

To whom it may concern,

Re: National Joint Replacement register Levy

We wish to register our opposition to the implementation of such a tax for several reasons;

- 1) While we generally support the NJRR this in fact provides benefits to surgeon's/patients so we don't feel only one stakeholder group should foot the bill.
- 2) Believe if the bill was passed that precedent would be set for funding other registries.
- 3) Due to Prosthesis List benefits achieving actual growth of minus 8% adjusted for CPI, this is another cost that industry will be forced to absorb with no mechanism for passing on costs.
- 4) We will not have any say in the actual running of the NJRR which could be run in a far more cost effective way and save on what it costs to run.
- 5) There has been no consultation with industry and Passage of the bill should follow appropriate consultation.
- 6) While we support the NJRR we are strongly opposed to the registry providing comment and feel that too much influence is placed in too few's opinions. Statistics can be interpreted in many ways and should be left open to interpretations.

Kind Regards,

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