

## Pre-Operative Information

Mr Kleid has recommended that you (or your child) have an operation. You should know as much about this operation as is feasible. If you have any questions, please contact my Secretary (Ada) at the Head Office - (9038 1630) to discuss all aspects of the operation and hospital stay, including the costs, and health insurance.

- If Ada is unable to help you adequately, she will notify me.

All Surgical appointments are made by Ada and she will do her best to co-ordinate a time and a hospital that will suit you. I operate at Masada (St.Kilda), and Epworth (Richmond) Hospitals.

If you want to change or cancel, please contact Ada as soon as possible, to re-schedule.

You will be sent some information sheets, and some forms to complete and send to the Hospital. A "Request for Surgery" Form will also be enclosed, which you should sign and send back to my Head Office.

**It is essential that you notify the head office if:**

- You (or Your child)
- have any allergies to medications, antibiotics
  - have medical, anaesthetic, or bleeding/bruising problems, or are diabetic.

If there is a risk of carrying Hepatitis or AIDS virus, please discuss this, confidentially, with Mr. Kleid, well before the operation. (My staff and I take "Universal precautions", but I also test for blood-borne viral diseases pre-operatively.)

**Do Not Take Any Aspirin** for at least two weeks before the operation, and two weeks after the operation, as they increase bleeding during and after surgery. This means NO Aspargin, Aspirin, Aspro, Cardiprin, Cartia, Codral, Veganin, Disprin, etc. Notify me if you are on anti-clotting drugs: Warfarin, Clopidogrel (Iscover, Plavix)

Anti-Arthritis/Anti-Inflammatory tablets also have the same side-effect (Voltaren, Brufen, Indocid, Naprosyn, Nurofen).

- If you need any pain killers, it is OK to take PANADOL, or PANADEINE (FORTE).

**Smoking** is best avoided completely. If you cannot stop, reduce it as much as you can. Try to start reducing at least a month before the operation. The less smoked, the fewer chest problems (including pneumonia). It also helps the healing of wounds not to smoke. After surgery you may as well do yourself a favour, and not go back to smoking!!

**Going Home**. You must go home with a responsible adult. An unaccompanied taxi trip is NOT adequate.

You must not drive for 24 hours after a General anaesthetic, or Sedation.

**Fees.** My surgical fees and the Anaesthetist's fees are based on the A.M.A. rates, and the amounts, rebates, and gaps will be quoted pre-operatively. "Medicare" will rebate about 45% of the fee, and your "Private Health Fund" another 25%. (These percentages may change according to the type of surgery performed and the level of Health Insurance + do not relate to any RHINOPLASTY surgery). A note on fees will be enclosed with admission letters.

**The fee is to be paid by the patient.**

My surgical fees include standard post-operative visits and care. (ie. no extra charges)

- The hospital will charge you a bed fee, and an Operating theatre fee (separate to my fee, and the anaesthetist's fee). You should contact the hospital to discuss their costs, especially if you have no Private Health Insurance.
- You may need to confirm with your Health Insurance fund that they will pay for your hospital stay - especially if you have been insured less than 12 months.
- There might also be a Pathologist's fee, for blood tests, cardiograph, or biopsies and testing of specimens like Tonsils (taken at the time of surgery).
- If you have any problems with the fees please discuss this with my secretary, pre-operatively.  
The fee is requested to be paid prior to your operation date. - Please pay your accounts promptly.