

## Consultant 30

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Dear Sirs,

I would like to point out several problems with the way private health is funded at present.

Due to the high percentage of the market BUPA have been endeavouring to orchestrate the way General Practitioners and consultants manage patients.

Rather than the GP referring directly to the consultant they ask the patient to contact BUPA who then arrange an appointment with a consultant of BUPA's choice. This may well not be the most appropriate or best for the patient.

In doing this they are trying to introduce American style "managed Care" through the back door.

It allows BUPA to play one Consultant off against another [✂].

You will appreciate that the cheapest Specialist may not be the best.

The large insurers can behave in the same manner with hospitals.

I hope this is of some help