Adventist HealthCare

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Newborn Paediatrician Consultation

Financial Information

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Sydney Adventist Hospital is supported by a group of experienced, gentle, and skilled specialist paediatricians who are accredited by the hospital for their expertise. This document advises you, as new parents, of the cost of paediatric consultations during your newborn's time in hospital. Please read the following information carefully.

Following delivery, your obstetrician will refer your baby to one of our paediatricians for assessment and care during your stay. Please advise your obstetrician or midwife if you have a preferred paediatrician beforehand.

Our paediatricians participate in a 24-hour on-call roster. In the event of an emergency, your preferred paediatrician may not be available, in which case the rostered on-call paediatrician will attend.

While in the hospital there will usually be 2 consultations with the paediatrician, one at the beginning of your stay and one before you go home. On weekends/public holidays, one of these reviews may be provided by a different paediatrician.

After the Medicare rebate has been applied, you will be responsible for any applicable out-of-pocket cost (known as the medical "gap"). The maximum out-of-pocket cost for newborn inpatient consultations during your baby's admission is not expected to exceed $440*. Please note this amount excludes fees relating to minor surgical procedures and any other services that may be clinically required.

Please note that paediatric fees are separate from other hospital and medical specialist charges. Paediatric services are provided and billed by the treating paediatrician. You will receive separate accounts for services provided by the paediatrician(s) involved in your baby's care.

These accounts are eligible for Medicare rebates and may also qualify for further rebates under the Medicare Safety Net.

Private Health Insurance

Newborns who can room in with their mother are classified as 'outpatients', and therefore paediatrician consultation fees are not covered by your private health fund.

Newborns who require admission to Special Care Nursery (SCN) for further medical support will be covered by the health fund for the time they are admitted to SCN and paediatrician charges are usually fully covered for their time in SCN. We would recommend that you contact your health fund to have your baby added to your family's policy and advise maternity bookings of any changes to your cover.

If you are not covered by Medicare, we recommend you contact an accredited paediatrician's office for advice on charges.

**Correct as of August 2026, and subject to annual review.*