

## **Consultant 74**

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Dear members of the panel

I am a Consultant Ophthalmic surgeon and these are my views.

The British Medical Association (BMA) which is our professional representative body and trade-union has been prevented from issuing guideline fees and tariff for procedures. As the panel would be aware, we have a couple of major insurance providers who have a huge market share and enter into contracts with individual Consultants and revise payment structures unilaterally.

This works to their (unfair) advantage.

I would like the commission to allow for BMA to publish guidance rates for private practise please to level out the playing field.