



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 \$150 - \$350, 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 \$42.85.

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 2nd 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.