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## Notice regarding Professional Fees

This practice values our relationship with our patients and would like to ensure complete transparency on the patient's possible medical healthcare costs associated with this practice. We hereby inform our patients, insurance companies & colleagues that the billing policy of this practice does not necessarily follow the different rates at which the various medical insurance companies reimburse at, or with that of colleagues or any price reference lists.

Competition law requires each medical practice to disclose its billing practice which is determined per the practice's own costing structures and which is also in line with the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act. The tariff charged for healthcare services rendered in our practice is as follows:

- This Practice Charges Above Medical Aid Rates (Private Rates) and is a <u>Semi-Cash Practice</u>.
- First Consultation fees in rooms for 2019 are charged at R1350.00, payable on day of consultation.
- We do <u>NOT</u> submit these claims to your medical aid. (Not applicable for In-Hospital Patients).
- Follow up consultations in rooms will be charged at R850.00, payable on day of consultation.
- We do <u>NOT</u> submit these claims to your medical aid. (Not Applicable for In-Hospital Patients).

This Practice has payment agreements signed with the following Medical Aids for <u>In-Hospital</u> Consultations and Procedures. (These accounts will be submitted to your medical aid on your behalf):

- Discovery Health (Classic Plans only)
- Remedi (Classic Plans Only)
- Bankmed
- Fedhealth
- All other Medical aids will be billed at Private Rates.

Because of the varying and different benefits and exclusions on the different medical aid plan options in the market, it remains the patient's responsibility to validate with their medical aid what procedure codes and reimbursement tariffs are applicable on their plan. Even if the patient's medical aid covers a certain procedure, it does not necessarily imply that the medical aid will reimburse all the procedure codes charged by the practice. Please inform the practice if there are any specific pre-conditions which you may have to adhere to on your medical scheme plan e.g. medicine formularies, preferred or designated service providers etc. These aspects can have an influence on the fees you might have to pay, what portion your medical aid will pay and any co-payments that may also be applied.

The medical practitioner and the practice reserve the right to charge for any additional paperwork requested by your medical aid e.g. pre-authorizations, motivation letters, chronic medication forms or reports.

Even if the practice submits the account to a medical aid for re-imbursement, the <u>patient ultimately remains liable for the full costs</u>, the interest as specified in the National Credit Act, and for any costs incurred in the recovery process in the event of the account not being settled in full by the medical aid. Should any of the above be unclear, or should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask the practice staff or doctor.

Name:	Surname:
Signature:	Date:

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