

# PROVIDER PRICE VARIATION

FOR MAMMOGRAPHY SERVICES IN THE COMMERCIAL MARKET

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**78% of commercial payments for digital mammography procedures were for screening services, while 22% were for diagnostic services.**

Volume and Payments for Screening & Diagnostic Digital Mammography

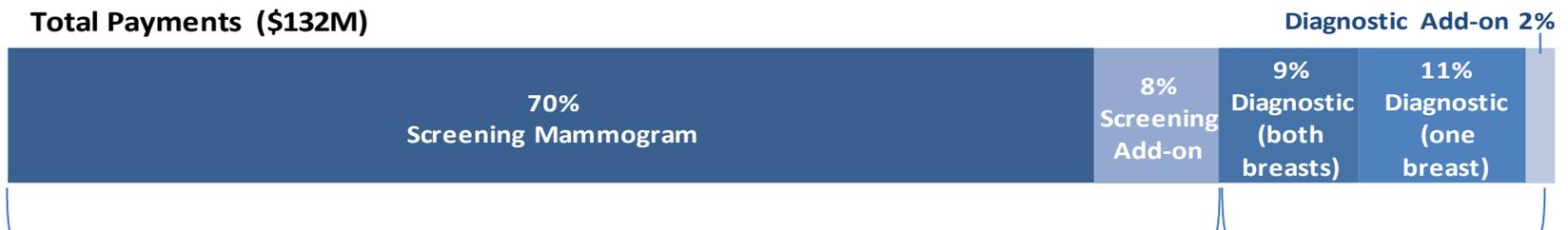
**Procedure Volume (377,887)**



**79% Screening**

**21% Diagnostic**

**Total Payments (\$132M)**



**78% Screening**

**22% Diagnostic**

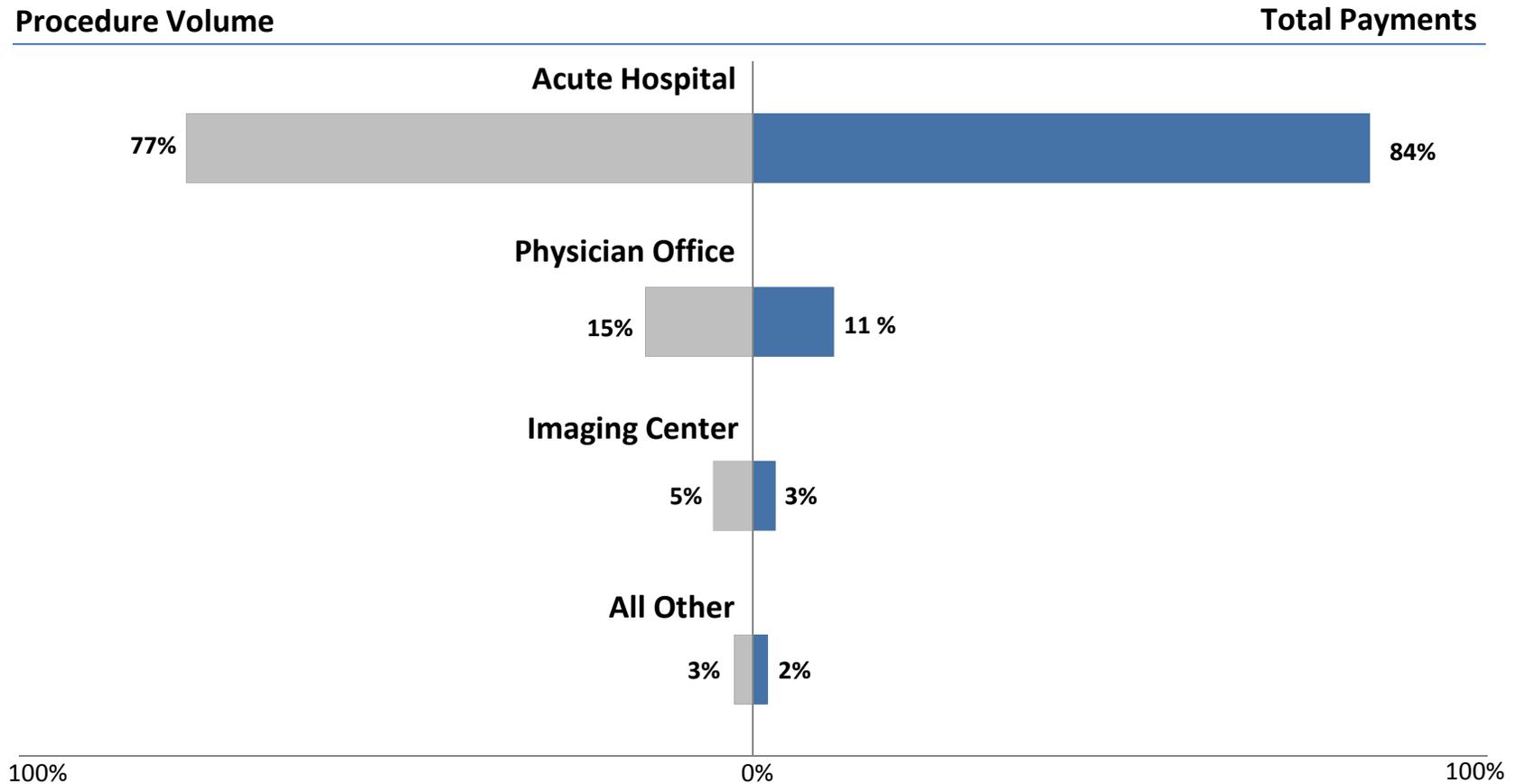
Source: MA APCD for CY 2012 incurred medical claims paid through June 30, 2013 for the commercially insured (BCBS, HPHC, and Tufts combined)

Note: Payments include amounts paid by insurers and patient cost sharing amount



# Acute hospitals performed more than three quarters of total mammography procedures and received more than four fifths of total payments.

Volume and Payments for Screening & Diagnostic Mammography by Provider Type



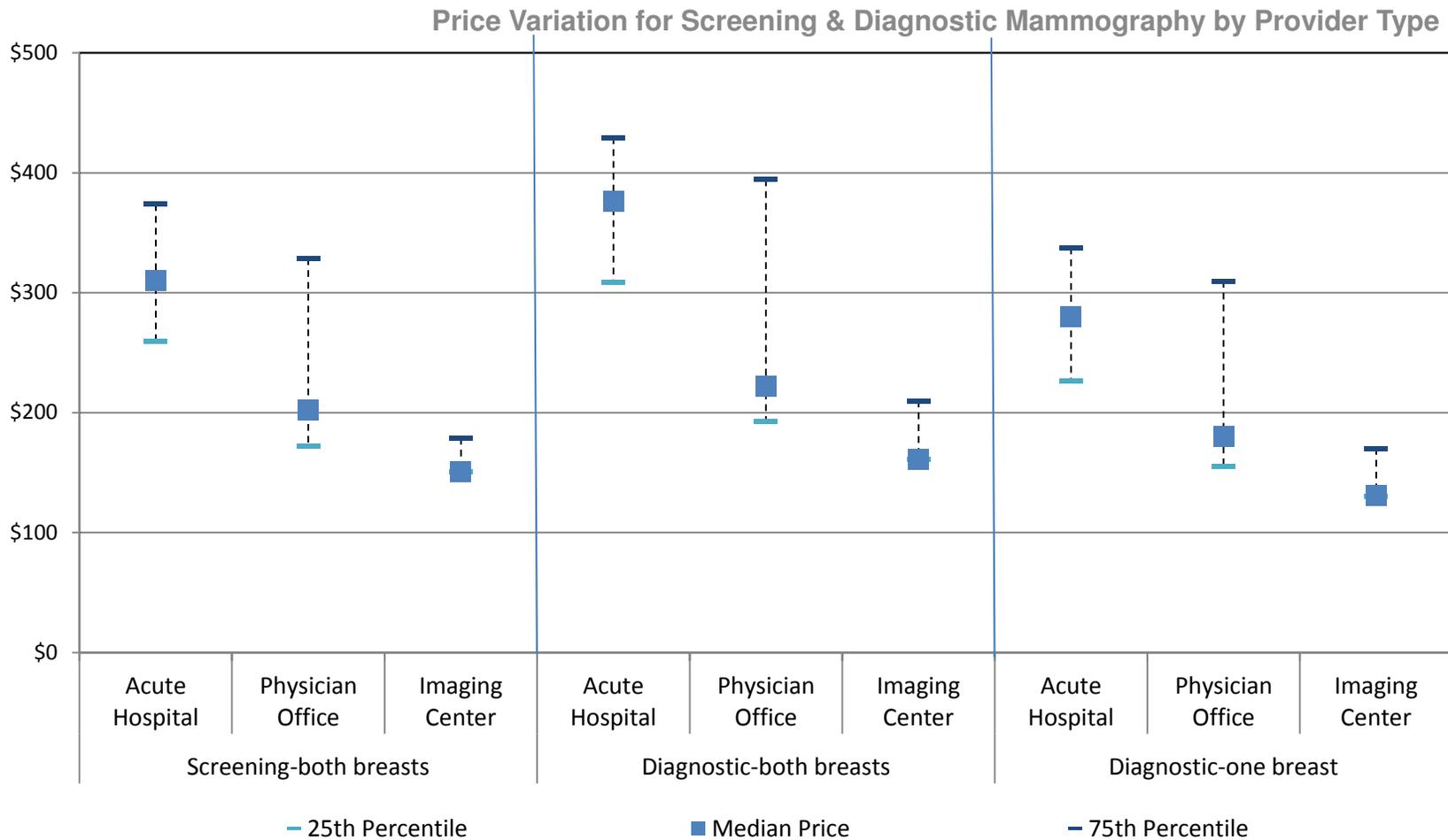
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Notes:

1. For each provider, the price includes the payments for facility and professional claims combined to represent one global mammography procedure. Payments for professional claims without matching facility claims are excluded and vice versa..
2. Providers in the "All Other" category include community health centers, individual practitioners, and out-of-state providers.



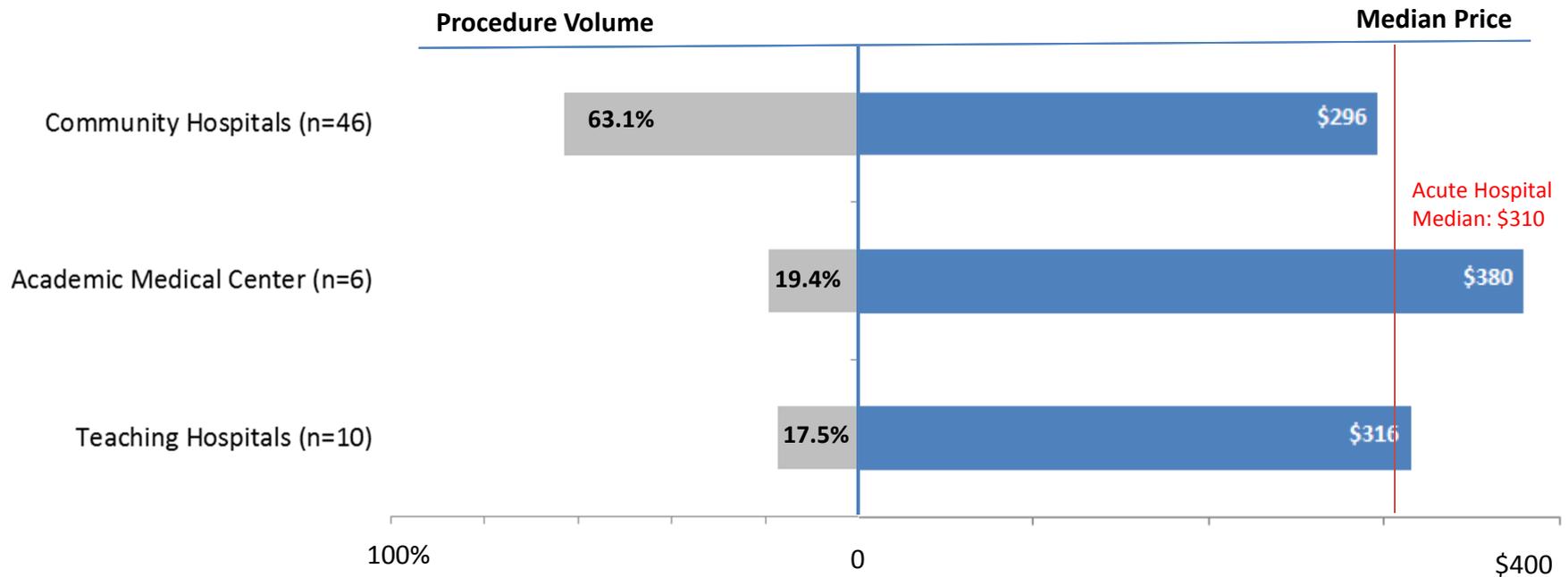
**Significant price variation exists across provider types. Generally, acute hospitals were 1.5 times and 2.0 times more expensive than physician offices and imaging centers, respectively.**



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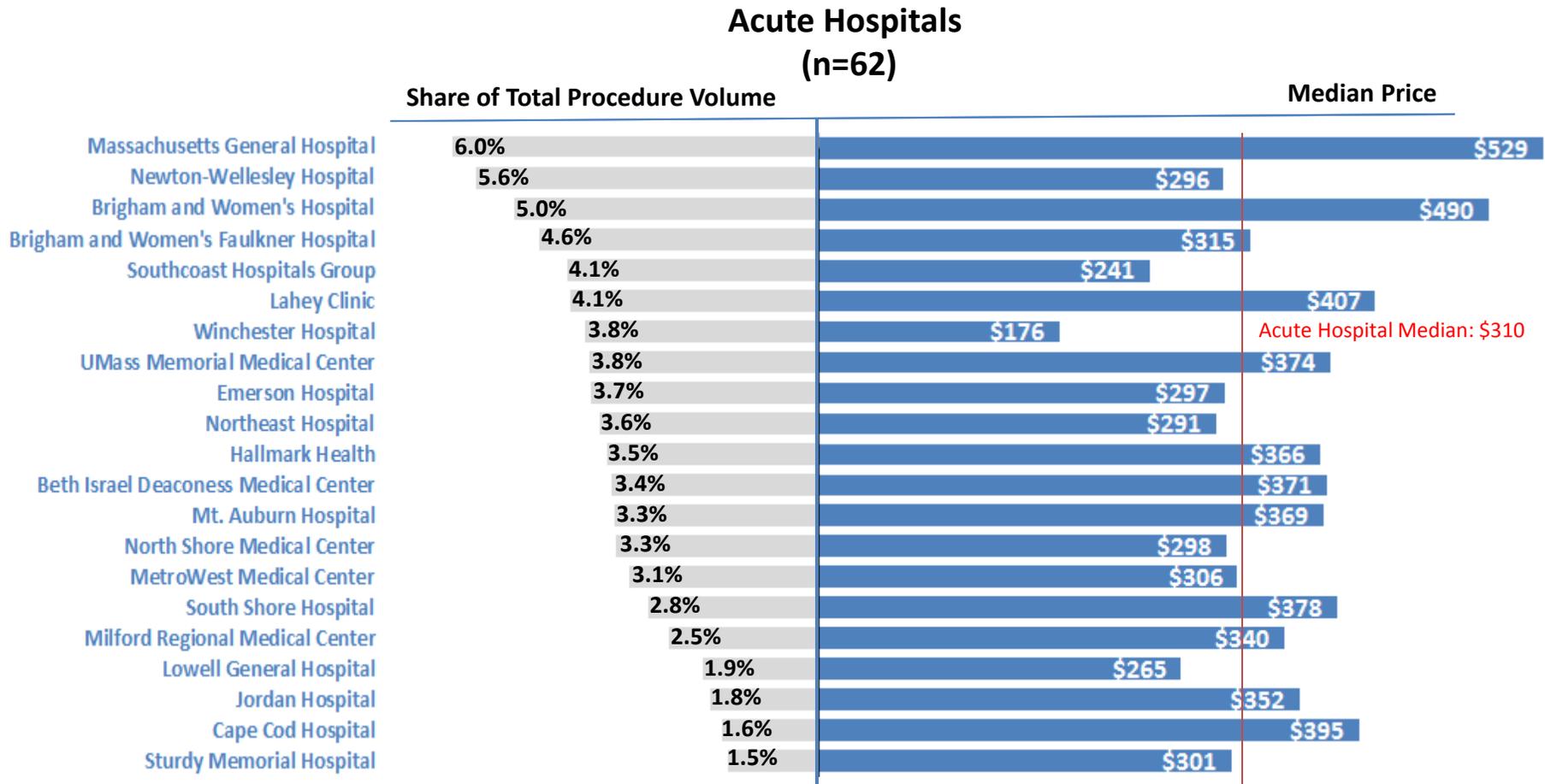
**Among acute hospitals, academic medical centers had higher prices while community hospitals performed more than two thirds of the procedures.**

Price Variation and Payment Distribution for Screening Mammography by Acute Hospital Type



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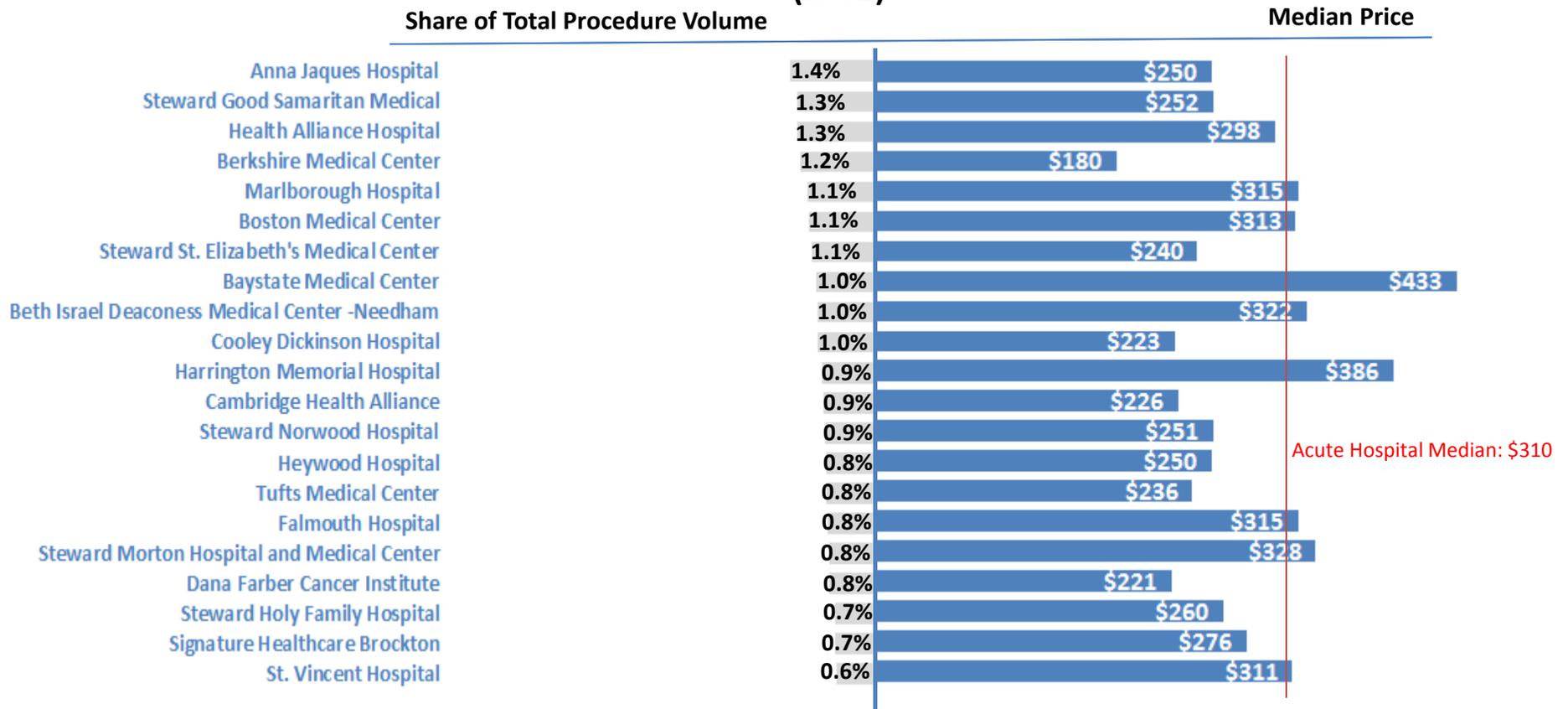
# Screening & Diagnostic Mammography Volume with Screening Mammography Median Price by Acute Hospital



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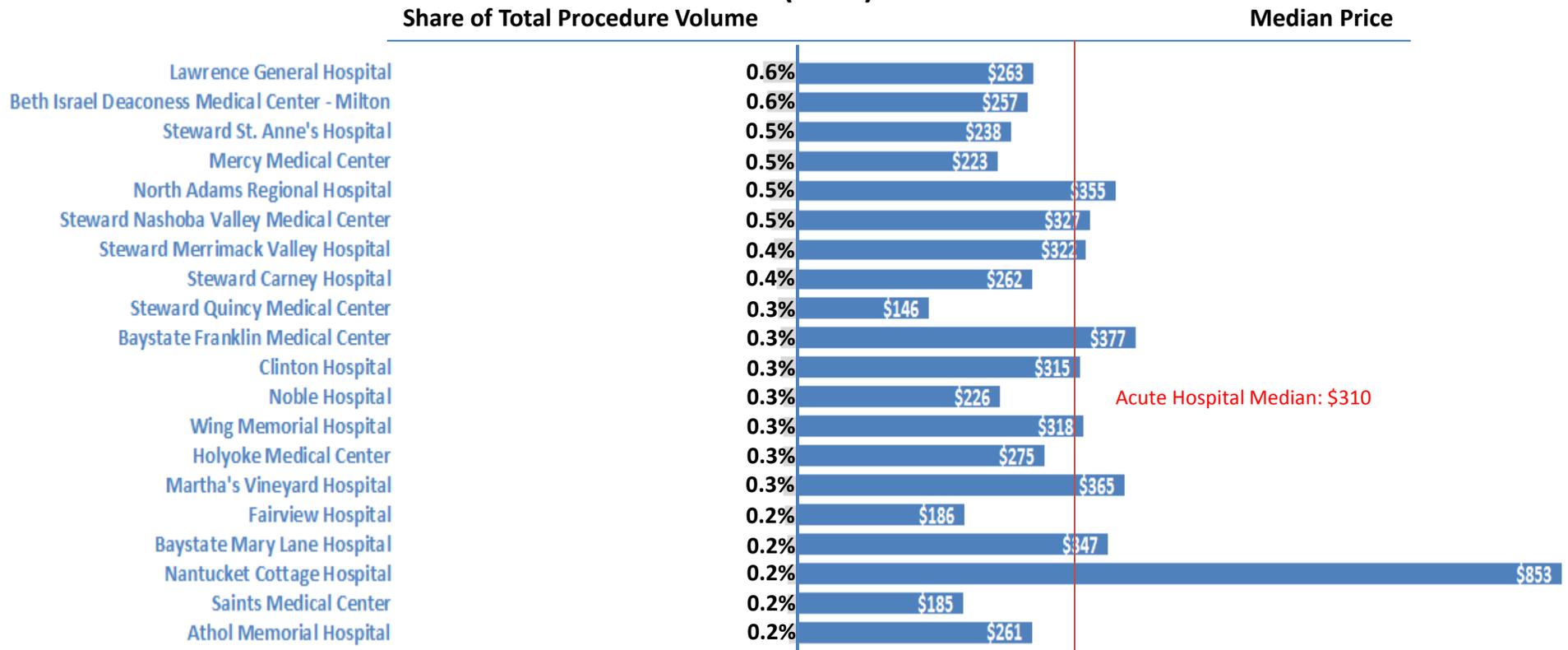
## Acute Hospitals (n=62)



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