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High Caesarean rates put doctors under the spotlight

With over a third of births delivered as Caesarean sections, our hospital practices raise questions on how lightly this major surgery is being taken

"In private hospitals it's the consultant who delivers the baby, and that means you must stand by the mother ... If you're not keen about that kind of waiting around, then it's more likely that younger doctors wanting to make good money will be ready to take on a number of deliveries" – Gynaecologist Donald Felice

"I would think that the alarm bells should be ringing by now" – Midwife Maria Cutajar Full story page 6 ►

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