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Fees for Antenatal Care and Delivery as a Private Patient

Thank you for choosing to be a private patient in our private specialist rooms. This document outlines the fees that will apply to your antenatal care, labour and delivery as a private patient. The total cost will vary depending on the number of antenatal visits, the type of delivery and whether or not you are privately insured. These fees are a reflection of the professional services provided to you by Dr Ben Stephens, the costs of running a specialist practice and the high cost of Medical Indemnity Insurance.

Planning and Management Fee

The Planning and Management Fee (MBS 16590) facilitates personalised pregnancy care - including consideration of delivery preferences, managing pathology, scans, wellbeing check at 28 weeks and consulting with our clinical midwife each time you see Dr Stephens. Essentially, continuity of care throughout your pregnancy and prompt quality management of any complications of pregnancy that may occur.

The Planning and Management Fee (PMF) in our rooms is \$5,000. You will receive an invoice for the PMF at your 28 weeks with full payment due by 34 weeks.

Antenatal care, Labour and Delivery Fees

Your first visit will be the Initial consultation (16401) and you can expect to have around 7 additional antenatal visits with payment due at each visit. Consultations with our midwife are complimentary.

No rebate from your private health fund is applicable for visits in the doctor's rooms, however the Medicare Safety Net may result in you receiving some rebates above the standard Medicare rebate once you have reached your threshold in the calendar year.

The following fees will apply to your antenatal care in rooms, labour and delivery. Note that anaesthetic, paediatric, surgical assistant or other specialists who may be involved in your care will have their own fee structure that is independent to that of Dr Stephens.

Description	Item Number	Fee \$
Obstetric consultation - initial	16401	320.00
Obstetric consultation - subsequent	16404	150.00
Antenatal attendance (each visit)	16500	150.00
Ultrasound	55703, 55705, 55715, 55724	100.00
Antenatal attendance (phone consultation)	91858	150.00
Phone review	At doctor's discretion	
Planning and Management Fee	16590	\$5,000 (see above)
Post Natal Check (phone consultation)	91856	150.00
Pathology requests (if required)	Invoiced by Capital Pathology	
Antenatal breastfeeding coaching session with midwife	Complimentary service	
Postnatal midwifery support	Complimentary service	
Bringing Baby Home webinar course	Complimentary service provided by Budding Minds Psychology	
Postnatal midwifery support – home visit	At doctor's discretion	

Delivery and Post-Natal Care

Dr Stephens tries to attend each of his patient's deliveries, however he cannot be available 24/7 365 days of the year. Unfortunately, he may not be available at the time of your birth due to illness, an unexpected emergency, being in theatre or on annual leave - in which case delivery will be managed by the midwives at Calvary John James Hospital and the Obstetrician that is on call at the time. You will be made aware of Dr Stephens' annual leave schedule in advance.

If you are privately insured, the fee for your delivery and confinement will be billed directly to your health fund. In the event that your level of cover is not sufficient, you will be responsible to settle the difference/outstanding amount.

If you are uninsured you will be charged directly. If you are uninsured and Dr

Stephens is not available at the time of your delivery, the fee for labour and delivery could be different from above, as each obstetrician has their own set of fees.

Dr Stephens delivers private patients at Calvary John James Hospital only. If you require operative delivery such as caesarean section, you should also expect to receive accounts from an Anaesthetist, Surgical Assistant and Paediatrician.

Third Party investigation fees

Any external pathology, imaging or investigative requests and/or collections done in our practice that are sent to a third party will likely incur a fee. The request form that you are given can be used at any similar provider of your choice.