



Information for your Planned Surgery

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Please take some time to read this information carefully. If you have any concerns leading up to your surgery, please feel free to telephone our office for any clarification you may need.

Once your surgery has been booked, it is your responsibility to check with your health fund that you are sufficiently covered. If you have not been with your health fund for over 12 months, then you problem may be classed as pre-existing and your health fund may not accept the claim for payment. This will need to be sorted out prior to your surgery. If you are a workcover, public liability or 3rd party then approval from the insurance company holding your claim will be sought. You will be contacted by our office once this has been approved.

If you do not understand the procedure you will be having, or the possible risks of the surgery, please make another appointment to see Dr Nimon prior to surgery.

If you are not correctly fasted for your anaesthetic, the operation may be cancelled or postponed until you are correctly fasted.

You may have been advised to stop taking any aspirin, anti-inflammatory or Warfarin. If you are taking regular medication i.e. HRT or blood pressure, please do not stop taking them. Take these medications with a **sip** of water.

Make sure you take your xrays to the hospital on the day of surgery.

Following surgery if you are a Day case you will be allowed to go home when comfortable. Please make sure you have an adult relative

or friend to collect you from the hospital and someone to stay with you for 24 hours following surgery.

Accounts

Dr Nimon is “gap covered” with most health funds. This means you should not receive an account from our office as we use the Ezi Claim Gap system, where the private health fund will pay some or all of the “gap” on your behalf. However, Dr Nimon reserves the right to charge a “gap” if the surgery is classed as trauma or an emergency.

You may receive an account from the **Anaesthetist**. Please feel free to contact him/her directly to find out if there will be a gap payment. You will find the contact details on the Hospital Admission Details letter.

At most surgical procedures an **Assistant Doctor** is required. You may receive an account from him/her.

You may also require services from the following and therefore an account may be received.

Pathology (not all surgery requires this).

Radiology (not all surgery requires this).

Physiotherapy (not all surgery requires this).