

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. Fees apply to all patients to cover equipment and consumable costs, and nurse time.

Procedure	Out of Pocket Expenses FULL FEE	Out of Pocket Expenses CONCESSION/STUDENT
Excision / Surgical Procedure	\$170	\$100
Punch Biopsy	\$25 + consultation fee	\$25 + consultation fee
Electrocauterisation	\$20 + consultation fee	\$20 + consultation fee
Cryotherapy	\$20 + consultation fee	\$20 + consultation fee
Implanon Insertion	\$50	\$50
Implanon Removal (or insertion & removal)	\$100	\$75
Mirena Insertion	\$100	\$75

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

**Fees are subject to change without notice

Medicare Fee – *Excision, Implanon Insertion / Removal, Mirena.*

The Medicare component of the procedure will be billed directly to Medicare. Depending on the type of procedure this will either occur on the day of the procedure or at a follow-up visit. 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 Fee – *Punch Biopsy, Electrocauterisation, Cryotherapy.*

The consultation component of the procedure will need to be paid in full. If applicable, the Medicare rebate will be processed as per our regular billing practices. The out of pocket expense will then be charged separately, and no rebate will apply to out of pocket expense.

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.

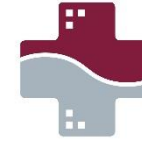
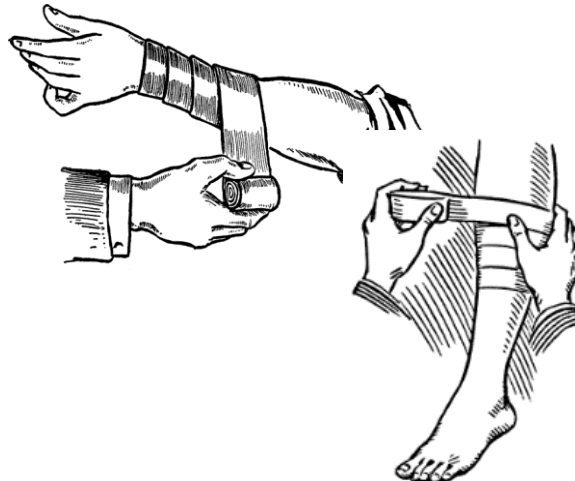
To avoid infection, keep the dressing clean and dry. Always wash your hand thoroughly with soap and water before and after touching or changing the dressing. You should not touch your wounds unnecessarily/ Avoid baths, swimming pools and hot tubs until your incision is completely healed. If you have 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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