## FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR PROCEDURE

Dear Patient,

In spite of the discontinuation of the ethical rates as a reasonable rate to be charged, as Doctors we – in the interest of continuing the balance between affordability and a reasonable fee – will continue to use the "old" ethical rate as a guideline, adjusted for annual rate increases.

A quotation for our fee with 14% VAT will be presented to you, which unfortunately cannot be broken down into patient portion and medical aid portion due to there being so many different schemes available. It is your responsibility to check what your medical aid will pay.

Our rates are set at 300% medical aid rates. Your medical aid will pay anything from as little as around a third (100% medical aid rates), some two thirds (200% medical aid rates), while other will pay more than we bill. This depends entirely on which medical aid plan you are on. It is therefore requested that you submit the quotation to your medical aid and determine what amount they will pay on your behalf.

Please also realise that with plans such as Discovery Health and Momentum Health, the medical aid will most likely pay you directly and not the Doctor's practice. It is your responsibility to then settle the account in full.

As per HPCSA ruling you now need to confirm acceptance of the fees in writing.

Please could you sign the quotation and fax / scan & email back to the practice.

If my fee is outside of your financial capabilities, please consider carefully about going ahead with the surgery as the onus for paying the account will be yours.

We urge you to consider looking into GAP cover should you not already have done so.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Practice Manager should you have any questions regarding the above information.

Yours sincerely,

Dr James McAllister