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On Friday, the 13th August, 2010, we had a special general body meeting of the Bombay Ophth. Association (BOA). It was unanimously resolved that

1: all BOA members are prohibited from undertaking any cashless ophthalmic surgery with immediate effect

2. strict action would be taken against those transgressing the decision of the general body.

Further, the BOA President would convey this decision to the TPAs and to the media at an appropriate time.

The BOA will not seek any negotiations with the TPAs. As and when the TPAs come knocking on our doors, the BOA will refuse any terms which restricts what a doctor can charge for a surgery.

In Mumbai, the BOA and the association of Medical Consultants are mobilising all the other consultant bodies such as the Bombay Obstetric and Gynac Society, the Bombay ENT Association etc. Dr. T P Lahane will lead this FOMA (Federation of Medical Associations) which will have a combined membership of 36 associations and over 1 lac consultant doctors.

Dr. Keki Mehta and Dr. Quresh Maskati were entrusted with the task of writing up the resolution and handing out printed copies to all the BOA members, so that they can display this in their clinics/nursing homes/hospitals to educate patients that the decision to stop cashless is a united action by the BOA

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