



## Procedural Fees at Dural Family Medical Practice

### Account 1

All Procedures (skin biopsies, skin cancer excisions, laceration repairs and other minor surgery will generally incur an out-of-pocket fee of \$70 - \$180, depending on the biopsy type, complexity, and location of the procedure. Larger excisions and repairs, and operations on the head/neck/peripheries usually incur a greater gap. Please note that these fees apply to all patients – including those holding a Health Care Card, Pension Card, and children.

All procedures will also **additionally** incur a \$40 Consumables Fee paid to the Practice to cover the cost of anaesthetics, surgical equipment, and other consumables.

Most patients will be required to pay for the minor surgery *on the day of the procedure* and usually will receive a Medicare Rebate of around \$39.75.

### Account 2

When a skin biopsy or excision is performed, the sample is then sent away to pathology for testing. This will take 1-2 weeks for the doctor to get a final result. You will receive a phone call from our practice receptionists to pay (over the phone) for the final "Skin lesion diagnosis" Medicare item (depending on the final diagnosis of the skin lesion). This 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment will **not** incur a gap fee, i.e., you will receive a 100% rebate of this Medicare item number back to your bank account (i.e., no out-of-pocket fee).

The Medicare rebate can take up to several weeks to return to your bank account for this final payment. A copy of your receipt can be held at the front counter to pick up on request. Unfortunately, these cannot be emailed or posted to patients.

*Please ask your doctor about the exact out-of-pocket cost to your procedure if you are uncertain.*