefing, to be held at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. on March 8, beginning at 9:00AM Eastern Time.

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