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Advice for Self-Funding Patients considering Weight Loss Surgery with Dr S Werapitiya on Fee Structure

Please read the following information *carefully* prior to your appointment with Dr Senarath Werapitiya and contact us on 08 9722 1700 if you have any enquiries.

Consultation and associated follow up fees: Effective 1st July 2024

Weight loss surgical patients require detailed and extensive assessment, education, preparation, and strict long-term follow up for successful results and to minimise complications. This process involves multiple visits for office consultations. Typically, you will see the Doctor at least three times prior to and three times in the first year after surgery, and usually once a year beyond that. You will pay consultation fees up to approximately \$4000.

For outpatient consultation visit associated fees, you will be eligible for a Medicare rebate.

- Initial Consultation (Item No. 104)
\$150.00 (Medicare Rebate - \$81.30)
- Subsequent Visits before Surgery (Item No. 105)
\$80.00 (Medicare \$40.85)
- Final consultation fee:
\$3800 – this payment is required at least one week prior to your surgery date. **CASH PAYMENT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR THIS ACCOUNT – EFTPOS or direct deposit only.**
- Review consultations for the first 2 years after surgery (Item No. 105)
Bulk billed / no charge

A portion of your surgery will be covered by Medicare. Patients not on Medicare will need to contact our rooms for an alternative estimate of costs.

Please note that you will have no further out of pocket costs for follow-up visits for the first 2 years following your surgery.

The fees listed above do not include hospital charges, anaesthetic, pathology, or dietetic service charges.

Please be aware that the listed fees and charges may be subject to change at the discretion of your surgeon.

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Outpatient fees are to be paid at the time of consultation. Payment for this can be made by:

- **Cash (excluding the \$3800 payment)**
- **Savings/Cheque Accounts**
- **Direct Deposit – BSB: 086554 ACC: 869 903 564 (surname & invoice number as a ref.)**
- **Unfortunately, we are unable to accept Credit Card payments.**

Effective and efficient delivery of patient care is a team effort. Please note that sometimes other team members (specially trained doctors) may be involved in part of the pre surgery assessment process and after surgery follow-ups.

For your surgery, you will need to obtain quotes and invoices from:

- **St John of God Hospital Bunbury** – a bundled package of **\$12,800** is offered to those wishing to self-fund their bariatric surgery with a length of hospital stay averaged out at 2.5 days. This cost will cover a hospital bed and theatre time only. You will be given an information booklet issued by the hospital. Please read this carefully. *You should obtain your personalised quote from the hospital's admissions department.*
- **Allocated anaesthetist** – their contact details will be issued to you when a surgery date is booked. It is estimated your total anaesthetic costs could be between \$1,100 - \$2,000. You should contact your anaesthetist's rooms for further clarification.
- Please be aware there will be additional fees for required **pathology, imaging, prescription medication, and dietetic outpatient appointments.**

Gastroscopy:

Also known as an upper GI endoscopy, is needed in some patients as a part of the assessment and planning before bariatric surgery. This will therefore require a separate admission to St John of God Hospital as a day procedure patient. Patients requiring Endoscopy must pay the hospital an additional fee of \$1700. Once again, there will be additional charges for your anaesthetist, surgeon and pathology services.

Superannuation:

If you are accessing your superannuation, we will provide you with the required ATO Superannuation Access Form and a quote once your surgery has been booked. You will also need an additional form completed by your GP to support your application. **These THREE documents are to be submitted directly to the Australian Taxation Office (not your superannuation fund) by the patient and is the sole responsibility of the patient.** Our office will only be able to issue you a quote for your \$3800 final consultation fee. Please contact the hospital and your anaesthetist for your other quotes.

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