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I am pleased to be your Anaesthetist for your upcoming surgery.

The specific areas that I will need to discuss with you prior to your surgery will be:

- Your current state of health, with a particular focus on any heart and breathing problems
- Your past medical and surgical history
- Any problems you may have experienced with an anaesthetic in the past (please bring relevant letters if available)
- The names and contact details of any specialists who may be caring for you
- The medications you take
- Any allergies you may have to medications, tapes and/or latex
- The extent and nature of any significant dental work you have had performed

If you are having low risk or day case surgery, our first discussion will usually occur on the day of your surgery and together we will formulate a personalised anaesthetic plan. For more complex cases I will endeavour to contact you via telephone prior to your surgical date

Medicare and health fund rebates may not cover the entire cost of your anaesthesia care. The difference between what is covered and the actual fee for the anaesthesia is known as the 'gap' and will be your responsibility to pay. 'Gap' payments for anaesthesia exist because the Commonwealth Government has not indexed anaesthetic Medicare rebates adequately over the past 25 years.

The size of the gap payment will depend on:

- The insurance product you have purchased (health funds vary significantly in the amount that they will contribute to your medical care)
- The type and duration of your surgical procedure and complexity of the anaesthetic required

Wherever possible, an estimate of your anaesthesia fee will be mailed to you in the week before your surgery to allow you to enquire further from your health fund about the level of benefits available for your procedure.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me through Urban Anaesthetics.

I look forward to assisting with your care in the near future.

Yours faithfully

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