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SELF INSURED PRIVATE PATIENTS WESTMEAD HOSPITAL

PATIENT INFORMATION

This applies to patients who do not have private health insurance but who wish to be admitted to the public hospital as a private patient.

Patients will be admitted as a self-insured private patient for the first two days of their admission. The hospital will bill you for these two days at the Dept of Health's gazetted rate. You will be required to pay an up-front fee of \$500 on the day of admission. After two days you will return to being a public patient.

Clinical and diagnostic services during this time will be billed at the Medicare rate and therefore there will be no gap payment for these services.

Implants or prostheses used will be billed to you at cost price. For spinal instrumentation this may be very expensive.

Single room accommodation may be requested. However in a public hospital single rooms are usually occupied by the sickest patients. It is unlikely that you will be given a single room. If a single room is available you will be billed at a higher rate.

If you wish to remain a private patient beyond the first two days then the clerk will have you sign another election form and you will be required to pay further fees.

As a self-insured private patient Dr Owler will charge a fee that is above the Medicare scheduled fee. An estimate of the fees and your out-of-pocket expenses will be detailed for you. If you have any queries about these costs then you should contact Dr Owler and discuss these in advance.

This information reflects information provided by Westmead Hospital.