

WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO LOSE?



Peace Of Mind Sleeve Gastrectomy Package-\$21,800

Obesity is a disease and losing weight can be near-impossible for those suffering from its side effects. When diet and exercise alone aren't enough, it may be time to take the next step and consider a clinically-lead option which can deliver safe and reliable results.

When you have everything to gain from losing excess weight, our \$21,800 Peace Of Mind Sleeve Gastrectomy Package can make the costs of weight loss surgery more manageable.

What is sleeve gastrectomy?

Sometimes known as gastric sleeve, a sleeve gastrectomy reduces the size of the stomach by surgically removing about two thirds of the outer part. This leaves a long, narrow tube or sleeve which means you will feel full after consuming much less food. Removing most of the upper stomach (fundus) also decreases levels of the hunger hormone grehlin. This is the most common weight loss procedure performed in Australia.

Benefits of a sleeve gastectomy

- Sustained weight loss after sleeve gastrectomy can transform a patient's life
- Energy levels may improve
- Problems with joint pain and mobility may be improved
- Current medical problems may be resolved or improved
- Patients will have a decreased risk of diseases such as diabetes, heart attack, stroke and cancers

The unique sleeve gastrectomy package includes:

- Pre-admission assessment
- Hospital charges from admission through to discharge
- Surgeon, Assistant Surgeon and Anaesthetist fees

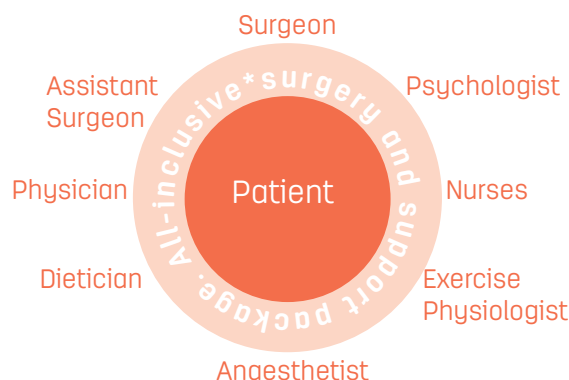
- 28 day surgical and hospital cover if readmission is required
- Prosthesis
- Post-operative consultation
- Post-operative care management for 12 months

The package offers a variety of benefits and may be suitable for patients who:

- Have obesity and weight loss concerns
- Have tried a variety of diets without long-term success
- Want to improve their health, wellbeing and quality of life
- Seek a proven, safe and effective weight loss solution
- Seek to self-fund (private health insurance not required. Payment plan options may be available)

A team approach

Patients are supported by a multi-disciplinary team to ensure the best outcome following surgery. The team work together to support the patient through the surgical process, educating and guiding them as they introduce a new mindset and lifestyle goals in the months following.



Patients must meet selection criteria, including:

- A BMI less than 50
- Body weight less than 180kg
- No significant gastric reflux
- No severe obstructive sleep apnoea
- No co-morbidity indicating the need for ICU admission
- No chronic pain

Surgeons

A team of highly experienced surgeons lead the Peace Of Mind Sleeve Gastrectomy Package. Their intimate knowledge of obesity and its complexity as a recognised disease allows them to provide expertise and care without judgement.

Risks

Like any surgery, a sleeve gastrectomy comes with some risks which need to be carefully considered during the decision-making process. Patients will be carefully screened for suitability to assist in minimising any associated risks.

To learn more about the possible risks ask your surgeon during your consultation.

What to expect

- A 2 night hospital stay
- A sleeve gastrectomy usually takes around an hour in theatre
- It is recommended that patients take 3-4 weeks off work to recover
- Patients may experience some discomfort after the procedure which can be managed with pain relief medication
- Average weight loss following the procedure is expected to be 60-70% of excess weight

Financial information

Avoid the risk of unexpected bills with a total self-funded package cost of **\$21,800**.

Private health insurance is not required. If testing is required, additional costs may apply.

Costs may be financed through a third-party provider allowing for a payment plan. Terms and conditions and selection criteria applies.

Please visit www.sjog.org.au/berwicksfc to learn more.

Next steps

If you're keen to learn more and meet with one of our surgeons to discuss your weight loss journey, please visit our website and complete the online form. Scan the QR code or visit www.sjog.org.au/berwickbariatric



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\$21,800 Peace Of Mind Sleeve Gastrectomy Package encompasses:

- Pre operative appointments with - Physician, Dietitian, Psychologist
- Post operative appointments – Nurse review, 3 x Dietitian appt, 1 x Exercise appt, Surgeon reviews for 12 months
- Surgery Item 31575 for Primary Sleeve Gastrectomy, with or without of MBS 31468
- Hiatus Hernia repair if required
- Theatre fees
- Two night hospital stay with extra nights if required
- Readmission within 28 days following surgery for a reason related to the admission
- All expected appointments
- Hospital charges from admission to discharge
- Surgeon, Assistant Surgeon and Anaesthetist fee
- Prosthesis
- Post operative consultation
- Post op care management
- ICU admission if required

Note: Pathology, imaging and other tests which may be recommended by the surgeon are excluded

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