



Oaks Hospital, Colchester

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Outpatient Appointment

Thank you for choosing to see me at Oaks Hospital for your outpatient consultation. This letter sets out some important information that I am required by law to provide to you. This is for your information only and is not a bill. As this includes information about my charges, if you do not have private medical insurance but someone else will be paying your bill, you may wish to pass a copy of this letter to them. Please note that even if someone else is paying your bill or you have private medical insurance, you are responsible for paying any charges which they do not pay.

Consultation Fee

My fee for an initial consultation will not exceed £240. For privately insured patients I will charge for procedures according to your insurance company fee schedule. My fee for a self-pay patient follow-up consultation will not exceed £160. For an insured patient, I will charge for procedures according to your insurance company fee schedule. These estimates are correct as at the date of this letter. Should you cancel your appointment with less than 24 hours' notice, I reserve the right to charge a cancellation fee of up to 50% of the appointment charge. This would ordinarily only be charged by me to those who repeatedly cancel their appointment.

Please note when a minor procedure/examination is carried out during your consultation you will likely receive a bill from the Oaks for the hospital charges, please contact the Oaks direct if you would like a quote for these costs.

Following your consultation, you may need certain tests such as blood tests, X-rays or scans such as MRI or CT scans to help me diagnose your condition. Such tests are undertaken by the Oaks hospital. The fees for these tests will be determined by the Oaks hospital and charged to you, or your private medical insurer, separately. I do not obtain any fees from the Oaks hospital for any of the tests I advise you to have.

Private Medical Insurance

If you have private medical insurance, please contact your insurer before your consultation, to check the terms of your policy, particularly the level and type of outpatient cover you have, including any reimbursement limits on individual consultation fees.

I am currently recognised by the private medical insurers listed below:

- Axa PPP Healthcare
- Aviva
- Bupa
- Vitality Health
- WPA

Please note you are responsible for any fees not covered by your insurer.

Financial Interests

I am legally obliged to tell you if I have any financial interests in the Oaks Hospital or any equipment there. I can confirm I do not have any such financial interests.

Quality Information

You can compare independent information about the quality of private treatment offered at the hospital and other private healthcare providers from the Private Healthcare Information Network (PHIN) website: www.phin.org.uk.

I look forward to welcoming you to the Oaks Hospital.

Yours faithfully

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