

BMI The London Independent Hospital

Introduction

Consultants are critical to each BMI Healthcare hospital. However, in common with other private healthcare operators and in most instances, BMI Healthcare does not employ these consultants. Instead, most consultants working in our hospitals are self-employed practitioners who see and treat patients at our hospitals under the terms of our “Practising Privileges” policy.

In 2014, the Competition and Markets Authority issued an Order (the “**CMA Order**”) regulating the relationships between private hospital groups and consultants who have Practising Privileges or treat private patients or refer them for tests at group facilities (“**Referring Clinicians**”).

In accordance with the CMA Order, hospital operators are prohibited from entering private into any incentive schemes that are designed to encourage Referring Clinicians to refer patients to, or treat private patients at, their facilities. BMI Healthcare does not operate any such schemes. The Order also requires hospital operators to disclose information about certain arrangements they have with Referring Clinicians, including: ownership interests held by Referring Clinicians in the hospital operator or in equipment used in the hospital; the provision of certain “high value” services to Referring Clinicians; the availability of “low value” basic amenities for Referring Clinicians; and any remuneration for services provided by Referring Clinicians to the hospital. Set out below is information about the common arrangements we have with Referring Clinicians. Further details are also available on our individual hospital webpages.

Higher Value Services

We charge our Referring Clinicians £25 per hour for using consulting rooms at this hospital, except in relation to NHS patients.

We charge our Referring Clinicians between £300 - £400 per month for space to use their own medical secretaries or for administrative purposes. The fee charged depends on (1) size of the space and (2) private or shared. This is inclusive of phone calls and postage charges.

Lower Value Services

We provide a number of support services to our Referring Clinicians, for which we do not make a charge. Further details regarding these arrangements are provided via our corporate webpages at [click here](#).

General Corporate Hospitality

In addition to the arrangements detailed on our corporate webpages, we invite members of our hospital Medical Advisory Committee to an annual dinner. The hospitals Executive Director and the Director of Clinical Services are also invited to attend the dinner. The dinner approximately costs £1,000.

Financial Interests

Dr Nat Padhiar, **Referring Clinician Podiatric Surgeon**, owns a chronic compartmental syndrome diagnostic system. The hospital pays £90 per treatment for use of this equipment.

Services Arrangements

Dr Melzer, **Referring Clinician Microbiologist**, provides the hospital with microbiology advice and is paid £1,600 per month for this service.

Drs Khan, Wijayatilake, Garg and Jovaisa, all Referring Clinician Anaesthetists, and Dr de la Cerda, ITU Specialist (together trading as London ITU Limited) provide our hospital with consultant intensivist cover. London ITU Limited is paid a monthly fee of £30,000 for this service.

Mr Ali Noorani, **Referring Clinician Trauma & Orthopaedic Surgeon (Upper Limb, Shoulder & Elbow)**, provides our hospital with advice and guidance on the development of Trauma and Sports Injury services at our hospital. Mr Ali Noorani is paid between £1,500 - £2,000 per month for these services.

Dr Gareth Parkes, **Referring Clinician Gastroenterologist**, fulfils the role of Clinical Lead for Endoscopy Services and leads on all aspects of due diligence for the hospital's accreditation with JAG (Joint Advisory Group on Gastrointestinal Endoscopy). Dr Gareth Parkes is paid up to £15,000 per annum for these services.

Clinical Chair

Mr Makarand Oak is the Clinical Chair of the hospital. Mr Makarand Oak's role includes chairing hospital Clinical Governance Committee meetings and attending the hospital's Senior Management Team meetings. Mr Makarand Oak is reimbursed £12,000 per year for these services. In addition, the Clinical Chair will also attend national Clinical Chair meetings, generally in London, for which we reimburse their reasonable travel and attendance expenses

Questions

Should you have any further questions in this area, please contact us by email at company.secretary@circlehealthgroup.co.uk.

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