

Government of Western Australia North Metropolitan Health Service Sir Charles Gairdner Osborne Park Health Care Group



# **Fees for overseas patients** 2024–2025

Hospital fees for patients who are not eligible for Medicare are set by the WA Department of Health. Overseas visitors and overseas students are required to pay the cost of their care. As medical treatment can be expensive, the Department of Home Affairs encourages all prospective visitors to Australia to ensure they have adequate health insurance to meet their health needs.

If you are an overseas visitor or overseas student and you attend Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Osborne Park Hospital, King Edward Memorial Hospital or Graylands Hospital for emergency treatment, admission and/or surgery, you are required to pay the fees listed overleaf.

### **Reciprocal Health Care Agreement (RHCA)**

The RHCA covers the cost of essential medical treatment when visitors from the following countries come to Australia: United Kingdom (including Northern Ireland), Republic of Ireland, New Zealand, Netherlands, Belgium, Finland, Norway, Sweden and Slovenia. Patients from Italy and Malta are only covered during the first six months upon arrival to Australia. Patients will be billed until we receive a copy of their passport and confirmed RHCA eligibility. This will depend on the patient's visa status.

For more information on eligibility please visit: <u>www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/medicare/reciprocal-health-care-agreements</u>

#### Fee payments

You will be required to pay for your treatment if you are unable to provide us with either:

- A valid Medicare card
- Evidence of your eligibility under the RHCA with Australia
- Evidence of your refugee/asylum seeker status.

If you have lived outside of Australia for a period of time and do not hold a valid Medicare card, you may be liable for costs associated with your admission.

You will need to contact your insurance provider to check your level of cover, request a written guarantee of payment and provide this to one of our overseas patient liaison officers.

## **Further assistance**

Please contact our Overseas Patient Liaison Office on (08) 6457 8709 if you need advice or assistance.

A free health care interpreter service is available. If you require an interpreter, please advise one of our staff.

#### **Hospital service fees\***

Service	Fee
Inpatient – same day (incl. observation ward)	\$2,894
Inpatient – overnight/ per night	\$2,884
Radiology – X-ray	**\$196 - \$5130
Radiology - ultrasound	**\$128 - \$1760
Radiology – computed tomography	**\$475 - \$3900
MRI study up to 3 contiguous regions (emergency, inpatient and outpatient)	**\$1950 - \$3900
PET whole body study (emergency, inpatient and outpatient)	**\$2875 - \$3920
Pathology – billed separately by PathWest	Various
Prostheses	Various
Pharmaceuticals	Various
Consultant specialist fees - initial	\$205
Consultant specialist fees – follow-up	\$110
Consultant physician - initial	\$390
Consultant physician – follow-up	\$180
Medical and surgical treatment	100% of applicable item in AMA list
Outpatient consults, includes phone, audio telehealth (fee per occasion)	\$379
Outpatient radiology and pathology (fee per service – excludes MRI and PET)	\$379
Midwifery home visits (both mother and baby are charged separately)	\$379

\* Hospital service fees stated above are effective from July 2024 until 30 June 2025

\*\* Radiology charges range from a basic scan to more detailed imaging depending on the nature of the injury or illness

Patients will also be charged for pathology, radiology, pharmaceutics and prothesis, as per Western Australian Health Patient Fees and Charges Manual 2024/25 under the Health Services Act 2016.

# For further information, please contact the overseas patient liaison officer on (08) 6457 8709 or 0403 743 890.

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