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TARIFF INFORMATION SHEET 2021

Dear patient,

Please be advised that Dr Smith's practice is contracted out of all medical aid schemes with the exception of Discovery Health (Classic Direct Payment Agreement). As such, payment must be made directly to Dr Smith on receipt of your invoice and then claimed back from your medical aid.

The legislation governing medical practice in South Africa dictates that service providers must determine the fee that they deem reasonable for their professional services and the medical aid schemes will, in turn, determine the level of benefits they are prepared to pay for services rendered. **Therefore, patients must prepare themselves for the possibility of paying in the difference between the medical aid benefit payout and the professional fee that doctors would generally charge for their services.**

You are reminded that the primary agreement is between Dr Smith and yourself – the patient – while you, the patient, have a contract with your medical aid scheme and Dr Smith is **NOT** a party to that contract.

Please note that anaesthetic accounts are primarily time-based and therefore, we cannot give an exact quotation for an account prior to a surgery. Certain modifiers and procedures (listed below) may also be added on to, and so alter the account you will receive. In as far as possible, these will be discussed with you prior to surgery. The quotation for the first hour of surgery includes the pre-operative assessment, the units applicable to the anaesthetic for the particular surgery you are undergoing and the time units for the first hour.

What follows is the estimated amount you can expect to pay for your anaesthetic:

Elective Surgery: R5 100 for the 1st hour and then R1 920 per half hour period thereafter.

Emergency Surgery: R6 950 for the 1st hour and then R2 430 per half hour period thereafter.

Modifiers that may apply:

- ___ BMI > 35kg/m² (Weight in Kg divided by height in m divided by height in m) – R1 280 for the 1st hour and then R480 per quarter hour period thereafter
- ___ Plexus or nerve block – R2 037 (plus Ultrasound)
- ___ Epidural block – R1 537
- ___ Spinal block – R854
- ___ Patient controlled analgesia pump – R1 280
- ___ Musculo-skeletal add-on – up to R1 600 depending on region
- ___ Arterial line – R1 068
- ___ Central Line – R1 568 (plus Ultrasound)
- ___ Deliberate control of blood pressure – R960 for the first hour then R320 per quarter hour period thereafter
- ___ Extremes of age (<1 yr or >70 yrs) – R960

Signature _____ Date _____

For more detailed quotations or billing queries please contact Leonie at Perfect Bills – see details above

For additional anaesthetic information please visit www.dunkeldanaestheticpractice.com

Thank you