



**Sun on Sunday**

**Re: Lawyers ‘put cash ahead of patients’**

**22 June 2013**

Sir,

No one can doubt Lord Saatchi’s grief or his motivation and desire to help other cancer sufferers.

But the reality is that his Medical Innovation Bill is misguided. It simply is not true to say that doctors do not innovate, and so this Bill is therefore based on a false premise.

The work and conduct of most doctors is, of course, excellent and admirable, but this Bill could put patients in danger. It offers no real protection for vulnerable patients who will find themselves in the hands of over-ambitious “innovators” who will be able to use patients for research purposes without proper procedures in place to protect their safety.

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