

PATIENT INFORMATION & CONSENT

(Please fill in or use Hospital Sticker and sign for recognition of receipt of information)

PATIENT	Title:	First Names:
SURNAME:		
ID NO:	AGE:	
MEDICAL AID:	NUMBER:	
PLAN:	DEPENDANT CODE:	AUTH NO:
TEL NO:	EMAIL:	

General Information

- No food or liquids (excluding clear fluids) may be taken by mouth for at least six (6) hours before the anaesthesia. **(Nil per mouth guidelines)**
- Apple juice may be taken up to two (2) hours before you report to the hospital on the day of your surgery.
 - › Morning surgery: no food or dairy products after midnight, clear fluid can be consumed until 05:00
 - › Afternoon surgery: no food after an early light breakfast (before 7 am), clear fluid can be consumed until 10:00
- It is against the law to drive a motor vehicle or operate heavy machinery for 24 hours after an anaesthetic and it is recommended that no alcohol be consumed and no important decisions be made within 24 hours after the anaesthesia.
- Bring a list of any routine medication that you are currently taking or have used in the past three (3) months.
- There may be delays on the day of surgery due to unforeseen circumstances and due to practical implications you may often only see your anaesthesiologist in the theatre waiting area.
- Feel free to discuss any matters you are unsure of with him/her or contact him/her at any time before the procedure.
- The practice is fully compliant with the Protection of Personal Information Act (Act 4 of 2013). All information is regarded as strictly confidential by the healthcare professional and practice staff. You hereby consent that the practice may share relevant personal information (incl. ICD10) during the course of service provision for administrative purposes with external administration providers (e.g. COMPSOL, Vericred), as well as other healthcare practitioners, medical schemes and claim/invoice switch houses. You hereby further give consent that the practice may contact you via telephone, sms and e-mail if, and when necessary.

Complications during & after Anaesthesia

- Anaesthesia is not without risk.
- Adverse events can occur during anaesthesia due to underlying diseases, reactions to anaesthetic drugs or complications with the procedures performed, as well as surgical complications.

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- Anaesthesiologists have been trained to manage these complications should they arise – if a problem persists post-operatively, please inform your anaesthesiologist immediately.
- Nerve blocks, Spinal & Epidural blocks are often performed by Anaesthetists for pain relief and management during and after procedures. Complications due to these procedures are very rare, but may present as a non-resolving headache, nerve damage, paralysis, infection, pneumothorax, seizures, drug toxicity and failure of technique with conversion to general anaesthesia.

INFORMED CONSENT FOR ANAESTHESIA

- I understand that a qualified Specialist Anaesthesiologist will take responsibility for my intra-operative care.
- I understand that during the procedure my physical and surgical conditions may alter and require changes in the management of my anaesthesia. Actions will be taken with my safety as first consideration.
- I understand that the transfusion of blood and/or blood products may be required during the procedure.
- I understand that an accident-free anaesthetic cannot be guaranteed.
- I understand that anaesthetic staff and equipment are supplied by the hospital and cannot be guaranteed by the anaesthesiologist. Equipment is checked daily.
- I understand that no guarantee can be given regarding my response to drugs administered during the anaesthetic.
- I understand that this informed consent is only valid for the proposed procedure I consented to.
- I understand that I may withdraw this consent at any time before the commencement of the anaesthetic.
- I understand and give consent that in case of needle stick or other injury to the anaesthesiologist a blood sample can be collected from me to test for HIV, Hepatitis B or other illnesses.
- I understand that receiving anaesthesia will have certain risks. Risk and complications may include, but is not limited to:
 - 10.1. **General Anaesthesia:** Sore throat, hoarseness, injury to airway and teeth, nausea and vomiting, injury to nerve and blood vessels, adverse drug reactions, awareness under anaesthesia, brain damage and loss of life.
 - 10.2. **Regional and Spinal/ Epidural Anaesthesia:** As for general anaesthesia as well as low blood pressure, headache, minor pain and discomfort during the procedure, residual weakness and loss of sensation, infection, failed technique with conversion to general anaesthesia.

Billing Policy & Cost Estimate

Coding

- › The Kimberley Anaesthesia Association determines the costs associated with the provision of anaesthetic services by using the coding rules as determined by the South African Society of Anaesthesiologists (SASA), the Health Professions Council of South Africa and relevant South African legislation (e.g. The Health Act & the Medical Schemes Act).
- › The Association regard the Coding Guidelines published by SASA (most recent edition) as the only legitimate source document when determining coding rules for the association. If any information regarding your account is required you are free to make an enquiry with SASA or the HPCSA.
- › Medical Aids may dispute the validity of the codes as used by the specialist. The association will assume that the rules as set out in the source documents (SASA) are the correct and ethical interpretation.

Tariff Determination

- › The Association Standard tariff is determined by taking the value of the service, the cost to the practice to deliver the service and local economic factors into account. The Standard Tariff is charged to all patients irrespective of age, economic circumstances or funder involved as required by the Consumer Protection Act.

The Association Standard Tariff

- › This tariff may consist of Consultation units, Anaesthetic time units, clinical units and Procedural codes and is calculated according to Discovery Classic Fee structure as the tariff policy.
- › Possible additional modifying codes may include: (All possible codes NOT included)
 - Age < 1 year or older than 70 years
 - Specialised Pain control procedures
 - Deliberate blood pressure control
 - Body Mass Index > 35
 - Emergency per 30 min > 30 min
 - Ultrasound
- › Anaesthetic cost estimates assume average surgical time and average complexity. The final cost inclusive of VAT at 15% may exceed or be lower than the estimated cost.
- › Each individual associate of Kimberley Anaesthesia Association may be contracted to certain Medical Schemes. Regardless of the aforementioned, the patient and/or signee of the patient agreement will remain responsible for the payment of the account in its entirety.

Please feel free to contact our offices or your Anaesthesiologist before your procedure in the event that you might require more information or visit our website at <https://kimberleyanaesthesia.co.za>.

SERVICE CONTRACT WITH ANAESTHESIOLOGIST

I confirm my understanding:

1. That the anaesthetic account is separate from the hospital and surgeon accounts
2. That the calculation of costs as presented above and agree to pay the fee determined by the anaesthesiologist according to those calculations. I am aware that I may obtain a formal cost estimate from the anaesthesiologist's account department.
3. Medical schemes offer cover at different rates, depending on my plan I may have to make a Co-payment according to the Standard Tariff Policy of the association.
4. That I accept responsibility for the full amount of the anaesthetic account.
5. That the correct reference number must accompany all EFT payments, and that the anaesthesiologist will not be held responsible for any costs associated with payments that could not be allocated due to incorrect reference numbers.
6. That the anaesthesiologist is not a designated service provider (DSP) or contracted to any medical insurance company and therefore anaesthesia costs including those for prescribed minimum benefits may not be covered in full by your medical insurance.
7. I declare that the anaesthetic account will NOT form part of any administrative order that exists on the guarantor's name.
8. I declare that all personal information supplied by me is true and correct.
9. I accept responsibility for all legal and tracing costs that may be incurred due to non-payment according to attorney and client scales.
10. I declare that, in the case that I am not the guarantor, I have the permission of the guarantor to sign this contract.
11. I hereby authorise that my personal and medical information may be made available to the medical professionals involved in my care.

I declare that I have read and understood the complete contents of this documents and that I accept all terms and conditions as specified in the BILLING POLICY and CONTRACT, as well as the Informed Consent information provided and agree to the conditions. I hereby give permission for anaesthesia on myself/ dependent.

Signed by _____ Relationship to Patient _____
Initials and Surname

Signed on _____ at _____
Date

Tel: _____
Signature

PLEASE NOTE: ANY ALTERATIONS MADE TO CONSENT FORM WILL BE DEEMED NULL AND VOID UNLESS AGREED TO AND SIGNED BY BOTH PARTIES IE GUARANTOR AND ANAESTHESIOLOGIST