

BILLING TERMS: Private health insurance does not contribute to the costs of outpatient consultations, and we do not bulk bill Medicare directly for your accounts. You will be given an invoice after your consultation, at which time settlement is expected and appreciated. Accounts are itemised and are above the standard Medicare rebate. Payment can be made by credit card, EFTPOS, cash or cheque. Where possible we use Gap Cover schemes for inpatient services, but this is not always possible for complex surgery, and some health funds do not offer suitable Gap Cover Schemes. Health funds that do not offer suitable Gap Cover schemes include, but are not limited to: CUA Health, Frank Health, GMHBA, HBF, Latrobe Health Services, NIB, St Lukes, GU Health.

PRIVACY POLICY: We require your consent to collect personal information about you. This policy details how and why this information is collected and stored; please read it carefully.

Information is collected from you for the primary purpose of providing quality healthcare. We require your personal details and a full medical history so that we may properly assess, diagnose, treat and be proactive in your healthcare needs. We use the information you provide in the following ways:

- Administrative purposes in running our medical practice.
- Billing purposes, including compliance with Medicare & the Health Insurance Commission.
- Disclosure to others involved in your healthcare, including treating doctors and specialists outside this medical practice. This may occur through referral to other doctors, or for medical tests and in the reports or results returned to us following the referrals.

You are not obliged to provide any of the information requested, but failing to do so might compromise the quality of the healthcare and treatment we can provide. You have the right to access the information we have collected about you, except in rare circumstances where access might legitimately be withheld; an explanation will be provided in such circumstances.

FEES FOR PROVISION OF SERVICE: The safe, efficient and reliable running of a private surgical practice requires fees greater than the government provides Medicare rebates for. As a result there are out of pocket fees associated with our services. Private health insurance does not cover private outpatient costs, but does make significant contributions to the costs of surgery. Our goal is to provide high quality and honest healthcare while making every effort to minimise your costs.

PRIVATE CONSULTATION FEES

Initial Consultation: \$195 (Medicare rebate: \$72.75)
Review Consultation: \$95 (Medicare rebate: \$36.55)

~~WORKCOVER CONSULTATION FEES~~

~~Initial Consultation: \$240 (W'Cover rebate: \$147.82)
Review Consultation: \$120 (W'Cover rebate: \$74.07)~~
(Mr Jones is not currently seeing new Workcover patients)

~~TAC CONSULTATION FEES~~

~~TAC consultations are billed at the private consultation rate. Until the TAC Medical Excess is reached (approximately \$600) the appropriate Medicare rebate is available. Once the TAC medical excess is reached a rebate is available from the TAC.~~

~~(Mr Jones is not currently seeing new TAC patients)~~

APPLICATION OF CASTS

Plaster Backslab (half cast): \$20
Fibreglass Backslab (half cast): \$40
Full Plaster Cast: \$40
Full Fibreglass Cast: \$60

Medicare does not provide a rebate for cast application

INJECTIONS

Corticosteroid Injection: \$55

Hyaluronic Acid (Synvisc) (or similar) injections are billed as per a corticosteroid injection, but the cost of the Hyaluronic Acid is not included.

Information on purchasing Hyaluronic Acid for injection can be provided if required. Synvisc One currently costs \$476.

Medicare does not provide a rebate for joint injections.

SURGICAL FEES

An of pocket expense is levied for surgical procedures. Surgical fees also cover the cost of routine post-operative consultations during your recovery. Out of pocket expenses are typically higher for complex surgery and for patients whose insurance does not offer a suitable Gap Cover scheme. Health funds that do not offer a suitable Gap Cover scheme include, but are not limited to: CUA Health, Frank Health, GMHBA, HBF, Latrobe Health Services, NIB, St Lukes, GU Health.

Your consent is required:

PRIVACY POLICY: I have read and understand the requirements outlined in the privacy policy of this medical practice as detailed above, and give my consent for my information to be used in this manner.

FEES FOR PROVISION OF SERVICES: I have read and understand the Fees For Provision Of Services listed. I understand that unless otherwise stated there is no Medicare or health fund rebate to cover the cost of these fees.

FINANCIAL CONSENT: I understand that there are out of pocket expenses associated with surgery. These expenses may include surgical and anaesthetic costs that are not fully refundable by either Medicare or health insurance funds.

Patient Signature..... **Date**.....