

MEDICAL COSTS FINDER

Understanding medical costs upfront helps people go into medical appointments feeling better informed, less anxious and more confident to ask the right questions.

WHAT IS MEDICAL COSTS FINDER?

Medical Costs Finder is an Australian Government website that helps people to see the typical costs of GP and private specialist services. It has been designed to give people a realistic idea of what they might pay before going ahead with a procedure or appointment, to help them plan and feel confident in making informed decisions about their healthcare.

WHY IT'S HELPFUL

Understand typical out-of-pocket costs

See the usual fees, Medicare rebates and typical gap or out-of-pocket payments. This information can help people to **plan ahead for private treatment** and avoid surprise bills, by showing common prices for private medical services in different parts of Australia.

Compare what specialists generally charge

Where specialists participate, see fee ranges and what's involved in the "patient journey" - before, during and after a service.

Support to have better conversations about cost

The Medical Cost Finder provides tips on what people might like to ask their GP or specialist, to help them feel confident in making decisions.

HOW TO USE IT

1. Go to <https://medicalcostsfinder.health.gov.au/>
2. **Search** for a procedure, appointment, specialty or enter an MBS item number.
3. **Select a service** from the results.
4. **View typical costs** in an area or nationally.
5. **See patient journey diagrams** showing included services.
6. **Enter a postcode** to see participating specialists (where available).

WHAT IT DOESN'T DO

- It is not a quote and actual costs may vary.
- Not all specialists participate, so data might be limited for some services.

For more helpful tips on using the Medical Cost Finder tool, go to:
<https://medicalcostsfinder.health.gov.au/resources/>

For more information regarding services and pricing, speak directly with your GP or specialist.