

Please bring this form with you on the day of surgery

**Dr Steve Watts, FANZCA**  
**Anaesthesia Information & Consent (2013)**

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**Your surgeon at The Joint Studio** has scheduled you for a procedure that will require my services as a Specialist Orthopaedic Anaesthetist.

I will be responsible for ensuring your safety and comfort during the operation and in the immediate post-operative period.

You will be assessed, either by phone or in person prior to your procedure. Anaesthetic options and any specific risks will be discussed at this time. Usually I will first meet you in the hospital on the day of surgery, however if you have more complex problems you may need to be seen in Clinic, and possibly be referred to have specialist review or extra tests prior to the intended surgical date.

Specific details about your anaesthetic management, and the risks and benefits relevant to your operation and aftercare, will be discussed with you. A list of current medications and doses will greatly assist me in preparing your anaesthesia plan.

IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY TAKING BLOOD THINNING MEDICATION PLEASE CONTACT ME PRIOR TO CHANGING YOUR NORMAL DOSING PROGRAM

For major cases, pain control will be established as part of the anaesthetic. This may include nerve blocks or epidurals. These specialised techniques are managed on the ward by myself or my colleague, **Dr Dermot Murphy** in conjunction with the Hollywood Acute Pain Nursing Team.

Please go to <http://bhhdoo.org.au/aip/> for anaesthesia information.

The section on **Regional Anaesthesia** is particularly relevant when considering pain management options for many types of orthopaedic surgery.

**Fees**

All Anaesthesia services attract a Medical Fee that is separate to that of the surgeon or other involved Specialists. Anaesthesia services are represented by Medicare item-numbers based on the difficulty and duration of the procedure, and any extra interventions (such as epidurals, special monitors, blood transfusions etc) that you may require.

***I will generate an account based on the current HBF "no-gap" schedule of fees.***

The amount covered for anaesthesia by other Private Health Funds can vary considerably. If the rebate is lower than the HBF level it is likely you will be required to make a personal co-payment.

I am available by phone if you have any concerns about your surgery, anaesthesia, pain relief or the anaesthesia fees that you would like to discuss.

**Dr Steve Watts 0403047295**

**Provider Number 2207782X**

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*Doctor*

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