

Competition Commission Health Market Inquiry

Discussion Points for the South African Society of Anaesthesiologists (SASA)

Introduction and Background

- Who is SASA
- Who do we speak on behalf of
- SASA and the patient
- Why we asked for the opportunity to communicate with the public on the Health Market

Inquiry

Skills and Sustainability

- What skills the country has for Anaesthesia compared to what it needs
- Consequences of scarcity of skills
- Potential solutions to address skills shortages
- Barriers to addressing skills shortages

Market Power

- What the law currently allows practitioners
- How an Anaesthesiologist manages his/her practice and finances
- Price Benchmarking
- Doctor as businessperson?

Rising Healthcare Costs

- What drives healthcare costs – a view from the coalface
- How this impacts on your doctor and specialists
- An example of a medical scheme rate for an Anaesthesiologist
- How this all then translates to the experience of the patient

Medical Practitioner Independence

- Why the stringent HPCSA rules exist
- Consequences for Competition
 - direct employment and alternative reimbursement models
- Importance of strong and efficient regulatory environment

Questions