



THE HOVE PRACTICE

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Finances and Private Medical Care

Private Medical Care can be expensive.

As part of our safeguarding and duty of care to all of our patients we assure you that we will always help you to form the most cost effective plan for your health that aligns with your wishes (speed, efficiency, choice of consultant etc).

Considering health insurance

If you are considering a health insurance policy, it is wise to have this in place before visiting the practice. If we identify a condition or concern, you must declare it when applying for health insurance and it may then be excluded from the policy.

For individuals with international health insurance (and some specialist UK insurance policies): Costs incurred at The Hove Practice may be reimbursed by your insurer (please check with your insurer before incurring costs to be sure they will be reimbursed.)

For individuals with most UK health insurance policies: Costs incurred at a private general practice are not covered by the insurer. It may be more cost-effective for you to be referred to a specialist (if appropriate) in order to have any pathology (blood tests, swabs et cetera). This will incur a delay whilst you wait to see them but we will refer you as quickly as possible.

For individuals who do not have any insurance cover (“Self-Funding”): It is often cheapest to have your pathology (blood tests, swabs et cetera) performed at the Hove practice and then be referred. Similarly it is often cheapest for us to arrange imaging investigations and refer you to a consultant with the result. The difficulty is we cannot guarantee that your consultant will not want further investigations/a different investigation when they see you and this process may introduce further delays. We may not always be able to advise on the most appropriate investigation.

Please speak to your GP for more information in regards to your specific circumstances.

The Hove Practice pledge to you

We will always seek the most cost effective method for investigating your problem, without sacrificing comprehensiveness.

We will always be transparent about costs and will highlight them to you before you incur any additional costs within or around your consultation.

We will happily transfer your care to your NHS GP, along with any results or findings, at any time.