



**COSTA KARIHALOO**  
*Bariatric, Laparoscopic and General Surgeons*

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**THE APPROXIMATE COST OF INITIAL 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, please check with your health fund to ensure you are fully covered for the specific item numbers listed below.

If you proceed to surgery and pre-pay the surgeon's fee and subsequently cancel, a \$100 administration fee will be deducted from your refund.

**Item numbers: 31569, 31572, 31575, 31578, 31581, 31584, 31587, 31590 and 30473 for a Gastroscopy.**

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 collected 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 and often the anaesthetists & assistant for the procedure.

*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 you have had previous weight loss surgery by another surgeon or at the time of your bariatric surgery require another procedure to be performed synchronously (i.e. gallbladder or lap band removal) this will incur an extra charge and will influence your out of pocket expenses. Please contact administration staff for costings.**

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. Costs for these are in addition to surgery costs. After your bariatric surgery future consultations (regarding this surgery) with the surgeon will be bulk-billed.