

# Letter - Bring patients here

**Gulf Islands Driftwood**

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Here's a personal experience at the Duncan hospital in 2001.

The first scheduled OR procedure was unsuccessful. I was discharged on the fourth day. Came home to Salt Spring Island somewhat disabled. Went to Lady Minto for follow-up.

Second successful OR procedure 19 days later. Discharged on the fourth day. Again home to Salt Spring and follow-up care at Lady Minto's emergency department.

My point is that OR procedures were rationed timewise (or dollarwise) then, and are probably more so today.

Relieve OR pressures (in Duncan, Victoria and elsewhere) and reduce wait time by scheduling "non sexy" OR procedures to Lady Minto's well-staffed, modern operating room.

Patients could ferry to Salt Spring. (Salt Spring patients ferry off island — is there any difference?)

Well, I would say "yes!" Compare large units' access and personal service to our smaller unit's easier access and our very much appreciated personal care.

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