



**Dr Sam Duncan**

MBBS (Hons) FANZCA

Specialist Anaesthetist

My name is Dr Sam Duncan, and I will be the anaesthetist for your upcoming procedure with Mr Raymond Yap.

**Your Surgery**

My aim is for you to experience as little pain and discomfort as possible during and after the procedure. I will be conducting a pre-anaesthetic consultation prior to your surgery. At that time there will be an opportunity to discuss any matters of concern. However, if there is anything you would like to discuss with me before you arrive at hospital, please feel free to contact my rooms on (03) 9125 0073. As I may be in theatre when you call, a message will be taken, and I will contact you as soon as I am available.

Please be reassured that Australian anaesthetists have world class training in anaesthesia, pain control, resuscitation, intensive care and managing medical emergencies, so there is no safer place in the world to have an anaesthetic than in Australia.

**My Professional History**

Following completion of my medical degree at Monash University in Melbourne, I received my specialist qualification from the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (graduating as one of the top five candidates). My training was completed primarily at Monash and The Alfred. I currently work in a busy, varied private practice. I am a foundation member of the Cabrini Anaesthetic Department. I work in a variety of hospitals including Cabrini, Epworth, St Vincent's Private, The Avenue and Glen Iris Private. My interests include neurosurgery, orthopaedics, colorectal surgery, bariatric surgery, plastic surgery and head and neck / ear nose and throat surgery. I participate in the College of Anaesthetists continuing professional development program and am a member of the Australian Society of Anaesthetists.

## **FEES FOR ANAESTHETIC SERVICES – Dr Sam Duncan**

The fee for your anaesthetic is billed separately, generally a pre-payment is required and is in addition to Mr Yap's fees and any hospital charges.

### **Patients with Private Health Insurance**

Depending upon the operation, the insurer and your level of cover, "out-of-pocket" expenses can vary along with the way fees can be processed. Where applicable, your fund may be billed direct to contribute to the costs of my fees. Please note that this is not permitted by all funds or available for all procedures. Where this is not applicable, my office will bill you direct and issue you with a receipt after your fees have been paid. You may then be able to claim a portion of the fee from Medicare and your private health fund.

### **Patients without Private Health Insurance**

Patients without private medical insurance are required to prepay the total fee no later than five business days prior to their procedure.

Payment can be made by Visa, Mastercard or BPAY or over the phone on (03) 9125 0073.

### **Obtaining a Fee Estimate**

To determine what your potential expense might be, you can use one of the options below to obtain an estimate. This will also allow me to provide you with important information about the anaesthesia for your procedure.

- Contact my rooms on (03) 9125 0073 and ask for a quote

**OR**

- Email my rooms at the address below and they will send you a quote by return email.

To: [info@asom.com.au](mailto:info@asom.com.au)

Subject: Quote request

Please include the following information in the body of your email:

- My Name – Dr Sam Duncan
- Surgeons Name – Mr Raymond Yap
- Hospital
- Procedure Date
- Procedure Name (If you are unsure, ask your surgeon's rooms)
- Patient's Name
- Patient's Date of Birth
- Parent/Guardian contact number (if for a child)
- Health fund name
- Health fund number
- Medicare Number
- Pension Card Number (if applicable)