

Initial surgical consultation:

Breast referral	\$220 (Medicare will reimburse part of this cost)
Endocrine referral	\$220 (Medicare will reimburse part of this cost)
Other referral	\$200 (Medicare will reimburse part of this cost)
Aged-pensioners	Bulk-billed

Follow-up consultation

(within 12 months of the date on the GP referral letter):

All patients	\$100 (Medicare will reimburse part of this cost)
Aged-pensioners	Bulk-billed

Patients admitted through the public hospital as an emergency and coming to see Dr. Ong for the first time in the rooms are considered as a "follow-up consultation".

Follow-up consultation (more than 12 months after the date on the last GP referral letter):

All patients	\$200 (Medicare will reimburse part of this cost)
Aged-pensioners	Bulk-billed

(Patients with private insurance)

Out-of-pocket costs for surgical procedures at a private hospital:

Gastroscopy	No-gap (ie. procedure is fully covered by your fund)
Colonoscopy	No-gap
DVA patients	No-gap

Cholecystectomy	\$500 "known-gap"
Routine hernia repair	\$500 "known-gap"
Routine breast surgery	\$500 "known-gap"
Routine endocrine surgery	\$500 "known-gap"

Complex breast surgery	AMA (Australian Medical Association) rates
Complex thyroid surgery	AMA rates
Complex hernia repairs	AMA rates

Exceptions apply to health funds which do not participate in the "known-gap" scheme. NIB is an example of a health fund which does not participate in the "known-gap" scheme and the out-of-pocket costs for NIB patients will likely be higher.

A guide and financial consent for patients with private-insurance requiring surgery will be provided at the time of consultation.