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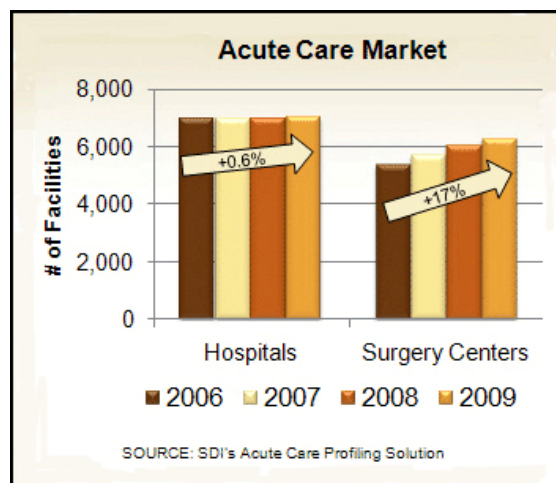
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**SDI REPORTS: HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT SURGICAL PROCEDURES INCREASING**  
Surgery Centers Growing

PLYMOUTH MEETING, Pa. – April 29, 2010 – [SDI](#), a leading healthcare market insight and analytics firm, today reported that the number of hospital outpatient surgical visits increased 4.5% in 2009 compared with 2008. The number of hospital inpatient visits with surgical procedures, however, remained relatively unchanged in 2009.

From 2006 through 2009, the number of hospitals in the United States grew less than 1%. The number of surgery centers, though, experienced double-digit growth at 17% during this same time period.



“The increase in surgeries where the patient is in and out of a hospital within a day, as well as the growth in the number of outpatient surgery centers, is due in part to payers’ increased awareness of costs and a desire to reduce them,” said Joe Priest, SDI Vice President of Hospital, Payer, and Government Services. “Because overnight stays are expensive, payers

have determined that fewer surgical procedures require post operative recovery in a hospital. This fact, combined with a growing and aging population, is driving the growth in the utility of smaller, specialized treatment centers.”

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