



Welcome to the Practice of A/Prof Dean White

Associate Professor Dean White is a fully qualified Plastic and Reconstructive surgeon. He gained his medical degree from the University of Melbourne in 1996 and has undertaken extensive further surgical training culminating in attaining fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (FRACS) in 2006.

A/Prof White undertook further training in cosmetic surgery working with several top plastic surgeons in the Harley Street district of London as well as participating in advanced courses in the United States.

He returned to Australia to re-establish his private and public practice in August 2009.

A/Prof White is:

- a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
- a member of the Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS)
- an Honorary Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Melbourne Medical School

Fee Policy Guide

Consultations and Procedures in Rooms

- **New Consultations (Standard)** \$200 (Pensioners/HCC \$180) (Medicare rebate: \$78.05)
- **New Consultations (Extended)** ... \$275.00 (Medicare rebate: \$78.05)
Extended Consultations generally have a recommended second appointment.
This second appointment is usually bulk billed.
- **Cosmetic consultations** Please be aware that **cosmetic consultations** and those without a referral letter do NOT qualify for Medicare rebates.
- **Review Consultations** \$95.00 (Pensioners/HCC \$85.00) (Medicare Rebate: \$39.25)
- **Rooms Procedure*** \$500.00 (Facility fee - Out of Pocket expense)
** NOTE: Cost of Procedure is then Bulk-billed through Medicare*
- **Biopsy Procedure** \$100.00 (Partial rebate through Medicare: \$46.95)

Appointments following surgery are generally included as part of the cost of the operation up to a period of approximately 6 weeks.

All consultation fees are due and payable on the day.

Referral Details:

To obtain Medicare rebates, your referral must be valid and current, including for all subsequent review appointments.

Should your referral be from:

1. **General Practitioner** - it is valid for 12 months
2. **Specialist such as a Dermatologist** - it is valid for 3 months



Surgical Fees for Operations (Assuming coverage by your Private Insurer)

Surgical costs are generally divided into three categories:

1. General plastic surgery operations.

e.g. Skin cancers, reconstructive surgery

A fee of \$500 to \$1000 (dependent on the complexity of the operation) is payable at the time of booking the surgery.*

*** This fee is non rebatable by Medicare or your private insurer (Surgical fee gap payment).**

This fee represents the total payment you will pay for **surgical services**^.

^ *Other costs may also include anaesthetist, health insurer's excess, pathology etc.*

A/Prof White's rooms will then bill your private health insurer and Medicare directly on your behalf. This means more convenience for you and also less out of pocket costs.

NOTE: For patients with official pensioner cards, this fee is waived.

2. Intermediate coverage operations.

e.g. Breast reductions, breast lifts, abdominoplasty (tummy tuck), body lift surgery, some eye surgery.

This group can often attract a Medicare code which enables a partial rebate of your surgical and anaesthetic fees through Medicare and your private insurer. It often means that hospital costs are covered less any excess your private insurance may have. A detailed quote will be provided after your consultation with A/Prof White. Patients are responsible for payment up-front and can then claim back partial payments from Medicare and the health fund.

3. Cosmetic Surgery.

e.g. Face lifts, breast augmentation

No rebate is generally available from Medicare or your private insurer. All costs therefore need to be paid by the patient. These include surgeon and anaesthetist fees, theatre and hospital bed costs. Quotes for cosmetic operations and those for uninsured patients are given on an individual patient basis. We also provide to the best of our ability quotes including the hospital costs and anaesthetic costs.

It is important you check your level of cover with your Health Fund.

- Many cheaper policies exclude some procedures.
- We can provide you with the relevant Medicare item numbers in order to do this.

Uninsured Patients

A/Prof White is happy to see uninsured patients but please be aware that surgical treatment through the private system can be very expensive in this situation. The patient is responsible for ALL COSTS with very minimal rebates available through Medicare.

Once the clinical situation is determined we can provide you with what options are possible through both the private and public health systems.

Some of the options include:

- Rooms Procedures - if clinically appropriate (Private insurance is not required nor does it cover these procedures)
- Self Funding through the private hospital system
- Obtain Private Health Insurance and wait the 12 month qualifying period
- Public Hospital, where waiting periods apply and no certainty of who the Doctor performing the surgery will be.