Confirming your eligibility to be a Private Patient

If you are unsure of your level of health fund cover our administration staff are able to perform an eligibility check to confirm whether you are able to elect to be a private patient for your hospital stay.

Can I still be a private patient if I don't have private health insurance?

Yes, if you do not have private health insurance, you can still elect to be a private patient.

As a self-funded patient, you will be responsible for meeting any costs incurred during your hospital stay that are not covered by Medicare.

Please ask our staff if you have any questions relating to your health fund cover or costs relating to your admission.

How do you elect to be a private patient?

You are able to elect to be a private patient at any stage during your admission.

A hospital representative will assist you to complete the necessary forms which will help you make an informed choice whether to be admitted as a private patient.

All you need to do is provide
- Your Medicare details
- Your private health fund details

If you would like to be admitted as a private patient please let our staff know and the above process can be initiated.

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Admitted Patients

What it means to be a private patient

Making your private health insurance work for you and your local public hospital

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Using your private health insurance at our hospital

As a private patient in a public hospital, you will enjoy a number of benefits while helping your hospital.

How will you benefit?

By electing to be admitted into our hospitals as a private patient you will enjoy the advantages of:

- No private health insurance co-payments or excesses, even if your health cover has excesses attached
- Access to elect a single room (if available).

How you will help the hospital and community

Electing to be a private patient in a public hospital will help your local hospital and community, as all funds received from your private health are reinvested back into the hospital.

Funds can be used to improve hospital facilities, update equipment, and provide staff education and training.

How will you be affected financially?

If you have hospital cover, your health fund should cover the costs associated with your accommodation and prostheses charges.

- No excesses or co-payments are payable by the patient
- In regional public hospitals, medical charges 'may' exceed the Medicare schedule rate where:
  - Medical Practitioners employed under Fee for Service arrangements bill for private services rendered
  - Diagnostic imaging or pathology services are rendered by 'private' providers under contractual arrangements.

Note: Please check with your treating medical professional if you are unsure if fees will apply

Accounts made easy

The hospital will lodge all of your claims to Medicare and your health fund on your behalf (where possible). We will liaise directly with your Private Health Fund where consent has been obtained.