

PAUL D'URSO MBBS(Hons) PhD FRACS

CONSULTANT NEUROSURGEON

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Making Your Appointment

1. A referral from your local general practitioner is required. The referral is to be faxed to Mr D'Urso's office – fax: (03) 9421 4186. Your contact number and private health fund details are to be included on the referral.
2. Make contact with Mr D'Urso's office – Tel: (03) 9421 5844 and request a consultation appointment.
3. Mr D'Urso consults at The Epworth Centre, Frankston Specialist Centre and Knox Private Hospital. Please advise Mr D'Urso's secretary at the time of appointment if you have a place of preference for your consultation.

What You Need To Bring With You

- Your referral (unless other arrangements have been made)
- Scans/xrays and reports
- Other relevant information
- Your private health fund details if applicable
- Medicare or Veteran's Affairs number
- WorkCover claim number and insurance company details
- Solicitors details if applicable
- A list of medications that you are currently taking, the dosage and frequency
- A list of any other doctors/therapists that you currently attend, including complete address, of which you may request Mr D'Urso to correspond with.

You will be required to complete a patient registration form on arrival to your appointment. Please arrive 5 minutes prior to your appointment time to allow for this form to be completed.

A referral from a general practitioner is valid for twelve months, unless specifically stated as an "indefinite referral". A referral from another specialist to Mr D'Urso will only be valid for three months from the date of the first consultation.

All new patients will be contacted prior to their initial consultation to confirm their attendance.

Mr D'Urso's Fees

Payment of consultation would be appreciated on the day. The fee for an initial consultation is \$270 (approximately 30 minutes duration), and a review consultation \$160 (approximately 15 minutes duration).

Paul D'Urso graduated from the University of Queensland Medical School with Honours in 1988. Mr D'Urso completed 4 years of general surgical training before undertaking PhD research to develop the technology of stereolithographic biomodelling. Mr D'Urso went on to complete neurosurgical specialisation in Brisbane and Auckland. Mr D'Urso undertook additional advanced sub specialty training in cerebrovascular and spinal surgery at Cambridge University Academic Neurosurgery Unit in the United Kingdom.

Mr D'Urso established and is the chairperson of the Epworth Spine Technology Research Group. This research is investigating the utility of spinal disc replacement, dynamic stabilisation technology and minimally invasive fusion surgery.

Mr D'Urso operates exclusively at the Epworth Private Hospital in Richmond.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Will surgery be recommended?

Even though you are being referred to a neurosurgeon, not all patients require surgery. Most visits are related to advice and explanation, with only a proportion of patients eventually needing an operation.

2. Where can I park?

Parking is difficult around the Epworth Centre. Metered parking is available in Erin and Lennox Streets. Please allow extra time to find parking. Trams from the City stop at the front of the Epworth Hospital (Epworth Centre is directly behind the Hospital in Erin Street). Paid parking is available underground at the Epworth Hospital, Bridge Road Entrance.

3. Does Mr D'Urso run on time?

Mr D'Urso certainly attempts to run on time. When dealing with emergency cases a waiting time of 30 minutes can be expected.

4. Will Mr D'Urso complete a report for my Solicitor?

If your appointment has been organised by your solicitor and a signed authority from yourself has been received, then all costs will be forwarded directly to your solicitor once the report has been completed. Reports are payable in advance.

5. What can I do to make the most of the consultation?

It always helps if you come with a short list of questions that you require to be answered. It is important to bring all of your xrays with you.

6. Who Can Make an Appointment?

As Mr D'Urso operates in the Epworth Private Hospital only, it is a requirement that ALL patients have private health insurance or are covered by Workcover with a current claim number available at the time of making the appointment. All Workcover patients are required to pay at the time of each consultation.

7. When will my doctor hear from Mr D'Urso?

Correspondence is forwarded to your local doctor within 2 days of your consultation with Mr D'Urso. Copies will be forwarded to other doctors involved in your care if their contact address is provided in full at the time of consultation.

In An Emergency

If you need urgent attention out of hours, you can attend the Epworth Emergency Department where emergency physicians are on duty at all times.

If you are a current patient of Mr D'Urso's the emergency physician on call at the Epworth Hospital will assess you and will then make contact with Mr D'Urso for further advice.

In the case of emergencies only, Mr D'Urso can be paged on: 9256 6037