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## The following fees may apply during your visit to your breast surgeon

	Code	Fee	Rebate Out of Pocket Fee	
Initial consultation Extended Reconstruction consultation	104 104	220.00 240.00	72.75 72.75	147.25 167.25
Initial Follow up consultation	104	100.00	36.55	107.25
63.45 Follow-up consultation (surveillance) 63.45	105	100.00		36.55

### Surgeon's Fee

The fees charged by this practice for surgical procedures are usually based on those recommended by the Australian Medical Association (AMA) in their list of medical services and fees and reflect the costs incurred in running a medical practice . As Medicare only covers 50% of the schedule fees for consultation and 75% of the schedule fee for hospital admissions, this means that there will still be an out-of-pocket expense for you. This surgical practice uses online medicare system so your rebate to your bank account should be automatic if medicare has your details. If you have any questions regarding these fees, please do not hesitate to ask. The initial follow up consultation fee is only for patients who require extra time for consultation in cases of complicated surgery, reconstructions, or simply because they want more time to discuss the procedure.

### Operation

Please see the above for the anticipated item numbers that relate to your consultation. If you require a surgical operation you will be given a written quotation of the cost of the surgery. It is impossible to determine the exact procedure that is required until during the operation. Each procedure has its own item numbers and costs. Included in the cost of the operation is the post-operative follow-up visit where results are given and discussion about any further treatment is discussed. It also covers expansion visits if you have a tissue expander reconstruction. It does not cover visits thereafter for surveillance.

### **Additional information**

Please contact your health fund to confirm your level of cover for this admission. If your health fund is **Medibank Private** you will be required to obtain pre approval for any reconstructive surgery. You will need to quote the relevant item numbers which you will find on your estimate of fees.

It is our policy that all patients are required to pay their account at the first post operative appointment. If you need to make arrangements to split the payment please speak to our offices and they will assist, in any way possible. Once your account is paid you may then claim the refund from your Medicare and your Private Health fund.

I understand the above surgical fee quotation and accept to pay all costs related to my operation as disclosed above. I understand that the quotation is valid for 12 months.

Patient/Guardian Signature

Date

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