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Dear Ms/Dr McGinness

I strongly oppose "The Cabrini Health proposal" for several reasons.

1. In current times Anatomical Pathology is specialized with patients needing pathology analysis performed by a variety of specialized pathologists expert in their field (eg. Gastrointestinal pathologists, breast pathologists Uropathologists, Neuropathologists etc). Expertise is determined by the volume of cases reported in the subspecialty, number of publications, research, international lecture invitations, Editorial board memberships amongst numerous other activities. Cabrini service (or Sonic ) does not provide such a service and cannot cover a wide range of subspecialties that outside pathologists can. Therefore if this proposal goes through, Cabrini patients would be disadvantaged as to getting the best opinion possible which can lead to serious mismanagement and treatment.
2. If pathology is invariably sent to one practice "cover up" of mistakes can occur.
3. Such a system in other hospitals has failed.

Eg. Lismore Base Hospital and Northern Rivers Pathology. There have been numerous complaints and protests regarding this service

There are other public hospitals in which clinicians are not happy about the results they get from the pathology department in the hospital.

If clinicians are restricted to send their private pathology to a designated company, then the quality of the clinical service will suffer. The arguments that Cabrini have put forward are not valid.

Eg. Clinicians receive results in their private rooms and electronic downloading is the usual delivery method. Any results needed in the wards are faxed which can be done by any outside company.

Intent to give better lists by Cabrini etc to "complying" surgeons is clearly unethical.

Yours sincerely

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