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Dear Patients of The B.A.C.K. Center:

The federal Sunshine Act requires Doctors and Industry or companies who manufacture products and supplies for surgery to make public payments, consulting fees, intellectual property, patents and any other exchange of goods for services. This is done to foster and protect the important relationship between medical doctors and affiliated companies so that they can collaborate to develop new and improved products for use in surgery.

I and other physician members of The B.A.C.K. Center have been consulting with several companies including Medtronic, Depuy-Johnson and Johnson, Spine Wave, Celling Biosciences, Health First and perhaps others for over 20 years. OLIF or "O25" and "O51" are minimally invasive spinal operations that have their origins at The B.A.C.K. Center here in Melbourne. Many surgeons from across the US and abroad have travelled to Melbourne to learn these new surgical techniques. Also, CBT or "Cortical Bone Trajectory" was invented here at The B.A.C.K. Center for some of our older spine patients. This technique has been published in the spine literature and is currently used by hundreds of spinal surgeons worldwide.

I personally have created several important patents and invented several new procedures that are modifications of current surgical techniques. In order to bring these new procedures and implants to use a great deal of technical expertise, cost and FDA approvals are required. As a small medical practice, I would not be able to develop my concepts nor advance the procedures without the full partnership of these world class companies.

I receive consulting payments for teaching surgeons, teaching engineers and marketing specialists about these procedures. I have received payments for my patents, and patentable concepts and ideas when FDA approved products are made. I may also receive royalty payments based upon my contracts and agreements with one or more of these companies. All of this payment activity is reported and will be made public under the Sunshine Act later in 2014.

I am very proud of the contributions to teaching and developing new and innovative surgeries for spine patients. I am happy to formally present and disclose this to all of the past, present and future patients of The B.A.C.K. Center. Be assured that when I use these products in the surgeries that I perform, no royalty payments are paid to me nor anyone affiliated with me.

Please feel free to visit our display booth in the main lobby of our building at the Crane Creek Medical Center to see samples of commonly used products in surgery that are available to all of the spine surgeons at area hospitals. Some of these products are also available at the Crane Creek Surgery Center. Further, The B.A.C.K. Center does own stock in the Crane Creek Surgery Center as do other area surgeons and Wuesthoff Medical Center Melbourne.

On behalf of The B.A.C.K. Center we would like to thank you for being a patient with us!

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