

ORTHOASSISTANT

Orthopaedic Surgical Assistants

Informed Financial Consent

OrthoAssistant is a group of medical surgical assistants whom your surgeon has chosen to assist them in your upcoming operation.

A medical surgical assistant is a qualified medical practitioner (Doctor) chosen by your surgeon to assist him/her throughout the operation, working at all times under the direction of your surgeon to attain the highest quality of care during your operation.

As in the case of your surgeon and anaesthetist, a surgical assistant will charge you a separate fee. The Australian Medical Association recommendation is for this to be 20% of the total surgeon's fee, in recognition of the unique skillset of the medical surgical assistant.

In most cases you will be eligible for a rebate from Medicare and your private health fund. Please be advised that there may be an associated gap or co-payment for the services of your medical surgical assistant.

Key Points:

- The assisting fee is **20% of the surgeon's fee**
- It is not always possible to properly meet your assisting doctor prior to your operation as you may be under anaesthetic
- It is not always possible to predict the exact fee for an operation, as some procedures may be more or less complicated than expected

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Patient Declaration

I, _____ (Patient) hereby acknowledge that I have been informed that a surgical assistant will be involved in my forthcoming surgery.

I have been advised of the likely cost of this service, and I understand that after rebates (if applicable) there will be a gap for me to pay. The total assisting fee will be 20% of the surgeon's fee and it is my responsibility to check with my fund for the total out of pocket cost.

Approximate Total Fee _____

In order to minimise environmental impact, we ask to send your account via email.

email address _____

Signed _____

Date _____