



## **Dr. Herman Lim**

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### **Patient Information**

#### **Introduction**

Your surgeon has requested my presence as the anaesthetist for your upcoming procedure. Anaesthetists are medical specialists with expertise in dealing with perioperative patients, critically unwell patients and acute pain management.

In addition to the above, I have a further sub-speciality in cardiac anaesthesia. I hold National Board of Echocardiography (USA) certification and have also been an instructor in the field. I volunteer with Interplast Australia where I deliver free anaesthetic care to children in third world countries needing surgery.

#### **About your anaesthetic**

Prior to your procedure, I will have a discussion with you regarding anaesthetic options available. This will include: general anaesthetic, regional anaesthetic or a combination.

#### **Anaesthetic Fees**

Your anaesthetic fees are calculated in accordance with guidelines from the Australian Medical Association and the Australian Society of Anaesthetists. Your health fund may fully or partially cover this fee. In the case of partial coverage, you will be required to pay the difference. This is known as the out-of-pocket cost. In general, BUPA, Medibank or AHPA funds have lower out-of-pocket costs than health funds offering lower rebates eg. LHS, MDH.

***NIB is a no gap fund and as such the full account is to be paid by the patient prior to the procedure and any applicable rebates will be returned to you by NIB and Medicare after your procedure.***

***Uninsured patients - the full account is to be paid by the patient prior to the procedure and any applicable rebates will be returned to you by Medicare after your procedure.***

#### **Typical out-of-pocket fees \* excluding NIB/Uninsured**

Minor Plastic Surgery (eg. skin lesion removal/carpel tunnel release) \$165 to \$500  
Joint Surgery (including arthroscopic surgery) \$400 to \$1000  
Intermediate General Surgery (eg. laparoscopic/urological procedures) \$165 to \$500  
Major General Surgery (eg. Whipple's, spinal surgery) \$500 to \$1500  
Obstetrics \$500

\*\*An extra fee may be incurred should special monitoring be required.

My fees are lower than what the Australian Medical Association recommends.

#### **Enquiries**

Please direct billing enquiries to my office (Catherine 0407197381/Jodi 0413705483)  
I will be happy to discuss any procedural concerns when we meet in person.

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