

## INTRODUCTION ON PRICING

Before embarking on any type of bariatric (weight loss) procedure or surgery, it is sensible to have appropriate private health insurance in place as bariatric procedures/operation are usually quite expensive. Even if you are fully insured, you will need to confirm with your health fund (quoting item numbers) to make sure that your level of cover is adequate. Unfortunately, private hospitals will refuse admission unless appropriate level of cover is available for your surgery. Upfront fees still apply for all these procedures and operations even with appropriate health insurance in place.

Professor Memon performs a number of different bariatric procedures/operations and their fee structures are detailed below in the attached tables.

Patients are required to see a dietician, exercise physiologist and psychologist with bariatric experience before any bariatric procedure or surgery. It will also be worth visiting them in the postoperative period if it is mutually agreed upon between the patient and the allied health care practitioners. They will bill you directly. If the patient's health fund has extras cover, you may be able to claim a portion of the consult fee for the allied health professionals. Please check with your health fund first regarding your level of cover.

If the patient has a chronic weight related health condition, and your GP considers you eligible, you may be placed onto an Enhanced Primary Care Plan (EPC) which entitles you to dietetic or psychologist rebates from Medicare.

All post-operative visits are bulk billed for up to three months by Professor Memon.

### Assistant Surgeon Fee

For privately insured patients, your private health fund is charged directly. Self Funded patients will be required to pay the Assistants fee with the surgical fees for Professor Memon prior to the surgery date.

### Anaesthetist Fee

The anaesthetic fee will vary depending on the type of procedure/operation undertaken, and the exact circumstances on the day. The estimated fees are detailed on the attached tables. A representative from SEBAS (Our anaesthetic group) will contact the patient prior to their booked procedure to confirm fees and payment.

### Hospitals

Professor Memon currently operates from Sunnybank Private Hospital for various Bariatric procedures/operations.

### Using Superannuation

It is currently possible to apply to have an early release of superannuation funds to help cover out-of-pocket costs related to obesity surgery. Please be aware that the outcome of this application is at the discretion of the individual superannuation fund and may not always be granted. Your application will need to be accompanied by forms endorsing the application, filled in by two of your treating doctors, typically your surgeon and your GP. A quote will also need to be supplied.

We advise that any date for surgery should be least 3 months from the time of initiating the application, to allow ample time for this process to be completed. For more information regarding early release of superannuation funds, please go to – [www.humanservices.gov.au](http://www.humanservices.gov.au). Our practice works with a company which deals with release of superannuation expeditiously. We are happy to provide you their details and it is up to the patient to enter that negotiation with them directly.

To secure your surgery date, a non-refundable deposit of \$150 is required at the time of booking. The balance of Prof Memon's fee is payable one week prior to your surgery. We hold the right to make changes to our fee estimate, however it will remain valid for six (6) months.

Once a date has been set for surgery, patients are required to advise our practice of any changes in your circumstances and need to provide a minimum of 3 weeks' notice if there is an intention to cancel or postpone this surgical procedure. Sunnybank Obesity Centre will retain the deposit of \$150 and there will not be a rebate either by Medicare or the health insurance provider if the surgery is cancelled by the patient. It is the patient's responsibility to confirm eligibility with their health insurance provider.

# 6 MONTH PROF MEMON BIB INTRA-GASTRIC BALLOON QUOTE

(EFFECTIVE FROM 01/01/2023)

APPOINTMENTS	MEDICAL CONSULTANT	MEDICARE ITEM NO	COSTS INVOLVED	
			FEE/CHARGES	MEDICARE REBATE/COMMENTS
<b>Initial Consult</b>	Prof Memon	104	\$250.00	\$78.05
<b>Subsequent Consult</b>	Prof Memon	105	\$125.00	\$39.25
<b>Booking Fee (Paid on Consent Pre-op Visit and nonrefundable)</b>	Prof Memon		\$150.00	NIL
<b>Allied Health Care Fees (Paid Pre-operatively direct to Service Provider)</b>	Dietician		\$160.00	NIL Enhanced Care Plan may be available – speak to the GP and the allied health care providers
	Psychologist		\$180.00	
	Exercise Physiologist		\$120.00	
<b>Surgical Fees (Paid to Surgeon one week pre-op)</b>	Prof Memon		Insertion = \$550 Removal = \$550 Total = \$1100	NIL Patients pay for insertion and removal separately one week prior to their procedure
<b>Prosthetics (BIB Intra-gastric Balloon)</b>	Prof Memon		\$1800.00 (To be paid upfront)	Intra-gastric balloon has to be paid two weeks prior to insertion as it needs to be ordered from the company
<b>Anaesthetic Fees (Paid to Anaesthetist one week pre-op)</b>	SEBAS		Insertion= \$350 Removal = \$350 Total = \$700	Anaesthetic fees may be subject to change. Patients pay for insertion and removal separately one week prior to their procedure
<b>HOSPITAL FEES</b>	Sunnybank Private Hospital		Insertion= \$550 Removal = \$550 Total = \$1100	NIL
<b>TOTAL FEES</b>	Prof Memon + Anaesthetic + Prosthesis + Sunnybank Private Hospital		Pre-Procedure= \$985 Total Insertion= \$3250 Total Removal=\$1450 Grand Total = \$5685	

Consultations once a month while the balloon is in situ and 2 months post removal are bulk billed

These prices are subject to change if the price of the balloon changes, procedure varies or additional procedures are performed.

Patient Name..... Patient Signature..... Date.....

Staff Name..... Staff Signature..... Date.....

# 12 MONTH PROF MEMON ORBERA 365 INTRA-GASTRIC BALLOON QUOTE (EFFECTIVE FROM 01/01/2023)

APPOINTMENTS	MEDICAL CONSULTANT	MEDICARE ITEM NO	COSTS INVOLVED	
			FEE/CHARGES	MEDICARE REBATE/COMMENTS
<b>Initial Consult</b>	Prof Memon	104	\$250.00	\$78.05
<b>Subsequent Consult</b>	Prof Memon	105	\$125.00	\$39.25
<b>Booking Fee (Paid on Consent Pre-op Visit and nonrefundable)</b>	Prof Memon		\$150.00	NIL
<b>Allied Health Care Fees (Paid Pre-operatively direct to Service Provider)</b>	Dietician		\$160.00	NIL Enhanced Care Plan may be available – speak to the GP and the allied health care providers
	Psychologist		\$180.00	
	Exercise Physiologist		\$120.00	
<b>Surgical Fees (Paid to Surgeon one week pre-op)</b>	Prof Memon		Insertion = \$550 Removal = \$550 Total = \$1100	NIL Patients pay for insertion and removal separately one week prior to their procedure
<b>Prosthetics (Orbera 365 Intragastric Balloon)</b>	Prof Memon		\$3200.00 (To be paid upfront)	Intragastric balloon has to be paid two weeks prior to insertion as it needs to be ordered from the company
<b>Anaesthetic Fees (Paid to Anaesthetist one week pre-op)</b>	SEBAS		Insertion= \$350 Removal = \$350 Total = \$700	Anaesthetic fees may be subject to change. Patients pay for insertion and removal separately one week prior to their procedure
<b>HOSPITAL FEES</b>	Sunnybank Private Hospital		Insertion= \$550 Removal = \$550 Total = \$1100	NIL
<b>TOTAL FEES</b>	Prof Memon + Anaesthetic + Prosthesis + Sunnybank Private Hospital		Pre-Procedure= \$985 Total Insertion= \$4650 Total Removal=\$1450 Grand Total = \$7085	

Consultations once a month while the balloon is in situ and 2 months post removal are bulk billed

These prices are subject to change if the price of the balloon changes, procedure varies or additional procedures are performed.

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# PROF MEMON GASTRIC SLEEVE QUOTE #31575

(EFFECTIVE FROM 01/01/2023)

APPOINTMENTS	MEDICAL CONSULTANT	MEDICARE ITEM NO	COSTS INVOLVED		
			UNINSURED FEES	PRIVATE HEALTH FEES	MEDICARE REBATE/COMMENTS
<b>Initial Consult</b>	Prof Memon	104	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$78.05
<b>Subsequent Consult</b>	Prof Memon	105	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$39.25
<b>Allied Health Care Fees (Paid Pre-operatively direct to Service Provider)</b>	Dietician		\$160.00	\$160.00	NIL
	Psychologist		\$180.00	\$180.00	Enhanced Care Plan may be available – speak to the GP and the allied health care providers
	Exercise Physiologist		\$120.00	\$120.00	
<b>Booking Fee (Paid on Consent Pre-op Visit)</b>	Prof Memon		\$150.00	\$150.00	NIL
<b>Surgical Fees (Paid to Surgeon one week pre-op)</b>	Prof Memon	31569	\$3000.00	\$2200.00	NIL
<b>Anaesthetic Fee (Paid to Anaesthetist one week pre-op)</b>	SEBAS		\$900.00	\$900 – NIB, Latrobe, Cessnock (To be paid upfront)  \$400 – MPL, BUPA, HCF, AHM, ASHA	Anaesthetic fees may be subject to change. They can also vary depending on the operating time
<b>Assistant Fee</b>	Prof Memon		\$600.00	\$0	Assistant fee needs to be paid with the surgeon's fee
<b>Hospital</b>	Sunnybank Private Hospital 2-3 nights		\$12 947.00	\$0	
<b>Totals (approximately)</b>			\$18 432.00	\$3585.00-\$4085.00	

These prices are subject to changes if the procedure varies or additional procedures are performed. Patients will need to be on MacLeods VLCD (very low calorie diet) for 2 weeks prior to surgery. These meals are not included in prices, but can be purchased direct from us for \$3.00 each. Consultations after surgery are bulk billed for 3 months.

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