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Dear Sir or Madam

I am slightly concerned by the change in referral practice that is occurring as a result of initiatives by BUPA and others to streamline their patients to certain recognised providers who have agreed set fees (normally at lower rates) with the insurance companies. I recently had a private patient wanting to come to see me because of my expertise in laparoscopic fibroid surgery but because I was not on the correct list she was re-directed by her insurers to a different surgeon who is not as experienced in laparoscopic skills for myomectomy. Thus the patient may end up with a larger operation than may have been required otherwise.