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Fees

Referrals

Your referral must be current to receive the maximum Medicare rebate. It is the patient's responsibility to ensure that the referral is current. Referrals from GPs last 12 months. Referrals from specialists are valid for 3 months only. Please note that it is illegal under Medicare rules for your doctor to backdate a referral.

Consultation Fees

Initial consultation	\$350.00
Rebate from Medicare	\$123.05
Review consultation	\$250.00
Rebate from Medicare	\$81.30

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.

Health Fund	Expected co-payment depending on procedure to be performed
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Australian Unity• Australian Health Alliance Funds• Medibank Private• St Lukes Health• LaTrobe Health Services• GMHBA• Mildura Health Fund	\$500 to \$700



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
- BUPA
- NIB

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".

Please be aware that there have been recent changes to some private health funds. These changes mean that your health fund will not cover you should you suffer a complication and require more surgery. Please check with your health fund to make sure they will cover you, should you have a post operative complication.

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.

Location

The Epworth Centre

Level 8, Suite 2, 32 Erin Street, Richmond VIC 3121

Appointments

For all appointments and general enquiries please call: **03 9421 0355**

or email enquiries@neurosurgicalassociates.com.au

More information can be found at: www.neurosurgicalassociates.com.au

Telehealth appointments via Zoom are available to all patients.