

Beyond pharmaceutical largesse, doctors reap additional exorbitant fees labeled “consultancy” or “referral” when they recommend patients to get medical tests done at diagnostic centers. While it was previously believed that doctors only benefited from routing patients to specific testing centers, this investigation revealed that a much larger network allows doctors to earn large commissions up to 40% regardless of which diagnostic center carries out the tests, increasing the financial strain on the patients.

Allegations have also been laid against doctors for sabotaging expensive medical equipment at government hospitals in order to divert patients to more costly privately-owned diagnostic centers. Doctors and diagnostic center operators have admitted to their practices and continue operating with impunity due to a lack of vigilance and accountability.