

Private Billing – A Quick Guide

I am the patient, what do I need to know?



- Private Consultation**
- Not covered by your private health insurance
 - Includes a Medicare portion and an out-of-pocket expense
 - You will be made aware of the out-of-pocket expense before seeing the doctor (Informed Financial Consent)

- Inpatient Procedures**
- Although procedures are usually day admission, this is classed as 'inpatient' and therefore covered for by your health insurance provider
 - You may have an excess on your policy which you are responsible for paying
 - Questions about your individual cover should be directed to your health fund
 - There are at least 3 accounts to be paid for an admission. See opposite for more details

- The hospital is a separate account
- They will bill your health fund
- Sometimes the shortfall is your EXCESS
- Lake Macquarie Private Hospital (02) 4943 3122
- Lingard Private Hospital (02) 4969 6799
- Newcastle Endoscopy Centre (02) 49476000

- Does not always apply if tests are not performed
- If test are performed, depending on the test, there can be an out-of-pocket expense which you are responsible for



- The Gastroenterologist is your specialist
- There is no out of pocket expense
- Doctor bills your health fund directly
- If you are self-funded, payment is in advance. Please notify reception.

- Separate from your specialist
- Have their own private rooms
- Send their own account for payment
- Beechnut Medical has no involvement in this billing
- Anaesthetic Private Practice 1300 220 518
- NAPS Newcastle Anaesthetic and Perioperative Services (02) 4935 9300
- Pacific Anaesthesia (02) 4001 0225