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Bariatric, Laparoscopic and General Surgeons

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THE APPROXIMATE COST OF BARIATRIC SURGERY FOR HEALTH FUND PATIENTS

The following are **approximate prices only** and are subject to change either by the circumstances of the operation itself, the anaesthetist or by the fund and form the basis of our informed financial consent regarding bariatric surgery.

PRIOR TO ATTENDING YOUR FIRST APPOINTMENT YOU MUST CHECK WITH YOUR HEALTH FUND TO ENSURE YOU ARE FULLY COVERED FOR THE SPECIFIC ITEM NUMBERS BELOW.

IF YOU PROCEED TO SURGERY AND PRE-PAY THE SURGEON'S FEE AND SUBSEQUENTLY CANCEL, A \$100.00 ADMINISTRATION FEE WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM YOUR REFUND.

Laparoscopic gastric banding, sleeve gastrectomy, gastric bypass (Roux-en-Y/bilio-pancreatic diversion), gastroplasty or reversal of all and gastric band adjustments:

Item numbers:(from 1/7/13) 31569, 31572, 31575, 31578, 31581, 31584, 31587, 31590- any of, determined by the actual operation itself and 30473 Gastroscopy if required.

OPERATING SURGEON PRICE:	\$5000
ASSISTANT SURGEON PRICE:	\$500
ANAESTHETIST FEE (up to):	\$2500
HOSPITAL (Lake Macquarie Private) PLEASE OBTAIN ADVICE FROM THE HOSPITAL	

You may receive an account from a pathology company if any specimens are sent for analysis and an imaging company if investigations are required. There may be out of pocket expenses associated with these accounts. 75% of the Medicare Schedule Fee for the surgeon, assistant and anaesthetist and investigations will be covered by Medicare for everybody who has the operation. Your private health fund will cover the other 25% of the schedule fee, but the overall fee is above the schedule fee. Pre-payment is required by the surgeon, anaesthetists & assistants.

*Different funds pay differing amounts for the gap. You should check with your fund as to what your actual gap will be. After claiming all accounts from Medicare and your private health fund you will average **approximately** \$6000 out of pocket expenses for any weight loss surgery operation.*

If, at the time of your bariatric surgery, you require another procedure to be performed synchronously this will incur an extra charge and this will affect your out of pocket expenses.

If you would like a consultation you will need a referral from your doctor and the first visit will cost \$180, payment required on the day of your first visit (Medicare rebate available). After you have seen the surgeon it will be necessary for you to consult the dietician, have a gastroscopy, see a psychologist and have additional tests. After your bariatric surgery future consultations regarding this surgery will be bulk-billed.