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Bariatric, Laparoscopic and General Surgeons

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THE APPROXIMATE COST OF BARIATRIC SURGERY FOR PROSPECTIVE SELF-FUNDING PATIENTS

Dr Karihaloo and Dr McLeod prefer patients wishing to undergo weight loss surgery to be fully covered by a private health fund. However, at the surgeon's discretion self-funding may be offered to some patients.

OPERATING SURGEON PRICE:	\$5000
ASSISTANT SURGEON PRICE:	\$500
ANAESTHETIST FEE (up to):	\$2500
HOSPITAL (Lake Macquarie Private) PLEASE OBTAIN ADVICE FROM THE HOSPITAL	
PATHOLOGY SPECIMEN TAKEN AT OPERATION (approximately):	\$200

The above fees apply for the operating surgeon, assistant surgeon and anaesthetist. The hospital will be able to provide advice regarding costs (approximately \$20,000). Additional procedures (gastroscopy) will also incur fees.

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.

You may receive an account from a pathology company if any specimens are sent for analysis and an imaging company if investigations are required. 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.

If, at the time of your bariatric surgery, you require another procedure to be performed synchronously this may incur an extra charge. If any further bariatric surgery is required in the future again this may be performed under a self-funding arrangement at the surgeon's discretion (if you do not have any appropriate level of private health fund coverage). Please discuss this with our Administration Staff.

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 (costs are available from the Administration staff). You may also need to have a gastroscopy, see a psychologist and have pathology test. After your bariatric surgery future consultations regarding this surgery will be bulk-billed.