

Terms and guide to prices

Year 2004

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Nuffield Hospitals



Guide to prices

Below is a guide to our Year 2004 charges. Due to the nature and range of the services provided, the charges below are only a guideline. If you have private medical insurance your insurer may have agreed differing arrangements directly with us, for example, package prices for the more frequently undertaken surgical procedures.

Our Fixed Price Direct scheme is subject to different charges to those set out below. Please ask for the separate leaflet on Fixed Price Direct.

Inpatient nursing care, hotel services and accommodation

Single room	up to £338 per day
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Operating theatre charges

Small minor	up to £130
Minor	up to £368
Intermediate	up to £781
Major	up to £1320
Major Plus	up to £1864
Complex major 1 and 2	up to £2366
Complex Major 3	up to £3981
Complex Major 4	up to £4851
Complex Major 5	up to £5076

Note

Bilateral/multiple operations under one anaesthetic:

The charge will be calculated by taking the full charge for the higher category procedure and adding half the charge for the secondary procedure.

Day care

Unless subject to a package price, the following charge applies:
Room charge £45 per hour subject to a minimum charge of £90.

Outpatient surgical procedures

Prices on application to your Nuffield Hospital.

Paediatric admissions

A supplementary charge is made to recognise the additional nursing costs directly involved in caring for children (aged 3-16 years). There are no charges for parents/guardians accompanying children overnight.

Pre-admission assessment

A charge will be made to those patients who are requested to attend for pre-admission assessment.

Specialist nursing

Specialist nursing and critical care are charged separately.

Medical consumables

Items such as drugs and dressings and single-use instruments may be charged if not part of a package agreement.

Protheses and implants

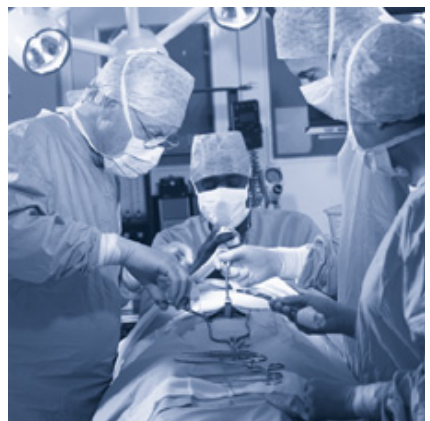
Items such as artificial joints, lenses etc may be charged if not part of a package agreement.

Diagnostic and outpatient services

Services such as pathology, radiology and physiotherapy are charged additionally.

Specialists

The fees of consultant surgeons, consultant anaesthetists and certain other specialists eg dieticians, are charged directly by the specialist concerned unless otherwise agreed eg under our Fixed Price Direct scheme.



Terms

Nuffield Hospitals will provide accommodation, nursing and other services to you (the patient) at the request of the medical practitioner who is admitting you to hospital and under whose supervision your medical care remains.

Fees for services provided by medical consultants, general practitioners and anaesthetists are additional to charges made by Nuffield Hospitals, unless you are admitted under the Nuffield Hospitals Fixed Price Direct scheme.

Personal expenses will be charged for separately, and you will need to pay for these when you leave the hospital. If a third party or insurer has agreed to pay your account, any balance outstanding if the third party or insurer does not pay the account in full, will need to be paid by you in accordance with 1.1 below.

You should check with your insurer that you have adequate cover. We will try to help you do this, but only your insurer can confirm that your cover is adequate.

In accordance with the Nuffield Hospitals rate and terms provided, you or your representative remain responsible for payment at all times, even when the following arrangements apply:–

1. Insured patients

1.1 Direct settlement by insurance companies
If your insurance company operates a direct settlement scheme, Nuffield Hospitals will gladly send your account and claim form to the insurance company for payment on your behalf. So that we can do this, you will need to provide us with a completed and signed claim form before you are discharged from hospital.

If your insurance company does not pay the account in full within 56 days from the date you were discharged, you must pay the account in full or any outstanding balance within seven days from the date that you were advised by us.

1.2 Payment by the patient

If your insurance company does not operate a direct settlement scheme, or if you are unable to provide us

with a completed and signed claim form, you must pay your account in full within 21 days from the date you are discharged from hospital.

2. Payment by third parties

If your company, employer or other third party agree to pay your account, a letter of authority must be produced when you are admitted to the hospital. The letter will need to confirm that your account will be paid in full within 21 days from the date you are discharged from hospital.

3. Uninsured patients

If you are not covered by medical insurance you will need to provide a deposit or credit card impression for the estimated cost of your treatment and stay in hospital. You will need to do this when you are admitted, and must pay the account in full when you are discharged.

4. Outpatient treatment

If you are having treatment in our Outpatients Department, you will need to pay your account in full at the time of treatment, unless you have made alternative arrangements with Nuffield Hospitals in advance.

N.B. We accept most major debit and credit cards. Nuffield Hospitals reserve the right to increase charges without prior notice.



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