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## **Advice for Private 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:**

**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.**

**Please note that private health funds do not cover any outpatient consultation fees, regardless of the level of cover, you will be required to pay these fees.**

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

- Initial Consultation (MBS Item No. 104)  
**\$120.00** (Medicare Rebate - \$80.85)
- Subsequent visits before surgery (MBS Item No. 105)  
**\$60.00** (Medicare Rebate – \$40.65)
- Final consultation fee (MBS Item No. 105)  
**\$3200** – this payment is required at least one week prior to your surgery date.  
(Medicare Rebate - \$40.65)
- Review consultations post-surgery (Item No. 105)  
**Bulk billed / no charge**

**Please note that you will have no further out of pocket costs payable to Dr Senarath Werapitiya for regular follow-up visits *after* surgery or attending to a direct complication following surgery.**

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

**As a no gap doctor, procedure associated costs are fully paid by your health fund and billed directly to your health fund:**

<b>Gastroscopy</b>	(Item Number: <b>30473</b> )
<b>Laparoscopic Gastric Band Removal</b>	(Item Number: <b>31584</b> )
<b>Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy</b>	(Item Number: <b>31575</b> )
<b>Laparoscopic Gastric Bypass/Omega Loop</b>	(Item Number: <b>31572</b> )

**Please confirm cover status with your health fund using the appropriate item number/s and be aware of any 'waiting period' if your policy is new.**

**Please note the fees listed do not include hospital charges, anaesthetic, or dietetic service charges.**

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

- **Cash**
- **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.**

**Superannuation:**

If you are accessing your superannuation for your final consultation payment, we will provide you with the required Superannuation Access Form and a quote at your initial consultation. You will also need to obtain a separate form from your general practitioner. These THREE documents are to be submitted to the Australian Taxation Office *by the patient* and is the sole responsibility of the patient.

**Employee Gap Schemes:**

Dr Werapitiya is a “No Gap” Provider, therefore an Employee Gap Scheme will have no effect on any fees or accounts associated with this procedure (**including the \$3200 out of pocket expense**) and is non-applicable in this scenario.

**Medicare Safety Net**

The Medicare Safety Net is an additional rebate scheme introduced by the Federal Government for the benefit of patients and represents an arrangement between patient and the Federal Government. The Medicare Safety Net provides for reimbursement of 80% of the gap between the rebate and the charge for non-inpatient services once the relevant threshold has been met.

Please check with Medicare with regards to your Medicare Threshold.