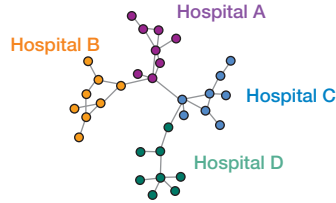
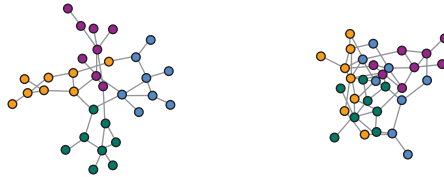


A Variations in network configurations based on the number of connections between physicians at different hospitals



Loosely connected network

In a network in which physician connections are mostly within hospitals, the network has tight hospital clusters but loose connections between hospital clusters.

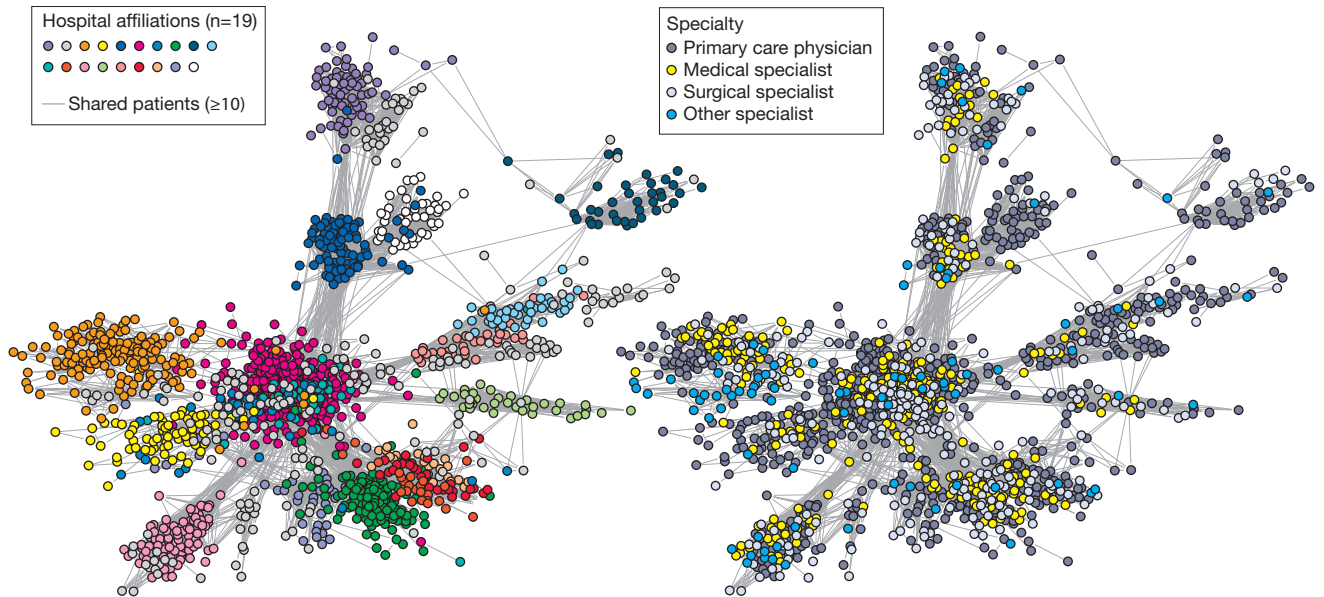


In networks with more physician connections across hospitals, the hospital clusters are closer together and the overall network becomes tighter.

Tightly connected network

In a network with many physician connections both within and across hospitals, the hospital clusters are tightly connected to each other.

B Example of loosely connected network: Albuquerque, NM (n=1391 physicians)



C Example of tightly connected network: Minneapolis/St Paul, MN (n=596 physicians)

