

NON-NHS FEES

There is a charge for services where these are not part of general NHS provision.
Please note these charges apply per individual service and all requests are to be made in writing.

PAYMENT METHODS:

- by PayPal available via our Practice Website www.acornsurgery.com
- by cash in full

NB: no cheque payments are accepted

Letters/Certificates:	
Private GP Letter (e.g. housing, gym, ESA services)	£25.00
Private Sick Note	£15.00
Private Prescription	£15.00
Insurance Claim Form	£30.00
Holiday Cancellation Form	£30.00
OFSTED Form	£60.00
Letter provided by receptionist (e.g. Travel letter)	£10.00
Declaration of Fitness Form (e.g. parachuting, sky diving)	£25.00
Private Health Claim Form e.g. BUPA	£45.00
Travel Vaccinations	
Hepatitis B Vaccination (full course)/(booster)	£129.00/£43.00
Private Patients	
Consultation with GP (Adult); up to 60mins; additional charge for each 15mins thereafter (prescription and test fees are charged separately)	£120.00
Consultation with GP (Child); up to 60mins; additional charge for each 15mins thereafter (prescription and test fees are charged separately)	£60.00
Consultation with Nurse; up to 60mins; additional charge for each 15mins thereafter (prescription and test fees are charged separately)	£60.00
Home Visit with GP	£180.00
Full medical examination and report (30 minute appointment)	£150.00
Pre-employment and HGV/Taxi Medical with GP	£150.00
Laboratory tests; nurse consultation + lab fees (plus £25 lab levy, see separate sheet)	£60+25+lab cost
Minor Surgery i.e. cosmetic (20 min/30 min/1 hour duration dependent upon procedure) NB. All minor surgery excisions are sent to the Laboratory for histological examination and a separate fee charged.	£150.00/170.00/260.00
Private Cervical Smear (including nurse time and lab fee)	£140.00
Private ECG (including nurse time and GP to review results)	£80.00
Histology Test (per sample tested)	£125.00
Blood Grouping (including nurse time and lab fee)	£72.00
Hepatitis B Immunity	£80.00
Private Vasectomy Service	
Vasectomy Procedure (including pre-op counselling; fee dependent on individual circumstance)	£320.00 – 400.00
Post-Operation Semen Analysis Testing Fees (with Cambridge IVF Clinic)	£85.00
Photocopies of Medical Notes	
Photocopies of Medical Records (full electronic record) under Access to Health Records Act PLUS photocopies of hospital letters and Lloyd George (hand-held) notes	£10.00 + 50p per photocopy (Max. £50.00)
Printout of Results and Hospital Letters	50p per page

About our Fees:

The NHS provides most health care free of charge. However there are a number of other services for which fees can be charged. These are mainly for services not covered by the NHS such as medical reports for insurance companies. Doctors are involved in a whole range of non-medical work, largely on the basis that they occupy a position of trust within the community and are in the position to verify the accuracy of information. If a GP signs a certificate or completes a report, it is a professional duty that s(he) checks the accuracy of such information. This may involve examining the patient's entire medical record.

It is our Practice policy to take payment in advance in the form of cash only. We cannot accept or action a request until full payment is received. For all requests, the Practice requires this in written form either via letter or email, stating exactly what service is required.

When will my forms, letter, report be ready for collection?

That will depend on the type of form and the work is required to complete it. We always aim to complete work as promptly as possible. However private work is not covered by the NHS and the Doctor's duty to NHS-related work will remain their main priority.

What about a Sick Certificate (or Med3)?

If a patient is off work for less than seven consecutive days (including weekends and bank holidays) the GP does not have to provide a medical certificate (sick note). Some employers may insist on a certificate for periods less than seven days. In these instances a private certificate can be issued. There is no obligation for the doctor to issue this before seven days and a certificate cannot be back dated by a doctor, unless it is based on a previous assessment.

I only need a doctor to sign a form, why can't I get this done at my next appointment?

When a doctor signs a certificate or completes a report, it is a condition of remaining on the General Medical Council (GMC) medical register that they only sign what they know to be true. Therefore in order to complete what may appear to be even the simplest of forms, the doctor needs to check the patient's entire record to be able to verify the accuracy of the information. Please do not request that a doctor signs anything in your examination if it has not been previously discussed and agreed with them beforehand.