



BIOPSY AND PROCEDURES INFORMATION

Alba Health is pleased to offer a range of services including minor operations and procedures. These may include: biopsy of lesions, removal and biopsy of lesions and implanon insertion and removal.

Our Services



Punch Biopsy

A punch biopsy involves removing a small piece of skin using a circular blade called a punch. The procedure is performed under a local anaesthetic and will be performed in the treatment room. They will either close the hole with stitches or use a dressing.



Excisional Biopsy

This type of biopsy is used when a sizable quantity of tissue is needed to obtain the best information about a skin condition. The procedure is performed under a local anaesthetic and will be performed in the treatment room. This is highly useful in diagnosing conditions such as melanoma as well as deeper skin lesions. Skin sutures are used to close the wound together.



Implanon insertion and removal

Implanon is a contraceptive implant that is a type of contraception (birth control). It's a small, thin, flexible rod that's inserted under the skin on the inside of your arm. You need a prescription for the implant, and it needs to be inserted by a trained doctor or nurse. The procedure is done using a local anaesthetic to numb your skin, so you don't feel any pain.



Fees

There is a fee for ALL minor procedures for ALL patients. The fees are broken down into the fee for the procedure itself (billed to the doctor) and the "treatment room fee" billed to the clinic.

Procedure fee

Out of pocket costs depends on the complexity of the procedure, location on the body and the time required. For biopsies, Medicare will rebate between \$90-\$345 depending on the results and the procedure will be invoiced when the results are received.

What is a treatment room fee?

A \$50 treatment room fee covers the cost of all the consumables and equipment required to perform the procedure, the nurse time for the procedure and the return appointment with the nurse to remove the stitches. This is payable on the day of the procedure and there is **no Medicare rebate for this fee.**

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