

FEE STRUCTURE FOR ALL DOCTORS

Commencing 6 March 2023

NEW PATIENT INITIAL CONSULTATION	Full Fee	Medicare Rebate	Out-of-Pocket
Walk in	\$90.00	\$39.75	\$50.25
First Visit – Standard – Item 36	\$160.00	\$76.95	\$83.05

PRIVATE FEES	Full Fee	Medicare Rebate	Out-of-Pocket
Standard consultation <20 mins	\$90.00	\$39.75	\$50.25
Extended Consultation 20-40 mins	\$160.00	\$76.95	\$83.05
Comprehensive Consultation >40 mins	\$250.00	\$113.30	\$136.70

PENSION AND CONCESSION CARD HOLDER FEES	Full Fee	Medicare Rebate	Out-of-Pocket
Standard consultation <20 mins	\$70.00	\$39.75	\$30.25
Extended Consultation 20-40 mins	\$130.00	\$76.95	\$53.05
Comprehensive Consultation >40 mins	\$200.00	\$113.30	\$86.70

SKIN CHECKS	Full Fee	Medicare Rebate	Out-of-Pocket
Standard consultation	\$90.00	\$39.75	\$50.25

CONCESSION CARD HOLDER SKIN CHECKS	Full Fee	Medicare Rebate	Out-of-Pocket
Standard consultation	\$70.00	\$39.75	\$30.25

DVA GOLD CARDS HOLDERS: Bulk Billed

CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS: Bulk billed

TORQUAY DOCTORS

418 Esplanade, Torquay Q 4655

Phone: 4125 2422

Fax: 4125 5846

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday - 8.00am to 5.00pm

CRAIGNISH DOCTORS

1 Karraschs Road, Craignish Q 4655

Phone: 4305 9500

Fax: 4125 5846

Opening Hours: Monday to Thursday - 8.00am to 4.30pm

Friday 8.00am to 1.00pm

DR NICK YIM	<i>(Torquay)</i>
DR CHRIS WOOLLARD	<i>(Torquay & Craignish)</i>
DR ROBERT CRUICKSHANK	<i>(Torquay & Craignish)</i>
DR TOBIAS WADE	<i>(River Heads & Torquay)</i>
DR MITCH DAVIS	<i>(Torquay & Craignish)</i>
DR TIN THANDER AUNG	<i>(Torquay)</i>
Dr SIMON MORRIS	<i>(Torquay)</i>
DR ROSHANIE RATNAYAKE	<i>(Torquay)</i>
DR CHRISSY HALLIDAY	<i>(Torquay)</i>
DR SIDA HOU	<i>(Craignish)</i>



ABOUT THE PRACTICE

Torquay Doctors was previously known as Torquay Family Practice and opened to service the local community on 1 July 2019. We have surgeries at both River Heads and Craignish. Our Torquay surgery has been renovated and now contains five consulting rooms with three treatment rooms. Our Craignish surgery has two consultation rooms, a substantial treatment room and additional nurse room. We have five doctors and each of them have interests that cover varying sub-specialities of medicine.

APPOINTMENTS

Our reception staff make every effort to accommodate your preferred time for an appointment. Emergencies will be always be given priority. Our reception staff will always try to contact you if there are any changes for an emergency. We do offer longer consultations and if you need some extra time with the doctor, please advise our reception staff and they will try to accommodate your needs. Any person who presents at our surgery without an appointment is triaged and every effort is made to offer an appointment.

PATIENT FEEDBACK

As required under the *Privacy Act 2009* all patient information is strictly confidential. From time to time we conduct a survey of patient views of the practice. These surveys are important in helping us to continue to provide a quality service. If you are unhappy with any aspect of the care you receive from our practices, we are keen to know about it. We have a Suggestions/Feedback Box at the front counter of each of our clinics for this purpose. Please feel free to talk to the doctor, Office Manager or Practice Manager. If you prefer anonymity, please feel free to contact us either by mail or email. We take all feedback seriously and any issue/complaint that is made regarding any aspect of your service or care is dealt with within the practice. However, if there is a problem you wish to take up outside the practice, you may prefer to contact the Queensland Government Centre for handling complaints. The address for this contact is:-

*Office of the Health Ombudsman
PO Box 13281
George Street Q 4001*

PATIENT RIGHTS

Patients are provided with sufficient information about the purpose, importance, benefits, risks and possible costs associated with proposed investigations, referral or treatments to enable patients to make informed decisions about their health. Patient are provided with adequate information about our practice to facilitate access to care.

RECALLS/REMINDERS

Our practice has a recall system so that if you have been requested by your doctor to have blood test or radiology screens, then if the doctor would like a follow-up appointment to discuss the results with you, you will be contacted either by SMS or telephone to book that appointment. Our reminder system works in a similar way whereby you are contacted by either SMS or letter to advise that you are due to follow up with your preventative care and you are then invited to make an appointment for that purpose.

AFTER HOURS: This is not a bulk billing service and fees vary according to the time of the visit and whether or not a home visit is required. Please discuss this fee when requesting an after hours visit with the attending doctor.

HOME VISITS: Home visits are available when patients are unable to attend the surgery for treatment. Please discuss this fee when requesting a home visit appointment with the attending doctor

Please discuss fees directly with your doctor

This practice participates in the national/state/territory reminder system. If you do not wish to participate please advise us accordingly

ACCREDITATION

Torquay Doctors, River Heads Doctors and Craignish Doctors are proud to be Accredited General Practices. What this means is that our practices have passed a stringent assessment by AGPAL (Australian General Practice Accreditation Limited) in achieving the standard of excellence of RACGP in General Practice. This is an ongoing process with re-accreditation every 3 years.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS OF DEPENDENCE

It is the policy of our clinics that drugs of dependence (including Schedule 8 Controlled drugs and certain sedatives) will not be prescribed to new patients at their first appointment. These medications have strict legislative controls regarding their use and they are illegal to be prescribed without a valid Government issued permit.

MY HEALTH RECORD

Torquay Doctors, River Heads Doctors and Craignish Doctors use a computer based medical record system that interacts with the Australian My Health Record. Patients can elect to have a personally controlled, password-protected electronic health record created that can include a medication list, allergy list, medical condition list, immunisation history and prescription record. Having a My Health Record means that, with the patient's permission, other doctors and hospitals within Australia can see important medical information about a patient, improving safety and continuity of treatment. This is ideal for those with complex medical care. Please speak with your doctor if you are interested in registering for a My Health Record.

CONTACT VIA EMAIL

Communication via email is not the preferred method at our clinics. We urge all patients to carefully consider the issue of security before sending medical information via unencrypted email. Email should never be used to contact the surgery in an emergency as we encourage patients to phone reception on 4125 2422.

Phone: 133 646

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THE STAFF

- Across our three clinics we have experienced reception staff who will attempt to assist you in all aspects of appointments or in any other way to make your visits to the practice pleasant.
- We have highly skilled nurses who work across our three clinics. During opening hours we always ensure that we have at least one nurse available. They are here to assist you with any questions regarding wound care, general medical enquiries and women's health issues.
- The Practice Manager's prime responsibility is to ensure the smooth running of the practice and to uphold Australian accreditation standards. The Practice Manager is available to assist you if you have any concerns regarding aspects of our clinics and is available to assist you with any queries you may have.

ZERO TOLERANCE OF UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

For the safety and consideration of our staff and patients, we will not tolerate any behaviour that is threatening, abusive, violent or aggressive. Any person conducting themselves in this manner will be asked to leave the premises immediately. Non-compliance with such a request will result in Police intervention. In circumstances where there is recurrent unacceptable behaviour, it is our policy to remove offenders from our patient list.

PATIENT CONTACT DETAILS

To ensure that you receive effective communication from our clinic it is important that patients notify our reception staff of any change in their address and contact phone numbers. Additionally, it is important to keep our staff updated with any changes to your Medicare Card and Health Care Card/Pension Card details.

BILLING

Torquay Doctors, River Heads Doctors and Craignish Doctors are NOT bulk-billing practices. DVA Gold Card holders are all currently bulk-billed for all services. Private fees are currently set at AMA rates. Doctors' fees are displayed in the waiting room and can be obtained at the reception desk. Fees will be outlined by the receptionist to all new patients booking by phone. Payment can be made by cash or EFTPOS (debit and credit cards). All non bulk-billed services must be paid for at the time of your consultation. No accounts are given under any circumstances. Please remember that if you are not in possession of an up-to-date Medicare card, we cannot bulk bill you (if this is the case) for the consultation so you will be charged full private fees.

SERVICES

Our surgeries offer a wide range of facilities including all skin checks, child and adult vaccinations, cervical screening, all health checks, blood glucose monitoring, minor operations, electrocardiography and spirometry. We comply fully with the strict sterilisation standards as set by the RACGP and our Accreditation providers, AGPAL.

PRIVACY POLICY

Your medical record is confidential. It is the policy of our practice to maintain security of personal health information at all times and to ensure that this information is only available to authorised members of staff. Consistent with our commitment to quality health care this practice has developed a policy to protect patient privacy in compliance with the national privacy legislation. Our policy informs you:-

- That we need your consent to collect information about you
- Why we need to collect your information
- How your information will be used by us and to whom we may need to disclose it
- That you may request access to the information we hold about you
- That you may discuss any concerns you have about how we handle your information

(Talk to your doctor for information or ask for a copy of our privacy policy pamphlet)

TIS – Translating & Interpreter Services for non-English speaking clients

NRS – National Relay Service for hearing and speech impairments

NABS – National Auslan Interpreter Booking and payment service

UNATTENDED APPOINTMENTS

If you are unable to attend a pre-booked appointment we ask that you contact reception as soon as you are able as this allows your appointment to be given to another patient in need. Failing to attend an appointment, especially an extended appointment, means that the doctor's time has been lost and may have prevented another patient from being seen on that day. Practice policy is that patients who continually fail to attend will no longer be seen at any of our clinics.

AFTER HOURS ARRANGEMENTS

Our practice does not provide our own after hours care however, we have an agreement with House Call Doctor and they are available to be contacted after hours on 13 55 66 or you can call 000 and go to the Emergency Department at Hervey Bay Hospital.

TRANSFERRING RECORDS TO ANOTHER PRACTICE

If you wish to have a copy or summary of your medical records transferred to another practice, your signed consent requesting such transfer must be received from another medical practitioner. For the transfer of an entire family's records, signed consent must be obtained by each member over 16 years of age in order to comply with our privacy policy. Depending on the size and complexity of your file, a fee may be charged to you for copying, collating and sending the records on your behalf. **PLEASE NOTE** that your original records will be retained by Torquay Doctors as required by law.