

This is to advise that Dr Costa Karihaloo, Dr Chris O'Neill, Dr Adeeb Majid, Dr Rahul Mehrotra & Dr Martin McLeod participate in the no-gap arrangement or gap-cover scheme with most major health funds, which means in effect that you will be charged the amount that your fund rebates for "TOP COVER" for most procedures. **YOU MUST HAVE FULL COVER WITH NO RESTRICTIONS ON YOUR HEALTH FUND TABLE.** Surgery Central does not participate in self-funding arrangements. The account for your inpatient procedure will be sent directly to the participating health fund. If you do not wish this account to be sent to your health fund please advise the Administration staff before your procedure date. If you wish to check with your health fund regarding your coverage please speak to the Administration staff for an estimate of the item number/s for your proposed procedure.

Bariatric operations (for weight loss) are NOT covered by this arrangement – please obtain a separate quote. All bariatric procedures are subject to fund checks by you, the patient. Re-do/subsequent bariatric procedures may or may not be covered by no-gap scheme with our Practice – please speak to the Administration staff. These re-do/subsequent procedures are also subject to fund checks by you, the patient, as unless you have "top cover" some funds DO NOT participate in the no-gap scheme for these types of procedures.

THIS ADVICE RELATES TO THE SURGERY CENTRAL DOCTOR'S FEE ONLY FOR IN-PATIENT SERVICES.

IT DOES NOT RELATE TO SERVICES PROVIDED BY OTHER DOCTORS DURING YOUR HOSPITAL STAY INCLUDING ASSISTANT SURGEONS, ANAESTHETISTS, PATHOLOGISTS, RADIOLOGISTS, OTHER DOCTORS NOR ANY OTHER COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH YOUR STAY, E.G. ACCOMMODATION, THEATRE FEES, PHARMACY OR PHYSIOTHERAPY.

Under normal circumstances Surgery Central has a reciprocal arrangement with many private health funds including:

AHM	AUH	BUPA	CBHS	CDHBF	Central West
Defence	GU Health	HCF	health.com	Health Ins Fund	Man Unity
Medibank	Navy	NIB	onemedifund	Peoplecare	Phoenix
Police	rt Health	St Lukes	Teachers	Transport	Westfund

With regards to the anaesthetist's fee the date for your operation has been allocated on a next-list basis and these lists are shared by a number of anaesthetists. For information regarding the anaesthetist scheduled for your procedure please speak to our administration staff. The majority of anaesthetists can be contacted by telephoning NAPS on 49359300 or Pacific Anaesthesia on 40010225. If you know the date of your operation and require information regarding their fee structure you can contact them directly.

Please refer to your health fund for additional information not provided above.

Dr Karihaloo, Dr O'Neill, Dr Majid, Dr Mehrotra & Dr McLeod have no financial interest, other than the fee for service, in any products or hospital services.

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