

# Terms of engagement (Appendix 1)

## 1 Parties

- 1.1 ..... "the Patient"
- 1.2 ..... "the Surgeon"
- 1.3 ..... "the Anaesthetist"

## 2 The Agreement

- 2.1 By this agreement dated .....
- 2.2 the Surgeon agrees to perform the surgical procedure(s) detailed below;
- 2.3 the Anaesthetist agrees to provide the anaesthetic described below; and
- 2.4 the Patient agrees to
  - Comply with pre-admission instructions relating to pre-operative starvation and regular medication, arrival at the hospital, discharge arrangements and travel.
  - Pay the fees listed below. It is understood that if the procedure proves to be more complicated than anticipated the fees described will vary accordingly.
- 2.5 The scheduled surgical procedures are  
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- 2.6 The anaesthetic that is proposed to be used will be a  
  
Local anaesthetic  
Regional anaesthetic  
General anaesthetic  
Intravenous sedation  
Other ..... (*Delete as appropriate*)

## 3 The Fees Payable

- 3.1 The Surgeon's fee is expected to be approximately £.....
  - 3.2 The Anaesthetist's fee is expected to be approximately £.....
  - 3.3 By way of illustration only if it is necessary to do the following additional procedures the following additional fees will be payable to the Anaesthetist:  
  
Nerve block to include spinal or epidural injection  
£.....  
Continuous nerve block  
£.....
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Invasive monitoring, e.g. central venous line

£.....

Echocardiography

£.....

3.4 Other consultants detailed below may charge fees for services provided in relation to the procedure:

Consultant radiologist

£.....

Consultant histopathologist

£.....

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£.....

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£.....

3.5 If it is necessary for the Patient to be admitted to either an intensive care unit or a high dependency unit postoperatively, then there will be further fees payable to the Anaesthetist and possibly to another doctor. The medical fees for managing a patient in such a unit are approximately £..... per day.

**4 Declaration of financial interests**

**5 Payment Arrangements**

5.1 The Anaesthetist, Surgeon and other consultants involved in your care as detailed above will send the patient a fee note within two weeks of the date when the Patient is discharged from hospital. The Patient undertakes to pay the invoice in full.

5.2 The Patient acknowledges and agrees that the fact that he or she has the benefit of private medical insurance cover does not in any way absolve or diminish the Patient's responsibility under this agreement to meet the fees payable in full. The Patient is personally liable for payment of these fees payable in full, irrespective of whether the Patient has any right to claim payment of those fees from private medical insurers.

5.3 The Patient further acknowledges that it is common for private medical insurers to impose limits on the amounts that they are prepared to reimburse so that there is often a shortfall between the fees charged by the Surgeon, the Anaesthetist and other consultants, and the amount reimbursed by the private medical insurer.

**5.4 Late payment**

If the fees due under Clause 3 above are not paid within 30 days of the invoice being received, the Patient agrees to pay interest at a rate of 5% above bank minimum base rate for the time being.

**Signed**

..... Patient

..... Surgeon

..... Anaesthetist