

Having a procedure at Adelaide City General Practice?

- If the doctor performing your procedure is not your regular GP you will need to be booked in for an initial consultation with that doctor.
- As part of the discussion prior to your procedure the doctor will explain to you the nature, reasons, and consequences of the procedure(s) or treatment.
- Your doctor will explain the potential risks associated with your procedure, and the potential consequences of not having this treatment or other available treatments.
- The doctor or a staff member will explain the relevant fees that will be required to be paid on the day, as detailed in this brochure.
- Your doctor will ask you to provide consent for the treatment to go ahead.

If you have any questions please make sure you discuss them with your doctor prior to the procedure going ahead.

Fees for Procedures

Doctors at Adelaide City General Practice do not bulk bill procedures. Facility fees apply to all patients to cover equipment and consumable costs, and nurse time.

Please note that additional consultation fees may apply if other matters are discussed with the doctor.

Excision / Surgical Procedure:

Procedure	Facility Fee NO CONCESSION	Facility Fee CONCESSION/STUDENT
Excision / Surgical Procedure	\$170	\$100

The Medicare component of the procedure will be billed directly to Medicare. You will receive a cheque from Medicare payable to the doctor who performed the procedure which you will need to forward to the practice. Medicare rebates do not apply to facility fees, which are payable on the day of your procedure.

Contraception:

Procedure	Facility Fee NO CONCESSION	Facility Fee CONCESSION/STUDENT
Implanon Insertion	\$50 + consultation fee	\$50 + consultation fee
Implanon Removal (or insertion & removal)	\$100 + consultation fee	\$75 + consultation fee
Mirena Insertion	\$100 + consultation fee	\$75 + consultation fee

Consultation fees apply which will need to be paid at the time of the appointment. These will be rebated in full by Medicare. The facility fee will then be charged separately and no rebate will apply to this.

Other Procedures:

Procedure	Facility Fee	The regular consultation fee will need to be paid in full. If applicable, the Medicare rebate will be processed as per our regular billing practices. The facility fee will then be charged separately, and no rebate will apply to this.
Punch Biopsy	\$25	
Electrocauterisation	\$20	
Cryotherapy	\$20	

Wound Care Post Surgery

Make sure to keep the wound clean and dry for the first 72 hours. If you have a shower keep the wound covered with plastic and if the dressing gets wet then change it.

You should change the dressing every 3 days. Replace it with a suitable dressing such as *Opsite* which is available at most pharmacies. If there are any signs of redness, swelling, or 'popped' stitches please phone the practice and ask to speak to the nurse.

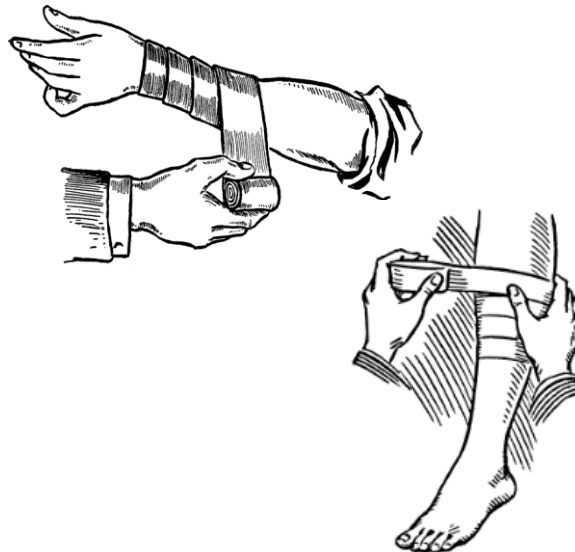
To avoid infection, keep the dressing clean and dry. Always wash your hand thoroughly with soap and water before and after touching or changing the dressing. You should not touch your wounds unnecessarily/ Avoid baths, swimming pools and hot tubs until your incision is completely healed. If you have butterfly bandages, they may peel slightly a few days after surgery. Do not pick at the bandages. They will fall off on their own when it is okay for them to do so. Removing them too early could cause infection and poor healing.

Helping Healing Along

In healthy patients, most wounds heal within 2-3 weeks. Avoid stretching the cut skin which may occur with sports/exercise. Healing will probably take longer if you have a health problem such as diabetes or a weakened immune system, or if you are taking certain drugs such as steroids or chemotherapy drugs. Talk to your surgeon if any of these special circumstances apply to you.

You can assist healing by:

- eating a healthy diet;
- using Bio-oil/vitamin E or Sorbolene (all available at pharmacies/some supermarkets) which you can apply 3 times daily for 3 weeks. This may also lessen scarring.



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Fees are subject to change without notice.

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