

## **BMI The London Independent Hospital**

### ***Introduction***

Consultants are critical to each BMI Healthcare hospital. However in common with most private healthcare operators, BMI Healthcare does not employ these consultants. Instead, consultants working in our hospitals are essentially self-employed practitioners who see and treat patients at our hospitals under the terms of our 'credentialing' or 'practising privileges' policy.

It is important that we are transparent about our relationship with our consultants and therefore via our corporate webpages and below, we have set out some of the ways in which we work together.

### ***Higher Value Services***

Consultants are charged £25 per hour for using consulting rooms at this hospital, except in relation to NHS patients.

We charge between £300 to £400 per month for consultants using space for their own medical secretaries or administrative purposes, depending on the size of the space and whether it is a private or shared space. This is inclusive of phone calls and postage charges.

### ***Lower Value Services***

We provide a number of support services to our consultants, for which we do not make a charge. Further details are provided via our corporate webpages.

### ***General Corporate Hospitality***

At this hospital, in addition to the arrangements detailed via our corporate webpages, we invite members of our hospital Medical Advisory Committee to an annual dinner, which is also attended by the hospital Executive Director and the hospital Director of Clinical Services. The dinner generally costs around £1,000.

### ***Financial Interests***

Dr Nat Padhiar, Consultant Podiatric Surgeon, owns a chronic compartmental syndrome diagnostic system. The hospital pays a charge for use of this equipment.

### ***Services Arrangements***

Dr M Melzer, Consultant Microbiologist, provides the hospital with microbiology advice and is paid £1,400 per month for this.

Drs J Khan, S Wijayatilake, J Garg and T Jovaisa, all Consultant Anaesthetists, and Dr G de la Cerda, ITU Specialist Consultant (together trading as 'London ITU'), provide the hospital with consultant intensivist cover, receiving a monthly fee (of between £25,000 - £30,000) dependent on the number of ITU patient days per month.

Mr Ali Noorani, Consultant Trauma & Orthopaedic Surgeon, Upper Limb (Shoulder & Elbow), provides the hospital with advice and guidance on the development of Trauma and Sports Injury services at the hospital and receives a monthly fee of between £1,500 - £2,000 for these services.

Dr Gareth Parkes, Consultant 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). A fee of up to £15,000 per annum is paid for these services.

### ***Questions***

Should you have any further questions in this area, please contact us by email at [company.secretary@bmihealthcare.co.uk](mailto:company.secretary@bmihealthcare.co.uk).

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