

### Understanding your Anaesthetic Booking Process

If you have been booked with one of Metropolitan Anaesthesia doctors, you are in excellent hands. Metropolitan Anaesthesia has been one of Western Australia's premier private Anaesthesia practices for over two decades. We understand this can be a stressful time, and we hope this information sheet will give you a clearer idea of what is entailed for your anaesthetic service.

Here are a few things you should do to ensure there are no unexpected surprises before your surgery;

1. Contact our rooms by visiting our website [www.metroanaes.com.au](http://www.metroanaes.com.au). Here, you can complete the anaesthetic health questionnaire, general enquiry form and request your quote. Alternatively, you can email us at [rooms@metroanaes.com.au](mailto:rooms@metroanaes.com.au) please include the following;
  - Your full name as stated on your Medicare card
  - Contact information: Address / Email / Phone
  - Your Surgeon and Date of Surgery
  - Surgery Description and Surgical Item Numbers
  - Health Insurance & Member Number
  - Medicare Number
  - *If you do not have private health insurance, please note "Self-Funding"*
2. Once we receive your information either via the online form or from the surgeon/proceduralists rooms, we will be in touch;
  - A) **If an appointment is required.** *Although you may have had anaesthesia before and not required an appointment, this can vary depending on your anaesthetist's preference, the type of surgery/procedure you will have and the type of anaesthetic you are having. There are several factors why your anaesthetist may request to see you for an appointment prior to the day of your surgery.*
  - B) **If you need to complete the Anaesthetic Health Survey.** *We know you have most likely completed many forms already, however if your Anaesthetist requests that you complete our survey, it is to help them best plan your anaesthetic care and in your best interest.*
  - C) **To provide you with your Anaesthetic Quote.** *Before you contact your health insurer to check if you are covered for your upcoming surgery/procedure, please contact our rooms for your anaesthetic quote. If you contact your private health insurer first, they may tell you that you are covered for your procedure, **however being covered toward your procedure does not mean fully covered** and you will need the anaesthetic quote first, in order to find out what the health fund short fall (gap) will be.*

We look forward to assisting you through this process and wish you all the best for your upcoming surgery.

Kind regards,  
Metropolitan Anaesthesia