

From;- Grahame I Dudgeon, retired Obstetrician and Gynaecologist,

The aspect of the debacle involving Medicare and Dentistry for the Aged, is the complete lack of a precedent in general Medicine for requiring a treatment plan to be provided by the Consultant to the G.P. before recommended treatment can be carried out. On one hand it necessitates two consultations instead of one, when the proposed treatment awaits presumed approval from the G.P., whose training does not involve a Dental component, and on the other the G.P., for the same reason, will not easily understand the details of the treatment plan. The idea of the scheme is worthy, but the details have been ill-conceived, and practitioners pursued for technical oversights should not have their professionalism undermined in the way it appears to have been. Respectfully yours, G.I.Dudgeon.