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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 2023

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 \$ 3800/- in total.

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

- Initial Consultation (Item No. 104)
\$120.00 (Medicare Rebate - \$80.85)
- Subsequent Visits before Surgery (Item No. 105)
\$60.00 (Medicare \$40.65)
- Final consultation fee:
\$3600 – 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.

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

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.

Please be aware that the listed fees and charges may be subject to change.

In addition, 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 issued an information booklet issued by the hospital, which outlines what this amount covers. **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 decided on. It is estimated your total anaesthetic cost will be approximately \$1,100.
- Please be aware that you will also be charged for required **pathology, imaging, prescription medication, and dietetic outpatient appointments.**

Gastroscopy:

Also known as upper GI endoscopy, is needed in some patients as a part of 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 receiving Endoscopy will be required to pay the hospital an additional fee of \$1700. Once again, there will also be additional charges for your anaesthetist, surgeon and pathology.

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 fee (\$3600), we will provide you with the required Superannuation Access Forms and a quote at your initial consultation. You will also need an additional form completed by your GP. These THREE documents are to be submitted to the Australian Taxation Office *by the patient* and is the sole responsibility of the patient. The patient will also need to contact and obtain quotes from other relevant parties (hospital, anaesthetist etc.), if necessary.

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.