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Topic: Hospital Budget

Comment: The GMCB has cut the budget of both hospitals where I provide care as a board-certified Cardiologist, UVMMC and NMC. This is untenable and damages our ability to provide optimal preventive care and treatment of cardiovascular disease. It makes me wonder, as a provider serving patients in a large university-based practice as well as a small critical access hospital, who's interests does the GMCB actually represent? Certainly not those of Vermonters who wait months for necessary procedures and appointments. Certainly not those of hospital systems trying to attract and retain skilled physicians and affiliated providers while providing critical services on an ever-shrinking budget. These cuts have done a disservice to all in our state.

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