

### **What is 'Self Pay' and 'Fixed Price Deal' and how do they work?**

Many people do not have Private Medical Insurance, which can be bought or provided by employers, but still wish to be able to access the facilities of private medical care for all or part of their care. This is called 'Self Pay'.

People may fund various parts of their private medical care themselves:

#### **New Consultations**

A new consultation is usually the first time a new problem has been seen and assessed. It is usually but not always brought about but a referral letter from a General Practitioner.

An appointment of 30 mins is allocated although the time taken may vary according to the complexity of the problem; some are a little longer, some a little shorter.

Extra procedures may be necessary at the new consultation to investigate the problem. The fees for these are fixed. An invoice for the consultation and investigations done at the time will be sent directly to your preferred address. These are not part of any Fixed Price Deal arrangements.

-	New Consultation	£165
-	Rigid sigmoidoscopy	£91
-	Injection or banding of haemorrhoids	£100
-	Botox injection	£100
-	Removal of sutures	No charge

The Nuffield or Winfield Hospitals may invoice separately for disposable equipment used for the procedures above; these should be settled directly with the Hospitals and any queries directed to them.

#### **Surgery and day patient tests**

Most surgical procedures and day patient tests such as colonoscopy can be arranged in one of two ways.

With 'Pay as you go' all elements of care are invoiced separately by Hospital, Surgeon and Anaesthetist.

A Fixed Price Deal combines most costs into a single price which covers all the agreed parts of one complete episode of care. A clear estimate for all the most common procedures can be given simply by contacting Angela Hatherall (secretary) although the final fixed quotation may only be determined after the pre-operative assessment which allows the Hospital provider to confirm their elements of likely required care. You will be provided with this FPD quotation prior to the operation going ahead.

The invoice will be made via the Hospital (Cheltenham Nuffield or Winfield).

A Fixed Price Deal includes:

- hospital in-patient stay or day patient fees
- pre-operative assessment appointment
- surgeon's fees
- anaesthetist's fees\*
- fees for any planned pathology testing required on biopsies etc.
- follow-up for most unexpected complications arising directly following the procedure (details of this 'guarantee' offered by the hospital will be given in their information to you)
- a single routine post-operative consultation for some procedures

A fixed price deal does **not** include:

- First or New consultations
- second post-operative consultations

Treatment can also be arranged via the private wing of Cheltenham General Hospital. In this case the fees will be estimated as a single figure via our secretary although the overall costs will be divided into hospital, surgeon's and anaesthetist's fees each of which will be invoiced to you separately.

#### **Follow-up Consultations**

Follow-up consultations under a Fixed Price Deal may be arranged as required but this does not include any routine further procedures.

For simple uncomplicated procedures (such as Hernia repair) a follow-up appointment may not be necessary and may not be arranged automatically unless you wish to be seen again; if so please contact Angela Hatherall to arrange a consultation.

If a follow-up appointment is felt necessary, you will be informed and the appointment made.

#### **\*Anaesthetic fees**

Fees for the provision of anaesthetic services are determined by the anaesthetist involved. If you require further details these should be available from Gloucestershire Anaesthetic Services (GAS) 01242 678941 [glosanaesthetics@uk-consultants.co.uk](mailto:glosanaesthetics@uk-consultants.co.uk).

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