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## ESTIMATE OF MEDICAL FEES

My practice follows recommended guidelines for informed financial consent. This means that we aim to explain the approximate costs of surgery to you before you undertake surgery. This will be discussed with you by Dr Dalton at the time of booking your surgery and you will be given written information. Dr Dalton is generally not able to confirm Anaesthetic costs or ancillary costs of XR's, blood tests etc but he can provide you with the contact details for these specialists and you could make your own general enquiries. Your Anaesthetist will contact you directly to explain their fee structure and process prior to surgery.

Please note this is an estimate of fees only as the findings at surgery and the actual procedure undertaken may result in a variation of fees. The variation may be either higher or lower than this estimate. In the event of unforeseen circumstances, it may be necessary to arrange additional medical services (eg Cardiology review) resulting in further charges to you.

Dr Dalton does not have any direct relationship with any of the private health funds. **Gap fees are charged on all procedures.** Private health funds generally cover the cost of your hospitalization (bed and theatre fees) and prosthesis (eg hip and knee replacement parts) but cover very little of your Doctors fees. The gap fee will be discussed with you at the time of booking. Veteran Affairs and WorkCover patients will not incur any out of pocket expenses.

### Fees for surgery can include:

- Surgeon, Surgical assistant and Anaesthetist
- Prosthesis (permanently implanted parts used in operation eg hip replacement)
- Hospital: Theatre fee and Bed fee (usually per night)
- Fees can also be incurred from Pathology, radiology and Pharmacy.

### PAYMENT OF SURGICAL FEES

**Surgical fees (Surgeon & surgical assistant) are to be paid one week prior to surgery.** A separate invoice will not be sent. Please organise payment according to original surgical quote. Please contact my office to arrange payment.

Once the surgery has been undertaken my office can issue you with a receipt and you may be able to claim back some of your fee from your health fund and Medicare. Please discuss the process of payment with my reception staff.

The invoice from my office will generally include the fee for the Surgical assistant. You will receive a separate account from the Anaesthetist. Pathology, Radiology and Pharmacy invoices are issued separately by the provider.

### HOSPITAL EXCESS:

This is determined by your level of health care coverage. It is paid to the hospital prior to or on the day of your surgery. **It is separate to your surgical fees as billed by Dr Dalton.**

**It is advisable that you check with your private health fund to clarify your level of cover prior to your procedure.**

**If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact my office.**

