



Service Summary

Specialising in shoulder, elbow, wrist & hand disorders

EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE:

DR JAMES McLEAN

Dr James McLean is the founding Director of the Adelaide Shoulder & Upper Limb Clinic. His practice and the Clinic are exclusively dedicated to the diagnosis, treatment and surgery of the shoulder and upper limb.

- All shoulder, elbow, wrist and hand disorders and injuries
- Minimally-invasive, arthroscopic surgery and microsurgery
- Joint replacement and reconstructive surgery

Dr McLean is committed to providing the highest quality service standards for his patients. With over 15 years of surgery experience and more than 1100 upper limb operations per year in recent years, you are in experienced hands.

Dr McLean holds the position of Head of Unit of the Hand & Upper Limb Unit, Department of Orthopaedics & Trauma, at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. He is one of only a few orthopaedic surgeons in South Australia to have completed two highly competitive, sub-specialty international clinical fellowships:

- Shoulder & Elbow Fellowship at Addenbrooke's Hospital / University of Cambridge (United Kingdom)
- Upper Limb & Hand Fellowship at St Paul's Hospital / University of British Columbia (Canada)

Dr McLean's high standards are endorsed by the professional memberships of:

- The Australian Shoulder & Elbow Society (only 8 South Australian Shoulder/Elbow Surgeons are members)
- The Australian Hand Surgery Society (around 20 South Australian Hand Surgeons are members)
- The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
- The Australian Orthopaedic Association
- The Australian Medical Association

PREMIUM CARE

- All operations are performed by Dr McLean
- Dedicated, bespoke surgical care of the highest quality, using up-to-date global standards, tailored to your individual needs
- The highest quality and best available implants, sutures, dressings and instruments are used
- All operations are performed in carefully selected, top quality surgery facilities, that Dr McLean does not have a financial interest in
- The supportive surgical team is highly trained and of the highest quality
- No surgeons-in-training are involved in a private patient's care
- Post-operative care until your maximal recovery
- Transparent and clear (financial) documentation
- Friendly, efficient and professional administrative staff
- Continued and timely communication with your GP and other health care providers



FEES EXPLAINED

Dr McLean's practice charges surgical fees based on the recommendations of the Australian Medical Association (AMA). The AMA is the national medical association that analyses the current costs of running a safe private practice and recommends fair and reasonable fees to surgeons.

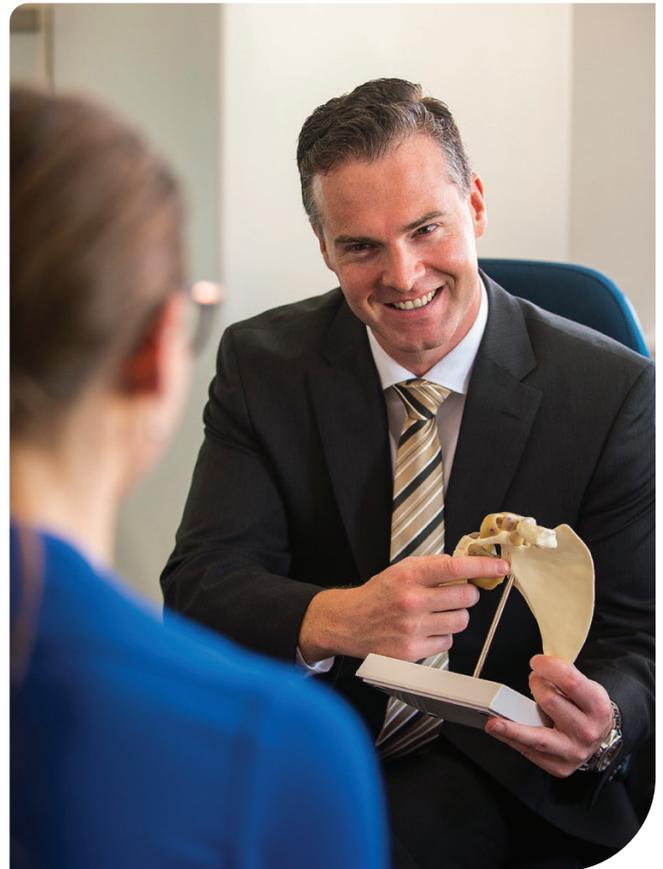
On 1 July 2021, the Federal Government made changes to the Medicare rebate that a patient receives following a surgical procedure. In almost all cases, the total Medicare rebate received by a patient has either decreased or not been adjusted for inflation. Some patient rebates have been completely removed.

This decision by the Federal Government to change Medicare rebates, has meant that a patient's out-of-pocket expenses have increased.

These Medicare changes (July 2021) affect rebates for orthopaedic surgery and your out-of-pocket expenses. Even if you have top hospital private health insurance, only a part of the surgical fee will be covered by Medicare and your Private Health Fund. The remainder of the fee is the out-of-pocket cost (gap). The gap closes the difference between the costs of running a safe and efficient practice, and the limited rebates provided by Medicare and the Private Health Funds.

After booking your surgical procedure, a financial consent document will be issued. This will provide full transparency of the surgical fee and the out-of-pocket costs. The difference between Dr McLean's fee and the combined Medicare and your private health insurer's rebate, is your out-of-pocket expense. In most cases, we will request payment of the gap before the operation takes place. For your convenience, the remainder of the surgical fee will be charged directly to Medicare and your Private Health Fund.

If you have questions regarding these fees, please do not hesitate to ask our experienced staff.



To read more about the Medicare changes, scan the QR code below or go to:
www.ama.com.au/media/government-danger-history-repeating-medicare-rebate-changes

