

**Anaesthetists**  
**Patient Information - Accounts and Choice of Anaesthetist**  
**at private facilities in Wagga Wagga**

**ACCOUNTS**

You may receive a separate account from your anaesthetist for the anaesthesia services provided to you. You should be aware that Medicare and health fund rebates may not cover the entire cost of your anaesthesia. The difference between what is covered by rebates and the actual fee for the anaesthesia services is known as the 'gap' and this 'gap' account will be your personal responsibility to pay.

It is usual for the 'gap' to be larger when surgery is of long duration or complex or there are significant pre-existing physical or medical conditions.

**It is highly recommended that you obtain an estimate of the fee for your anaesthetic prior to your admission to hospital.**

Obtaining a pre-hospital estimate of the fee for your anaesthetic may allow you to receive a higher rebate from your health fund and reduce the gap payable to your anaesthetist.

Whether there will be a gap and the size of the gap varies greatly and depends on your particular health fund policy.

To obtain a fee estimate you will need the description and/or Medicare item numbers and an estimated duration for your procedure from your admitting doctor. Please telephone the following numbers with this information to receive your estimate.

**Wegara Medical Services (02) 6925 4499**  
(Drs MacLennan, Wood, MacDonald, Stuart, Abouelnasr, Coetzer & Nicholas)

**Probills Australia 1800 673 118**  
(Drs Killen, Mayne & Austin)

**Dr Ian Graham (02) 6921 3393**

**Dr Igor Lemech 0402 062 283**

**CHOICE OF ANAESTHETIST**

Anaesthetists in Wagga Wagga are all in individual private practice and provide their services across all facilities.

If you wish to request a specific anaesthetist for your procedure please notify Wegara Medical Services at least two weeks ahead and the request will be noted and accommodated into the anaesthetists schedule if possible.

Reasons for inability to satisfy requests include: conference and recreational leave, prior commitments, critical care duties, teaching, patient consulting and public hospital duties.

There is a greater possibility of your request succeeding if made through Wegara Medical Services well before your admission. Requests made late or by other means are not readily satisfied.

**Wegara Medical Services**

Telephone: **(02) 6925 4499**

Office Hours  
**10am-4pm Monday-Friday**

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