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Paediatrician



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Congratulations on your new baby!

Brief CV

As a specialist in general Paediatrics, I am able to care for your child at any stage if required, up to the age of 18 years. I have particular interests in childhood learning, developmental and behavioural problems as well as Neonatal Medicine and Paediatric Oncology. I graduated from Adelaide University in 2000 and was admitted to the Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (Paediatrics) in 2007. My Paediatric training was undertaken at the Women's and Children's Hospital, Flinders Medical Centre, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, The Lyell McEwin Health Service and The Townsville Hospital, Queensland. I currently work as a part-time Staff Specialist in Paediatrics at Flinders Medical Centre where I am involved in the teaching of medical students and junior medical staff. I am the on-site Paediatrician at Calvary Hospital, North Adelaide. My private consulting rooms are on the first floor of Calvary Hospital.

Newborn baby information for parents

A Paediatrician will care for your baby after being referred by the Obstetrician. I will see your baby on most days while you are in hospital. In the event that I am not available one of my colleagues will look after your baby until I am available.

All babies require a routine 6-8 week health check. Please call the rooms on 8172 1035 to arrange this appointment. Please bring your blue book to this appointment. After 3 months, your Obstetrician's referral will no longer be valid and you will need another referral for your child to see me again. Referrals from your GP last for 12 months.

Fees during the hospital stay.

The total fee depends on the Medicare item number used, but the gap payment will remain constant:

Standard gap: \$350	Capped no matter how times your baby is seen whilst in hospital.
Surcharges: \$150	If attendance of the delivery was required during working hours (Monday-Friday 8:00AM-6:00PM).
\$250	If after-hours emergency attendance of the delivery was required.

Fees explained

My fees are separate to those for your obstetrician and other hospital fees. Generally they are not covered by your private health fund because "well" babies are not considered in-patients by private health insurers, and the account is refundable through Medicare only.

A baby becomes an inpatient if one of numerous complications arises, e.g. jaundice requiring phototherapy. If your baby does become an in-patient, your health fund will cover everything aside from the initial 'consult' with me which includes my gap.

My secretary organises these accounts and will post it to you after discharge. The account will be for the total amount owing, and Medicare will refund you all except your gap. If you have reached your safety net with Medicare then they will refund the majority of the gap (80%). If you have any questions please feel free to ask me or call my secretary on 8172 1035.

Privacy Laws

Amendments to the Privacy Act came into effect in 2001. Personal information is collected because it is deemed necessary to attend to and treat the presenting health condition(s). This information is primarily used within the practice but sometimes, to ensure quality and continuity of care, must be partially or fully disclosed to others, eg when referring to other doctors; when returning letters to referring GPs; when requesting blood tests, x-rays, etc; when itemising accounts for Medicare and private health insurers.