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ANAESTHESIA FEES

Your anaesthetist is **Dr Michael Kirton**.

Anaesthetic fees are related to the particular procedure and are determined by a number of factors including:

- the nature and complexity of the surgery
- the time taken to complete the procedure
- the health, age and condition of the patient
- special monitoring or pain relief procedures if required.

These factors are used to calculate the number of units assigned to the anaesthetic and so the fee.

The rebate is paid according to the total number of units. The government schedule rebate has progressively fallen below the unit value calculated by the Australian Medical Association and the Australian Society of Anaesthetists, which is based on rises in the Consumer Price Index, medical indemnity insurance and other costs.

Dr Kirton charges well below the suggested rate but in most cases there will be an out of pocket expense.

As a guide for **insured** patients, below is an estimate of **out of pocket** expenses:

- minor procedures, less than 1 hour – up to \$350.00
- more complex procedures, usually 1 - 2 hours – up to \$550.00
- major and or long procedures – up to maximum \$850.00

Most operations fall within this range, except in exceptional circumstances, and in many cases the fee will be somewhat less than the estimated maximum.

If your private health fund participates in the “known gap” system, this will reduce your out of pocket costs, depending on the rate offered by the fund. In most cases, Medibank Private, Australian Unity and AHSA funds will reduce costs by over 50%.

Patients who are **uninsured** should contact my rooms.

Should you wish to discuss any enquires relating to your medical condition, the anaesthetic procedure, the method of payment or the out of pocket expense, please contact the **Melbourne Anaesthetic Group, 9419 6255** during office hours.