

Day Surgery Unit



Fast-track your way to a healthy recovery.



**Friendly Society
Private Hospital**

Leading Healthcare for the Wide Bay

Welcome

Our Day Surgery Unit is a comfortable space designed for same-day procedures, allowing you to go home and recover in familiar surroundings. Our goal is to make your short stay with us as comfortable and enjoyable as we can.

You'll need to complete and return the pre-admission package one week prior to your admission. If you have any questions, either speak to your doctor or call us Monday to Friday from 8am until 5pm on 4331 1000 and we'll help you out.

When should I come to the hospital?

Your doctor will arrange the date of your procedure directly with the hospital. A member of our team will contact you the day before your admission to confirm the details of your procedure, answer any questions you may have and advise you on your medications prior to admission. If you will not be at home, please contact us the day before your admission. If your procedure is on a Monday, please call us the Friday prior on 4331 1000.

How do I pay?

If you have private health insurance, your account will be forwarded to your health fund on your behalf. Upon admission you will need to pay any excess not covered by your fund. It's a good idea to check with your health fund whether you have any annual excess or co-payment applicable to your Day Surgery stay. Patients who do not have private health insurance are asked to finalise their accounts 48 hours prior to treatment.

Arriving at the hospital

Please report to the admission area in the Day Surgery Unit, at the Bingera Street end of the main foyer.

For more information about how to prepare for your first treatment and after hours care, refer to your Patient Information Pre-admission Pack.

You are welcome to use the Hospital's Bingera Street parking for drop-offs and pick-ups. Public parking is also available in the Hospital car parks, on Crofton Street and on Woondooma Street.



Helpful hints from our experts:

- Depending on where you are on the surgeon's list, waiting times can vary so bring books, iPads, knitting or whatever else keeps you entertained.
- You can't eat six hours before admission and can only drink water for the three hours prior. If you're having a local anaesthetic you may NOT be required to fast.
- You need to arrange for a friend or family member to drive you home after your surgery because you can't drive after an anaesthetic. You should also have someone stay with you overnight.
- You will feel a lot more comfortable after surgery if you wear loose fitting clothing.

The Friendly Society Private Hospital features an on site Pharmacy, Allied Health Services, Afterhours Medical Service and Café.



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