

Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery

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For General Practitioners

Hernia | Upper GI | Hepatobiliary | Colorectal

What is Laparoscopic Surgery?

Laparoscopic surgery is a new surgical specialty which involves operating through small incisions, using a long slender camera and lens system to view the internal organs. These cameras and instruments are used in almost every surgical specialty. Laparoscopic surgery is also known by many other names, including keyhole surgery, minimally invasive surgery, minimal access surgery, endoscopic surgery, needlescopic surgery and arthroscopic surgery (orthopedics).

How Is Laparoscopic Surgery Performed?

Typically, about four incisions less than 1 cm in length are made. Carbon dioxide gas is used to create a working space, usually within the abdomen, but also in other areas of the body. The internal organs are seen by inserting a laparoscope through one of the small incisions. A tiny camera is attached to the laparoscope, which sends light into the body and projects the image onto a monitor (TV screen). Long slender instruments are placed in the other small incisions and are used to perform the operation.

What Are the Benefits of Laparoscopic Surgery?

The advantages of laparoscopic surgery come from minimizing the trauma of access to internal organs. By avoiding a long incision through the muscles, many post-operative problems are eliminated, and pain is markedly reduced. This enables the patient to breathe and cough better. Use of strong pain medications is drastically reduced so the drowsiness, fatigue and unsteadiness they cause are minimized. Most patients have a shorter hospital stay and recover within days instead of weeks.

What Are the Risks of Laparoscopic Surgery?

Risks of any operation include infection, bleeding, hernia and pulmonary embolus (blood clot to the lung). These complications tend to be less frequent in laparoscopic surgery than in open surgery. Each procedure has unique complications, which occur whether it is done in open surgery or laparoscopically. In addition, difficulties may be encountered during surgery that cannot be safely managed laparoscopically and may require conversion to a conventional procedure for the patient's safety. Please be aware that, while most patients come to us for laparoscopic surgery, if we feel that your best interests will not be served by laparoscopic surgery we will tell you and suggest an appropriate alternative.

Who Does Laparoscopic Surgery?

Most general surgeons do some laparoscopic surgery, most commonly laparoscopic cholecystectomy. Some general surgeons do more complex procedures such as hiatal hernia repair and splenectomy. A few surgeons, including us, have obtained specialty training in new and very complex laparoscopic procedures and are dedicated to practicing predominantly laparoscopic surgery.



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DIFFERENT TYPES OF GENERAL SURGERY

- Anti-Reflux Surgery
- Gall Bladder
- Major Bowel
- Vasectomy
- Gastroscopy
- Colonoscopy
- Cancer Surgery in Gastro intestinal tract
 - The Stomach
 - Small Bowel
 - Colon and Rectum
 - Spleen

Emergency Surgery Dr. Braun also provides services in emergency surgery for the following:

- Acute cholecystectomy
- Appendicectomy
- Small and large Bowel Obstruction
- Duodenal and Stomach Ulcers
- Abdominal Trauma

Endoscopy

- Upper GI Endoscopy including therapeutic options:
(i.e. UGI bleeding, oesophageal strictures, insertion of Orbera Intragastric Balloon, Endobarrier, etc)
- Colonoscopy including complex polypectomy and stent placement.

Minor Surgery

Minor Surgery Options include an option to be performed under general anaesthesia for privately insured patients

- Excision of skin lesions including flap reconstruction
- Carpal tunnel release
- Minor perianal conditions (i.e. haemorrhoids)
- Circumcision and vasectomy
- Other minor surgical conditions



For Doctors

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Post Operative Care

- It is our usual practice to issue a post-operative report to you within 24 hours of surgery.
- For General Surgery, our nurse will contact the patient by telephone within 2 days of discharge from hospital.
- The patient will then be scheduled in for a consultation with Dr. Braun within 4-6 weeks.

Multi-disciplinary approach:

We also encourage patients to present at the GP Practice post operatively if Dr Braun is not available for consult.

Post Operative Emergency:

In the event of patient feeling unwell, we encourage patients to contact our rooms first on 3353 9694 for guidance.

Alternatively, during after hours:

Uninsured patients to present to Redcliffe Emergency;

Insured patients to present to Brisbane Northside Emergency to ensure that Dr Braun is able to treat the patient without delay.

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Planned Admission

Our fee for Consultation is \$180.00 – Item 104 Medicare Rebate Available

Privately Insured Patient:

- GAP of approximately \$500.00 for Medibank Private; BUPA; HCF patients.
- GAP of approximately \$400 for AHSA and AHM Privately Insured Patients.
- All Endoscopy/Colonoscopy procedures are GAP covered.
- GAP covered for patients if specified by GP in letter for gall bladder and hernia operation.
- Other Private Health Insurer: Billed at private rates direct to Patients.

Emergency Admission

Our fee for Consultation is \$250.00 – Item 104 Medicare Rebate Available

Privately Insured Patient: GAP of approximately \$500.00.

Uninsured Patient: Billed at private rates with discount

Meet Our Team

Expertise & Experience

A Tailored Approach to Your Needs

Proven Results

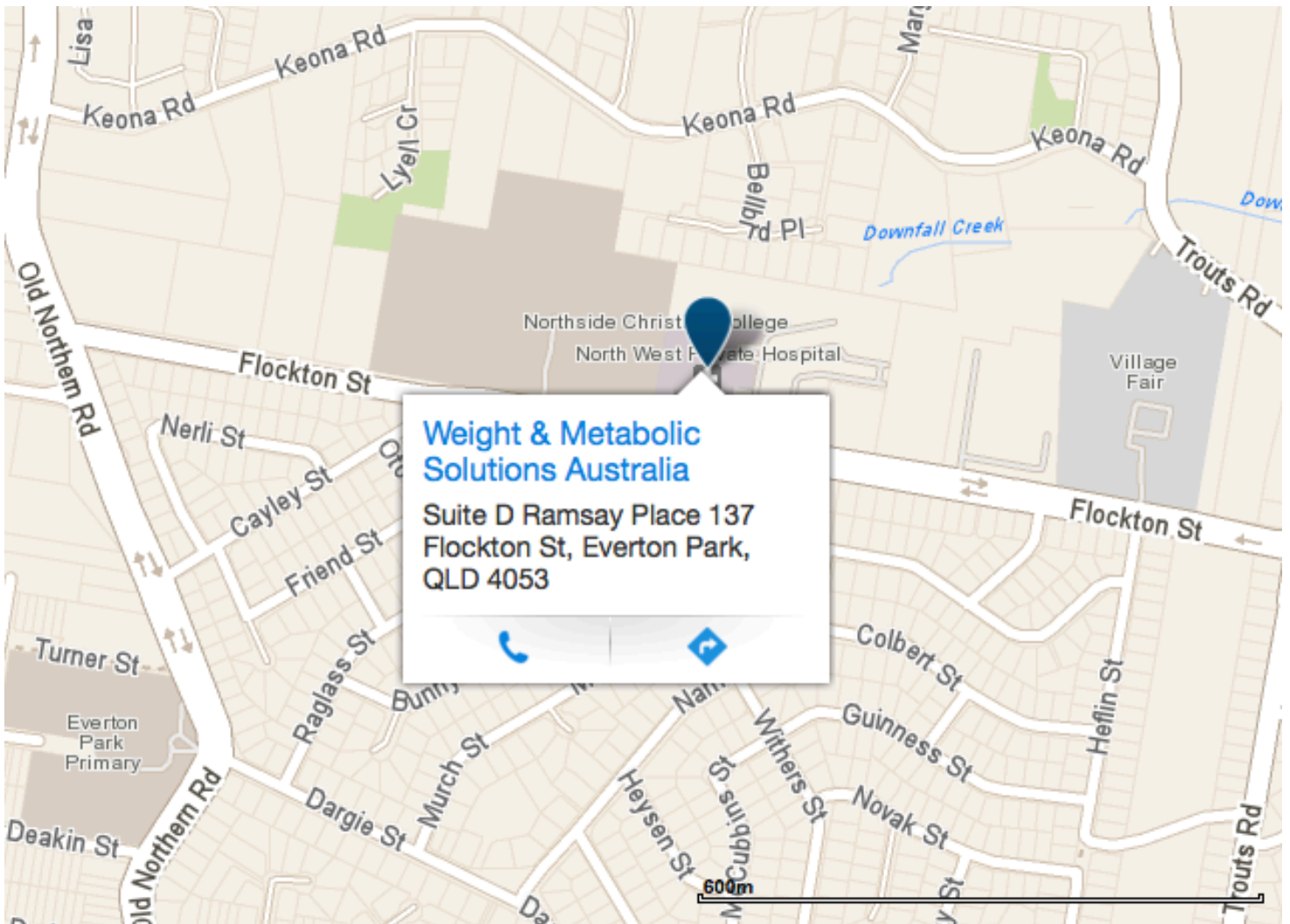


For Patients

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CONSULTATION

\$180 - Item 104 Consultation
\$250 - Item 104 Emergency Consultation

GENERAL SURGERY

\$500 - Private Health Insurance GAP for BUPA; Medibank Private; HCF
\$400 - Private Health Insurance GAP for AHSA; AHM
Full Payment for All other Private Health Insurance and Uninsured (Rebates may be available for claiming).

Referral Form

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Patient Details

Name:

Date of Birth:...../...../.....

Address:

Reason for Referral:.....

Doctors Stamp and Provider Details: