

Mr Christopher Thien

MBBS (Hons) FRACS

Neurosurgeon

Fees

Consultation fees:

Initial consultation	\$220.00
Rebate from Medicare	\$104.15 (gap \$115.85)
Review consultation	\$135.00
Rebate from Medicare	\$ 68.75 (gap \$66.25)
Complex review	\$210.00
Rebate from Medicare	\$ 95.20 (gap \$114.80)

Aged pension card holders:

If you are the holder of an aged pension card, Mr Thien will reduce the fee for an initial consultation to \$145.00 (gap \$40.85) and a review consultation to \$100.00 (gap \$31.25). A complex review is \$130.00 (gap \$34.80)

As my staff would have informed you when making your appointment, you are required to settle your account on the day of consultation and claim from Medicare afterwards.

Operation:

Should the decision be made that you require surgery, the following information gives you an estimate of the likely medical costs you will be required to pay for your in-hospital elective procedure. This estimate refers only to the fees charged by this practice. It does not cover services provided by other doctors, including anaesthetists, radiologists, and pathologists, or other costs associated with your stay in hospital, *eg. pharmacy.*

Co-payment:

Whilst this practice participates with the "Gap Cover Scheme" with all funds, there are several funds that do not adequately cover costs. Unfortunately we therefore require a co-payment for those patients who are members of the following health insurance funds. The co-payment varies depending on your procedure and will be quoted at the time of booking your planned procedure.



Neurosurgical
Associates

Health Fund

Expected co-payment
depending on procedure
to be performed.

Australian Unity

Australian Health Alliance Funds

Medibank Private \$600 to \$700

St Lukes Health

LaTrobe Health Services

GMHBA

Mildura Health Fund

This co-payment must be paid prior to surgery and is non rebatable through Medicare or your private fund. Fees for surgery will then be directly billed to your health fund and there will be no out-of-pocket expense for this account, as long as you are covered for the "Gap Cover Scheme".

There will be no co-payment for those patients who are members of the following funds:

HCF HBA NIB MBF

Fees for surgery will be billed directly to your health fund and therefore there will be no out-of-pocket expense for this account, as long as you are covered for the "Gap Cover Scheme".

Assistant:

Dr Catherine Balon is our regular surgical assistant and there will be no out-of-pocket expense for her services regardless of which fund you are a member. This account will also be directly forwarded to your fund for payment.

It is the responsibility of all patients to ensure their membership will adequately cover the No Gap payment.

If you have any concerns regarding costs associated with your consultation or surgery, please do not hesitate to contact me on **03 9421 0355**.

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