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Southwood Practice

FEES AND CHARGES 2018/2019

**NOT ALL SERVICES AT THE PRACTICE
ARE AVAILABLE UNDER THE NHS.
WHERE PATIENTS REQUEST NON-NHS
ITEMS OR
SERVICES A PRIVATE FEE MAY BE PAYA-
BLE.**

**THIS LEAFLET LISTS THOSE FEES,
WHICH MAY BE PAYABLE.
This leaflet is for guidance only and
costs may change without notice.**

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Why do GP's Sometimes Charge Fees?

Most of the services offered by the surgery are free under the NHS. Some of the services are not covered and for these your GP, like other professionals, can charge a fee. The fee will reflect both the doctors' time to carry out the service and the doctor's professional opinion. It may also include the cost of nursing or secretarial support, stationary and consumables.

Your questions answered

Isn't the NHS supposed to be free?

The NHS provides most health care to most people free of charge but there are exceptions: prescription charges have existed since 1951 and there are a number of other services for which fees are charged. Sometimes the charge is made to cover some of the cost of treatment for example dental fees. In other cases it is because the service is not covered by the NHS for example medical reports for insurance companies.

Surely the doctor is being paid anyway?

It is important to understand that GPs are not employed by the NHS, they are self-employed and they have to cover their costs - staff, buildings, heating, lighting etc - in the same way as any small business. The NHS covers these costs for NHS work but for non NHS work the fee has to cover the doctor's costs.

What is covered by the NHS and what is not?

The government's contract with GPs covered medical services to NHS patients. In recent years more organisations have been involving doctors in a range of non-medical work because they are in a position of trust in the community or because an insurance company wants to be sure the information you are providing them is accurate.

The practice will not complete -

**Passport requests,
Proof of Identification
or citizenship or
naturalisation
applications.**

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guarantee card.**

**HOLIDAY CANCELLATION
CERTIFICATES—**
Including written confirmations
Price **£30.00**

VACCINATIONS -
A course of vaccinations may be recommended
Please see the Practice Nurse 6 weeks in advance for foreign travel.
Some vaccinations listed below are available on the NHS the charges below
show the cost of paying privately.

HEP B	£35.00 per vaccine
RABIES	£60.00 per vaccine
HEP A	£35.00 per vaccine
MENINGITIS ACWY	£30.00 per course
JAPANESE ENCEP	PRICE ON APPLICATION
MALARIA	£20.00 prescription charges
Typhoid Booster	£25.00 per vaccine
CHOLERA	£15.00 prescription charges
YELLOW FEVER	£60.00 per vaccine

Please see our practice website for further information about travel vaccinations

**FITNESS TO TRAVEL
(CERTIFICATE ONLY) -**
£20.00

VACCINATION CERTIFICATE -
£20.00

Examples of non-NHS services for which GPs can charge NHS patients are:

Accident/sickness insurance certificates
Certain travel vaccines
Private medical insurance reports

Examples of non-NHS services for which GPs can charge other institutions are:

Medical reports for insurance company
Some reports for DSS/Benefits Agency
Examinations of local authority employees

Why does it take a long time for the GP to complete my form?

Time spent completing forms and preparing reports takes the GP away from the medical care of his or her patients. Most GPs have a very heavy workload - the majority work up to 70-80 hours a week, and paperwork takes up an increasing amount of their time, so many GPs find they have to take some paperwork home at nights and weekends.

I only need the doctor's signature - what's the problem?

When a doctor signs a certificate or completes a report it is a condition of remaining on the medical register that they only sign what they know to be true. In order to complete even the simplest forms the doctor might have to check the patient's entire medical record. Carelessness or inaccurate reporting can have serious consequences for the doctor with the General Medical Council or even the Police.

What will I be charged?

It is recommended that GPs tell patients in advance if they will be charged, and how much. It is up to the individual doctor to decide how much to charge.

This leaflet must be used as a guide.

FULL MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND REPORT -

Includes (but is not limited to) HGV, Taxi, Pilot, employment medicals, and Council reports

Price £120.00

Failure to attend booked appointment
Price £60.00

PRIVATE MEDICAL INSURANCE CLAIM FORMS –

Claim forms, including letters of confirmation or other forms of certification.

£30.00

REPORT PREPARED FROM MEDICAL RECORDS—

Reports prepared without an examination
£95.00

PRIVATE CONSULTATION (available for Southwood Practice Patients only)

£45.00

PRIVATE PRESCRIPTION -

£15.00

PRIVATE SICKNOTE -

£16.00

**MODERATE CERTIFICATE AND/OR FORM
(Including part review of medical records)**

£30.00

**COMPLICATED CERTIFICATE AND/OR FORM
(Including part review of medical records)**

OFSTED HEALTH DECLARATION CHILDMINDING

£90.00

SPORTS FEES

FITNESS EXAMINATION	£120.00
EXTRACT FROM RECORDS	£55.00
STATEMENT OF FACT	£40.00

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

£30.00

GP SIGNED LETTER FOR FLYING E.G. LIST OF MEDICATION*

£10.00

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN (SCHOOL)

£ No charge

*RECEPTION CAN PRODUCE A LIST OF MEDICATION ON PLAIN PAPER, FOR NO FEE, ON REQUEST.