

Central Victorian Anaesthetic Service

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ANAESTHESIA BOOKING FORM

This form must be completed and returned to our office prior to your procedure.
The information we request below is necessary to complete an estimate for the fee for your anaesthesia services.
If you have any queries please contact our office or ask your Proceduralist.

Medicare Number

Ref. Code (Number Preceding Name on your Medicare Card)

Family Name of Patient.....

Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Mst 1st Name.....Middle Name.....

Preferred Name:.....Date of Birth..... Male / Female

Name of Person Responsible for Account.....

Address (if different to patient).....

TO BE FILLED IN BY PROCEDURALIST

Planned Procedure.....

Approximate Operating Time.....

Residential Address

Postal Address.....

Mobile PhoneHome PhoneWork Phone

FaxEmail.....

Health FundMembership Number.....Basic / Intermediate / Top Table

Are you eligible for Gap Cover? **(check with your Health Fund)**.....

Pension or Health Care Card Number.....

Veteran's Affairs File Number (if applicable).....V.....Card Colour

TAC Claim Number (if applicable).....

Workcover Claim Number (if applicable)

Workcover Insurance Company Name & Address (if applicable)

Date of ProcedureSurgeon

Hospital

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE MAXIMUM HEALTH FUND REBATE YOU MUST HAVE A WRITTEN ESTIMATE PRIOR TO YOUR PROCEDURE.

THIS ESTIMATE WILL BE PROVIDED ON RETURN OF THIS COMPLETED FORM BY EMAIL, FAX, POST OR IN PERSON TO OUR OFFICE.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR ANAESTHESIA

Please read carefully and then complete the Anaesthesia Booking Form.

Fasting Instructions for General Anaesthesia – If your procedure is to be performed before midday you must fast (no food or drink) from midnight the night before. If your procedure is in the afternoon, fast after a light breakfast by 7.30am. Water to prevent thirst may be taken up until 2 hours prior to your admission time. Chewing Gum is not allowed because it increases gastric secretions.

The Role of the Anaesthetist

An Anaesthetist from this practice will be looking after you during your planned procedure.

Anaesthetists in Australia are Specialist Medical Practitioners. They have spent many years undergoing training in anaesthesia, pain relief, resuscitation and managing medical emergencies.

People often think of anaesthesia as being put to sleep. However, that's not strictly true. Rather, the Anaesthetist puts you into a state of carefully controlled unconsciousness. This is done so that surgery will be painless and safe.

No chance is taken while you are under anaesthesia. All your bodily functions are carefully and constantly monitored by your Anaesthetist.

Afterwards, we want you to experience as little pain and discomfort as possible and here again, the Anaesthetist will help by planning your post-operative pain relief.

What should I tell the Anaesthetist

Your Anaesthetist will visit you before your procedure to talk with you and to examine you. The Anaesthetist may want to know about:

- Your general health, any recent illnesses and any previous surgeries.
- Current medications.
- Abnormal reactions or allergies to any drugs.
- Cigarette and alcohol consumption.
- Use of non-prescription drugs.
- Your teeth, dentures, or other special dental appliances.

Your Anaesthetist needs to have a good understanding of your current health and your specific needs so that the most suitable anaesthetic can be planned. It is really all about your safety and wellbeing.

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Is fasting really necessary?

We know the pangs of hunger can be severe but no food or drink before the operation is a must except medications and water for thirst which may be taken up to 2 hours before admission. If you don't follow this rule, the operation may be postponed in the interests of your safety.

Medications

You must take normally any medicines prescribed by your doctor for high blood pressure, heart or lung disease. It is permissible to take a few sips of water if necessary. Ask your Surgeon or Anaesthetist for instructions for all medications, particularly those for diabetes and blood thinning.

Patients must bring with them all medications they are taking..

What does it cost

Your anaesthesia fees will vary depending on the complexity and duration of the anaesthesia services provided.

A fee will be charged for your anaesthesia services. The fee for your anaesthesia is separate from the fees charged by any other doctors caring for you. It is also separate from the fees charged by the institution (hospital, day surgery facility, endoscopy centre etc) where the service takes place.

You should be aware that Medicare and Medical Fund rebates generally do not cover the entire cost of your anaesthesia. In other words, there will usually be a gap which you will be expected to pay. You will obtain from our office a written estimate for your procedure when we receive the written Anaesthesia Booking Form (except TAC, Workcover / Insurance and Veterans' Affairs).

Do you have Private Health Insurance?

If you have Private Health Insurance you may be eligible for increased benefits which will reduce your gap. To qualify for a reduced gap from some Private Health Insurance companies you must have a written estimate for your anaesthetic prior to admission to hospital. This will be provided following the return of the Anaesthesia Booking Form.

Uninsured Patients

Patients who are ineligible for private health insurance rebates must pay an estimated fee for their anaesthetic before admission to hospital unless other arrangements have been made with our office. Following surgery adjustments will be made and any refunds will be paid if necessary. At this time an official itemized account and receipt will be issued for the purpose of claiming from Medicare.

If you have any concerns about the anaesthetic procedure, an Anaesthetist can be contacted through our office.

Finally, we wish you a speedy recovery and assure you of our dedication to assist your return to good health.

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