

A conference on

## Current Issues in Independent Practice

### *FIPO National-MAC and Consultant Meeting*

Wednesday 24th October 2012  
9.15 for 9.45

at

Royal College of Obstetricians  
and Gynaecologists

27 Sussex Place  
Regent's Park  
London NW1 4RG

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**This meeting is organised by FIPO (Federation of Independent Practitioner Organisations) and is by invitation only for the profession. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss recent changes in the private healthcare market with respect to the insurers, hospitals and the current Competition Commission Market Study. Cost and quality were identified in the recent OFT report as key features of consultant practice. The Medical Advisory Committees are the main route of clinical governance and professional advice to management in the independent sector and thus any proposals that may be made to the Competition Commission by FIPO or other professional groups over quality or any other related matters will need the support of MAC Chairmen or their deputies (or leading governance consultants).**

**At this meeting there will be a review of the current rapidly changing scene and a discussion about some of the proposals being made to the Competition Commission by the main private hospital groups and insurers. It is important that MAC Chairmen are aware of the professional response to these issues as there will be a need to get agreement from MAC Chairmen who would need to implement these professional decisions at a local level.**

**Speakers are from FIPO, competition lawyers, PHIN (Private Healthcare Information Network - the company providing the "quality arm" to the main hospital groups) and from WPA.**

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*Nuffield Hall, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists*

*This meeting is a private professional event for consultants in the independent sector including MAC Chairmen, governance consultants, lead clinicians and representatives of specialist organisations.*

### **9.15 Registration & Coffee**

#### **9.45 Recent Private Medical Insurance (PMI) Changes**

*Chris Khoo, Deputy Chairman, FIPO*

#### **10.00 What can consultants do about the current PMI issues - is managed care inevitable?**

*Richard Packard, Deputy Chairman, FIPO*

#### **10.15 The Competition Commission Market Study on Private Healthcare - what are the precise legal issues?**

*Emanuela Lecchi, Competition Lawyer, Watson Farley & Williams*

#### **10.45 The professional response to the Competition Commission on the economics of private practice and the Cost/Quality question**

*Geoffrey Glazer, Chairman, FIPO*

### **11.00 Panel Discussion**

#### **11.15 Coffee**

#### **11.30 PHIN (Private Hospital Information Network) and how the hospitals and profession can cooperate to produce measures of outcomes**

*Matt James, CEO, PHIN*

#### **12.00 Why buy medical insurance if you cannot see the consultant that you want to see?**

*Julian Stainton, CEO, WPA*

### **12.30 Panel Discussion**

#### **12.45 Lunch**

**14.00 Afternoon open meeting "Significant Events"**  
*Separate programme and registration*