

COSTA KARIHALOO*Bariatric, Laparoscopic and General Surgeons*

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**THE APPROXIMATE COST OF INITIAL BARIATRIC SURGERY
FOR PROSPECTIVE SELF-FUNDING PATIENTS**

Dr Karihaloo prefers patients wishing to undergo weight loss surgery to be fully covered by a private health fund. However, at the surgeon's discretion self-funding may be offered to some patients.

OPERATING SURGEON PRICE:	\$5000
ASSISTANT SURGEON PRICE:	\$500
ANAESTHETIST FEE (up to):	\$2500
HOSPITAL (Lake Macquarie Private) PLEASE OBTAIN ADVICE FROM THE HOSPITAL	
PATHOLOGY SPECIMEN TAKEN AT OPERATION (approximately):	\$200

The above fees apply for the operating surgeon, assistant surgeon and anaesthetist. The hospital will be able to provide advice regarding costs (approximately \$20,000). Additional procedures (gastroscopy) will also incur fees.

If you proceed to surgery and pre-pay the surgeon's fee and subsequently cancel, a \$100 administration fee will be deducted from your refund.

Item numbers: 31569, 31572, 31575, 31578, 31581, 31584, 31587, 31590 and 30473 for a Gastroscopy.

You may receive an account from a pathology company if any specimens are collected and an imaging company if investigations are required. 75% of the Medicare Schedule Fee for the surgeon, assistant and anaesthetist and investigations will be covered by Medicare for everybody who has the operation. Pre-payment is required by the surgeon and often the anaesthetists & assistant for the procedure.

If you have had previous weight loss surgery by another surgeon or at the time of your bariatric surgery require another procedure to be performed synchronously (i.e. gallbladder or lap band removal) this will incur an extra charge and will influence your out of pocket expenses. Please contact administration staff for costings.

If any further bariatric surgery is required in the future again this may be performed under a self-funding arrangement at the surgeon's discretion (if you do not have any appropriate level of private health fund coverage). Please discuss this with our Administration Staff.

After you have seen the surgeon it will be necessary for you to consult the dietician, have a gastroscopy, see a psychologist and have additional tests. Costs for these are in addition to surgery costs. After your bariatric surgery future consultations (regarding this surgery) with the surgeon will be bulk-billed.