

## TO CONFIRM YOUR BOOKING, PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED FORMS AND FORWARD THEM TO SOUTH PERTH HOSPITAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

POST TO FAX TO SCAN and EMAIL TO
PO Box 726 "Attention Admissions" reception@sph.org.au
COMO WA 6952 (08) 9474 2541

### Thank you for choosing South Perth Hospital.

Please read and complete the enclosed forms carefully. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your doctor, visit our website (www.sph.org.au) or contact us directly on (08) 9367 0222.

### PLEASE RETAIN THIS PAGE FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### **Parking and Access**

South Perth Hospital is located at 76 South Terrace, South Perth, on the corner of Fortune Street.

A large, free car park at the rear of the hospital (off Burch Street) is available for patients and visitors.

For patients and visitors with limited mobility, a disabled parking bay is available at the front door of the hospital to ensure ease of access to the main entrance.



### **Admission Times**

Your surgeon's rooms will advise you as to the time of your admission to South Perth Hospital. Please be aware that this may **NOT** match your surgery time.

### **Visiting Hours**

For current visiting hours please refer to our website **www.sph.org.au**. Please note there are **no visiting facilities** in the Day Surgery Unit.

### **No Smoking Policy**

South Perth Hospital is a smoke-free environment. Smoking is not permitted in the Hospital or within 5 metres of Hospital grounds. If you feel that you will require nicotine replacement therapy, please discuss this with your doctor prior to your admission.

### **Boarder Facilities/Local Accommodation**

If your child is expected to stay overnight, it is preferable that one parent stay with them. Please make arrangements for the care of other siblings as they cannot be accommodated within the hospital. We recommend that you contact your private health insurance fund to verify if your level of cover includes a provision for a boarder fee. If you require further information, you can contact the Hospital for additional advice. If you or any of your family require accommodation before or after your procedure, for a variety of options you can visit: www.accommodationperth.com.au

### Interpreting/Hearing Impaired Services

Should these services be required, please contact the Hospital prior to admission.

### Patient Checklist, have you:

- ☐ Arranged for a responsible adult to transport you to and from the hospital
- Arranged for a responsible adult to stay with you overnight after having day surgery or an endoscopy
- Completed the following forms and forwarded to South Perth Hospital:
  - Patient Privacy Information
  - Patient Pre-Admission Information
  - Patient Consent to Procedure
  - Patient Health Questionnaire
- □ Forwarded the completed Pharmacy Account form

### PLEASE RETAIN THIS PAGE FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Please read the following information carefully. If you are unsure or have any questions please contact:

The Hospital

Your doctor

· Your health insurance fund

### ACCOUNT INFORMATION

It is **strongly recommended** that you contact your private health insurance fund prior to admission to verify your level of cover and what any potential "gap" fees may be. You will be required to pay any excess or co-payment on arrival to the Hospital. This must be received before your admission can be completed. You may be required to **pay the full amount** of the Hospital account **if** your health insurance fund **deems you to be ineligible to claim** for the cost of your admission. Please refer to the information at the back of this booklet for further information regarding Informed Financial Consent.

If you are uninsured or it is a "self-funded" procedure, you will be required to pay the estimated costs of your hospital and theatre fees at the time of your admission. Please contact Patient Billing & Accounts (08 9367 0222) to obtain an estimate. As this will be an estimate only, in the event of unforeseen complications or variations from the proposed treatment, the cost may vary

The Hospital has EFTPOS facilities and accepts most major credit cards (except Diner's & American Express). We do not accept personal cheques.

### **MOTOR VEHICLE & WORKER'S COMPENSATION**

Approval must be obtained from the relevant insurer/provider prior to admission.

### OTHER COSTS THAT COULD BE INCURRED INCLUDE:

- Medical: Surgeon and anaesthetist fees. You may also receive separate accounts for assisting surgeons or other consultants.
- **Pharmacy:** Some medicines required during your admission and all discharge medications. For your convenience, discharge medicines can be supplied by the Amcal Community Pharmacy (cnr Coode St and South Terrace, South Perth). An account for these medicines can be settled when you/your carer collects the medicines from the pharmacy. The Hospital cannot accept payment for these services.
- **Pathology:** e.g. blood tests. These services are not included in your Hospital account and may only be partially covered by Medicare. A separate account for these will be forwarded to you after your discharge.
- **Imaging or X-Ray :** These services are not included in your Hospital account and may only be partially covered by Medicare. A separate account for these will be forwarded to you after your discharge.

### **AMBULANCE SERVICES**

There may be a charge for using ambulance services for patient transfer to and from home, hospital or inter-hospital transfers. Please check with your health insurance fund and/or St John's Ambulance.

### WHAT TO BRING TO HOSPITAL

Please follow the fasting instructions provided by your doctor.

Please bring the following with you:

- Health insurance fund membership details, Medicare and pension cards.
- Letters/referrals/forms from your doctor.
- All X-rays/scans and test results relevant to your admission.
- All current medication (in original packaging).
- CPAP machines/crutches/mobility aids (if required pre or post surgery).
- Glasses, contact lens, hearing aids (with cases) if appropriate.
- Loose, comfortable night attire, toiletries and reading material if staying overnight.

**Do not** bring valuables or large sums of money with you. The Hospital **cannot accept responsibility** for the security of personal items.

### **ROOM ALLOCATION**

Whilst every effort is made to accommodate your requests, room allocation will depend on availability. Where a shared room is requested and a single room allocated, additional fees may apply.

### **DAY SURGERY PATIENTS**

Day surgery patients will be in hospital for between 3 and 6 hours, depending upon the type of procedure. Please be advised that there is **restricted visitor access** to the Day Procedure Unit. Day surgery patients will be allocated to a shared room. A **responsible adult must drive you home and a responsible adult must remain with you overnight.** 

### INFECTION PREVENTION INFORMATION

Information on preventing infection can be found on our website (<a href="www.sph.org.au">www.sph.org.au</a>). During your stay, visitors and staff should perform hand hygiene before attending to your care. We request that your friends/family do not visit you if they are unwell.

### **PRE-OPERATIVE SHOWERING**

**Before admission**, it is recommended that you shower (using soap) prior to arrival. Do not use moisturisers, deodorant, talc or perfume. Please remove nail polish and jewellery and do not apply make-up before coming into hospital.

### **DISCHARGE**

After staying overnight, discharge time will be between **9.00am and 10.00am**. Please arrange for a responsible adult to collect you from the ward and transport you home safely. You will receive instructions specific to your procedure from nursing staff before you are discharged. Please follow these instructions. You should discuss any questions or concerns you may have with the nursing staff before your discharge.

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# PATIENT PRIVACY INFORMATION

Use Patient I.D. label when available

### Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act, 2012

South Perth Hospital respects and upholds your rights to privacy and protection of personal/health information as outlined by the Australian Privacy Principles contained in the Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act, 2012. Your rights and responsibilities as a patient as outlined in the Australian Charter of Healthcare Rights are also supported. Details of these can be found on our website (www.sph.org.au).

### **Collection of Personal Information**

Information including name, date of birth, gender, health fund/insurance details, medical history and financial consent will be collected by SPH. This is primarily used to ensure that you receive optimal care. However it can also be used for other purposes. Normally we would collect this information directly from you, however in an emergency situation we may need to obtain this from relatives or other sources **if** you are unable to provide consent. We may need to obtain information about you from your GP, other hospitals or other health care providers such as pathology and radiology companies.

### **Use of Personal Information**

Health information is only used by South Perth Hospital to provide treatment and care, to recover costs from health insurance funds or other insurance agencies, for quality assurance/clinical audit or evaluation activities, for management, service monitoring, training and education, complaint management and accreditation activities.

### **Disclosure of Personal Information**

The personal information collected by SPH about you may be shared amongst healthcare professionals involved in your care and ongoing treatment both within and outside of SPH. These may include doctors, nurses, allied health professionals and other health service providers. South Perth Hospital is **required by law** to provide certain State and Federal agencies (including the Health Department of Western Australia) with identified data for each episode of care and when a diagnosis of a notifiable disease is made. South Perth Hospital is also **legally required** to provide the Health Funds with information about their clients who attend the Hospital. Your information may also be shared with the manufacturers of implants and medical devices that you receive as part of your treatment, these manufacturers may be located overseas. Information about your admission may also be uploaded to your MyHealth record when approved by you.

Information about you may be used to inform your next of kin or other authorised persons identified in your admission form. Information may include the outcome of your treatment or to obtain consent for necessary treatment when you are unable to give such consent.

### Accessing and/or Amending your Records

You may obtain access to your own records by completing a "Request to Access Personal Information" form. We endeavour to provide you with a range of suitable choices as to how you may access your records. If you believe that the information in your medical record is incorrect, incomplete or inaccurate, you may also request an amendment to your record by completing a "Request to Amend Personal Information" form.

Fees will apply for processing your request.

### **Privacy Questions/Complaints**

Questions about the way in which South Perth Hospital manages your personal information or any complaints regarding the treatment of your personal information should be made in writing and directed to:

### The CEO/Director of Nursing, South Perth Hospital, PO Box 726, COMO WA 6952

I have read/had explained to me and understand South Perth Hospital's Information Management practices (as detailed
above) and consent to the collection, use and disclosure of my personal information by South Perth Hospital ir
accordance with all relevant Privacy legislation including the Privacy Amendment ( Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act
2012. I understand that I can withdraw my consent at anytime.

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Patient's signature:		
Please print name:	Date:	
If consenting on behalf of another individual (e.g. a child or parent), please print that individual's name below		

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### PATIENT PRE-ADMISSION **INFORMATION**

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IMPORTANT REMINDER
Please complete this form and return it to South Perth Hospital by post (PO Box 726, COMO WA 6952), fax (08 9474 2541) or email (reception@sph.org.au) as soon as possible prior to admission.

**ADDRESS** 

The original document must be brought in on the day of the admission.			
SECTION A: ADMISSION DETAILS			
dmitting Doctor: Admission Date:			
Admission Type:    Local Anaesthetic Day Case	□ Day Case □ Overnight Patient		
SECTION B: PATIENT DETAILS (to be completed	by the patient or their guardian)		
Patient's Medicare Number:	Position Number: Expiry Date:/		
☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Ms ☐ Master Surname:			
Given name (s):			
Sex at Birth: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Indeterminate	Date of Birth: Age:		
Gender:  ☐ Man or Male ☐ Non-binary ☐ Prefer not to answer ☐ Not stated or inadequately described ☐ Woman or Female ☐ Different Term			
Residential Address			
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Contact details: Ph: Mc	ob: Wk:		
Email:			
Marital status:       □ Never married       □ Married/Defacto       □ Separated         □ Divorced       □ Widow/widower	Employment status:       □ Employed       □ Child not at school       □ Student         □ Retired       □ Pensioner       □ Home duties         □ Other (please record here):       □		
Country/State of birth:	Religion/denomination:		
Do you speak a language other than English at home? If s Do you require an interpreter? ☐ No ☐ Yes	so, state what language:		
Do you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Aboriginal □ Torres Strait Islander □ Aboriginal & Torres Strait			
Have you been a patient in South Perth Hospital before?	☐ Yes ☐ No		
Surname on previous admission (if different to current):			
Pharmaceutical/Concession Card:			
Type: Card Numb Department of Veteran's Affairs/Defence Personnel	per:Expiry Date:/		
DVA File Number:	DVA Card Colour: Gold White		
Defence Force EPID:	Approval Number:		
Private Health Insurance			
Do you have private health insurance?	ote that <b>UNINSURED</b> patients <b>MUST</b> pay all estimated fees on admission. an estimate).		
Name of Health Fund:  Table:			
Member Number:	Excess/Co-payment:		
Please check your level of cover, excess and co-payment	information with your health insurance fund prior to admission.		

☐ No

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Have you been a private patient in a hospital in the past 7 days?



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SECTION B: PATIENT DETAILS (continued)		Ose Fatient I.D. label when av	aliable
,	se bring <b>ALL</b> releva	ant cards to hospital on the day of a	admission)
Type of accommodation requested:	Single room	☐ Shared room	
☐ Boarder to stay (for dependants only) State relat	ionship to patient:		
Whilst every effort will be made to meet your room prifees are higher than those for shared rooms & it is admission. Where a shared room is requested and a allocated a shared room.	strongly recommend	<b>ded</b> that your check your level of	health insurance cover prior to
Name of person responsible for account (please pri	nt):		
Address of person responsible (if different to patier	nt address)		
Is your admission to SPH related to an accident or i	njury? □ Yes □	No. If "Yes", briefly describe how	the injury occurred below?
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Patients Claiming Compensation (Tick appropriate	hox helow)		
☐ Worker's Compensation	,	☐ Motor Vehicle Insurance <sup>-</sup>	Trust
Note: Should your claim NOT be accepted by the insu			
Date of injury		re injury occurred (e.g. WA, QLD	
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Employer's name:			
Employer's address & contact number:			
Claim number:	Insurance com	pany:	
Contact name & number			
Next of Kin Contact Information			
Name:	Relation	onship to patient:	
Address (if different to address given previously)			
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Name of other contact (in Australia but not living with ye	ou):		
Ph: N	lob:	Wk:	
General Practitioner/Clinic			
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Address:			
MyHealth Record			
South Perth Hospital may upload information from your current episode of care to your MyHealth Record where you have approved for this to occur. Information uploaded may include: a Discharge Summary and/or Endoscopy Unit Procedure Report. You may withdraw your consent for information to be uploaded to your MyHealth Record at anytime.			
Do you want information from you/your child's episode	of care to be uploade	ed to you/your child's MyHealth Red	cord? 🗆 Yes 🗆 No
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### **PATIENT CONSENT TO PROCEDURE**

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Doctor's Name:		Operation Date:				
Patient Name:						
Please indicate admission type:	Day Surgery [		Inpatient □			
Principal Diagnosis						
Treatment/Procedure List the treatment/pro	cedures to be performed, r	noting correct site/side	. Do <b>NOT</b> use abbreviations.			
Proposed Item Numbers:						
This procedure requires: General and/or F (An anaesthetis	Regional anaesthesia	Local anaesthe eneral/regional anaest	sia ☐ Sedation ☐ hesia to you)			
Additional Information e.g. an outline of ot			re.			
Patient Declaration Please indicate your rela	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					
□ Self □ Parent □ Relative (has Enduring	Power of Guardianship)	Other (specify):				
<ul> <li>The doctor has explained to me my/my child's/ options available to me/my child/my relative ar</li> </ul>			octor has also explained the relevant treatment the procedure.			
The risks of the procedure have been explaine opportunity to discuss and clarify any concern	s with my doctor.		ve and the likely outcomes. I have had the			
<ul> <li>I understand that the result/outcome of this tre</li> <li>I understand that if complications or immediate</li> </ul>			v rolativo's procedure. I/they will be treated			
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<ul> <li>I understand that medical imaging (including the clarify any concerns with my doctor.</li> </ul>	ne use of contrast agents) may	form part of the procedur	re. I have had the opportunity to discuss and			
<ul> <li>I understand that photographs or video footage professionals (you/your child/your relative will</li> </ul>	e may be taken during my/my on not be identified in any photo/v	child's/my relative's proce video).	dure which are used as teaching aids for health			
I understand that in the event of any staff member or doctor being injured or exposed to my/my child's blood or body fluids during the procedure that blood will be collected for the testing of communicable diseases, including Hepatitis B & C and HIV.  I understand that I will be informed that blood for testing has been taken, that the results will be available to me, the staff member/doctor injured/the treating medical officer and the South Perth Hospital Infection Control Nurse (or their deputy) and that the staff and doctor's are bound by the Hospital's Code of Conduct policy. In the event of the test results being positive, the Privacy Act is waived and the Department of Health (WA) will be notified.						
I consent for myself/my child to undergo the pr			7			
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Patient/Guardian Signature						
Full name (please print):						
Signature:		Date	):			
Medical Officer Confirmation I confirm that I have explained to the patient/gua alternative treatments available and the benefits	rdian the nature and purpo and risks of the proposed.	se of the above mention	oned operation/procedure/treatment, any			
Signature:		Date:	:			
Interpreter Services Used? Yes  No (Tick appropriate box). I confirm that I have accurately interpreted the contents of this form and related conversations between the patient/person giving consent and the doctor.						
Interpreter Name:						
Other Documents (tick if applicable & bring with you	ı on admission) 🔲 Adv	rance Health Directive in	n place			
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To Be Completed in Full by the Admitting Doctor

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	Yes	Nil Known			Name		Rea	action Experienced
<b>Medicines</b> (including X-ray contrasts)								
Latex								
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Tapes								
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PREVIOUS MEDICAL/	SURGIC	AL HISTOR	RY Pleas	se list below				
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MEDICINES List A Bring a	LL regu all curren	lar medicati t medicatior	ons (e.g. ns (in orig	tablets, pills, inje ginal packaging)	ections, puffers, as with you to hospit	spirin, vitamins an al.	d natural the	erapies).
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INFECTION CONTROL								
INFECTION CONTROL  Have you been a patient, employee or resident in a healthcare facility or nursing home outside of Western Australia in the past 12							a in the past 12	
months?  No Yes If "Yes" state where & when:  Have you ever been diagnosed or treated for any of the following:  Hepatitis A Hepatitis B Hepatitis C HIV VRE MRSA  Do you have a history of Creutzfeldt-Jakob (CJD) disease in your family?  Yes No  Have you ever had human pituitary hormones (growth or gonadotropin) before 1986? Yes No								
Have you ever been diagnosed or treated for any of the following: □ Hepatitis A □ Hepatitis B □ Hepatitis C □ HIV □ VRE □ MRSA								
Do you have a history of						☐ Yes ☐ No		
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Do y	Do you or have you ever had any of the following? Please give details where applicable/requested							
Yes	es No Health Status Comments							
		Have you ever had any problems with or a read	ction to	an an	aesthetic or sedation?			
		Have you had a recent sore throat, cold or flu (	last 2 w	veeks)	?			
		Are you/could you be pregnant or have given b						
		Have you had any heart problems e.g. heart muvalve problems, bypass surgery or other)?	rmur, ar	ngina, I	neart attack, irregular heart beat,			
		Do you have any breathing problems (e.g. asthr	na, bron	chitis, s	sleep apnoea-using CPAP)			
		Do you have diabetes? Do you use:  ins	ulin	О	ral medication   diet control			
		Do you have kidney or bladder problems?						
		Do you have epilepsy or suffer with seizures?						
		Do you have reflux/ indigestion/ gastric ulcers	or a hia	tus he	rnia?			
		Do you have arthritis or neck/back problems?						
		Do you have an intellectual disability or cognitive	/e impa	airmen	t?			
		Do you have depression or another mental illne	ess?					
		Do you have a skin condition or any broken/da	maged	skin?				
		Do you smoke? (/ day foryears)	Have	you e	ver smoked?  Yes  No			
		Do you drink alcohol? (average per day/week)			/dayweek			
		Do you use recreational drugs?						
Yes	No	Bleeding or Clotting Risk	Yes	No				
		Are you taking anticoagulants or blood thinners, including aspirin and/or fish oil supplements? If " <b>Yes</b> ", please contact your Dr as soon as possible, you might need to stop these medicines before surgery.			Do you have cancer? Specify:			
		Do you have a bleeding or clotting disorder?			Are you on Hormone Replacement contraceptives?	nt Therapy (HRT) or taking oral		
		Have you, or one of your relatives ever had a deep vein thrombosis or pulmonary embolism (DVT or PE)?			Do you have swollen legs or vario	cose veins?		
		Have you had a stroke/TIA? Do you faint or have blackouts?			Do you have lymphoedema?			
		Do you have any blood pressure issues?	High		□ Low			
Com	ments	S						
Yes	No	Admission and Discharge planning	Yes	No				
		Do you have eyesight or hearing difficulties?			Do you have any special dietary r	equirements? <b>Specify:</b>		
		Have you had a fall in the past 6 months?						
		Do you use a mobility aid?						
After day surgery, you must have a responsible adult to collect you from hospital & have someone at home with you for the first night:								
		Do you have someone to collect you from hospital?			Do you have someone to stay wit procedure?	h you overnight after your		
Patient Confirmation: I have answered the above questi best of my ability				o the	Staff Confirmation			
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### INFORMED FINANCIAL CONSENT

Please read the following information carefully.

If you are unsure or have any questions please contact:

The Hospital

· Your health insurance fund

When you arrive for admission, you will be asked to read and sign a "Financial Consent Information" form. When you indicate your acceptance of these terms, you are acknowledging and agreeing to the following which are conditions of admission. If another person (for example, a spouse or family member) will be responsible for paying the account for your treatment at the hospital, that person should also read the following items before acceptance is indicated, as:

### Actual expense incurred may differ from the estimate provided.

Whilst every effort has been made to provide an accurate estimate of the expenses you may incur, the actual, out of pocket expenses are only known **post-discharge**. Additional costs are some times incurred during your hospital stay. For example;

- The hospital relies on information provided by your health fund that may change.
- Your treating doctor (s) may vary the proposed treatment, procedure or the proposed length of stay.
- Medication costs may vary due to a change of medication prescribed by your treating doctor or a change in the medication price.
- ♦ You may incur sundry charges during your stay (e.g. visitor meals, boarder fees and phone calls).
- Where a prosthesis (an implanted medical device) is required for your treatment, there will be at least one device that will be fully covered by your health fund (if you are insured). However, based on your specific clinical need, your doctor may recommend a device that requires a gap payment by you. Though your doctor should generally advise you if this the case, as with any medical procedure, if unforeseen circumstances should arise during the procedure it may be necessary for your doctor to use a different or more costly prosthetic device. If this happens, there may be additional costs to you.

### You agree to pay any balance of expenses actually incurred.

Your final account will reflect:

- ♦ The actual procedure performed, treatment and services provided and your length of stay at the hospital.
- Disposable and prosthetic items used in your treatment.
- ♦ Pharmacy costs.
- ♦ Any balance payable by you.

As noted in the section entitled "Account Information" actual costs that are known and advised prior to your admission are payable before or on admission and any additional costs are payable on discharge. Please be aware that if **you** chose to cancel your procedure **after** admission, a fee may apply.

As a condition of admission, once you have indicated your acceptance of these terms, you will be taken to have agreed to pay your final account. If you have any genuine concerns or a bona fide dispute regarding the final account (for example you did not receive a service or an item listed) you agree to raise with the hospital as soon as possible after receiving the account and to use your best efforts to resolve any dispute at the time of discharge or within 7 days of discharge.

## You must pay the full amount or any outstanding balance if your insurer (or other payer) does not cover the cost of treatment.

You are responsible for the payment of the whole account relating to your admission to hospital if your health fund does not cover the treatment, procedure or length of stay. This includes amounts in dispute with your health insurer, e.g. pre-existing queries, waiting periods, exclusion items or external insurance claims.

This applies in the case of Worker's Compensation claims and disputes with insurers/employers regarding responsibility for payment. The Hospital account remains your responsibility in the instance that an insurer or employer refuses to pay.

### You are responsible for accounts from other providers.

You are responsible for payment of other accounts you may receive, which may include:

- ♦ The treating doctor (s) or surgeon (s)
- ♦ The assisting surgeon (s)
- ♦ The anaesthetist
- ♦ Pathology services
- ♦ Radiology services
- Pharmacy (discharge medications)



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