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Patient questions:

“I would like to pay for my surgery because I don’t want to wait”

“I do not want to wait 1 year or longer for my procedure”

I do not want to wait 12 months or possibly longer on the waiting list.

Can I pay to have my procedure done quicker?

Recommended wait-listing periods for elective surgery are determined by the Local Health District. If you would like your procedure performed earlier and have the funds available, you can undergo surgery in a private facility as a self-funded patient.

Apart from getting my procedure much quicker, are there other benefits of being a self-funded patient?

Surgery as a private patient or self-funded patient means Dr Ong will be the surgeon performing your procedure. You also have the flexibility of undergoing surgery in the week which suits your schedule.

What are the costs involved in being a self-funded patient?

Surgical charges involve charges by the:

- Private hospital (surgical equipment, disposables, staff, hospital room stay, medications, etc.
- Surgeon
- Anaesthetist
- Surgical assistant
- Blood tests while in the hospital
- X-Rays/radiological investigations while in the hospital

Medicare will reimburse a portion of the payments made to the surgeon, anaesthetist and surgical assistant. The amount you get back is variable depending on the procedure.

The payments made to the hospital have no Medicare reimbursements.

The approximate total cost of the procedure will be:

Approximate cost = Private hospital charges (no Medicare rebate) + surgeon fee (minus Medicare rebate) + surgical assistant fee (minus Medicare rebate) + anaesthetist fee (minus Medicare rebate) + costs of tests in hospital (minus Medicare rebate).

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I would like to go ahead to have my procedure in the private hospital as a self-funded patient. What do I do now?

To determine the hospital charges, you will have to call or visit the hospital and provide them with the “item numbers” of the procedure (Dr Ong’s practice will provide you with the item numbers).

The hospital will provide you with their estimated charges.

To determine surgeon and assistant charges, please call MEDSSERV (02) 87659475 to obtain a quote of fees.

To determine anaesthetic charges, please call the designated anaesthetist (Dr Ong’s rooms will advise who the designated anaesthetist will be – this depends on the week cycle.)

If the cost of the procedure is within your means and you would like to proceed as a self-funded patient in the private hospital, please inform Dr Ong’s rooms and obtain the private hospital forms to proceed with the booking. A date for surgery will be offered to you at the same time.

What if I end up with a longer than intended stay in the private hospital after my surgery?

You will incur additional costs by the private hospital depending on their daily room rate.

In the unlikely event that I must stay longer in hospital after my self-funded procedure, can I be transferred to the public hospital?

Yes, that is possible. Transfers are made by paramedics or hospital transport. This will incur out-of-pocket expenses.

Transfers to the public hospital are prioritised with the sickest patients transferred first, which during peak times, may lead to unforeseen delays in the transfer. Transfer to the public hospital will also be delayed if there are no available patient beds in the public hospital.

Available beds in the public hospital are allocated based on patient acuity (how sick they are) and not allocated on a first-come-first serve basis.

Sincerely, **DR ANDREW ONG.**



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