



Dr Sam Duncan

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Specialist Anaesthetist



My name is Dr Sam Duncan and I will be your anaesthetist for your upcoming procedure with A/Professor Phong Tran.

Please be reassured that Australian anaesthetists have world class training in anaesthesia, pain control, resuscitation, intensive care and managing medical emergencies, so there is no safer place in the world to have an anaesthetic than in Australia.

My Professional History

Following completion of my medical degree, at Monash University, I have trained as an anaesthetist and received my specialist qualification from the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists in 2008.

I have special interests in anaesthesia for major general surgery and orthopaedics. I am a regular participant in the Maintenance of Professional Standards Program from the College of Anaesthetists.

Your Surgery

My aim is for you to experience as little pain and discomfort as possible during and after the procedure. If you are undergoing a joint replacement, your preoperative assessment will be performed by Dr Belinda Smith, who will coordinate your medical care with myself. On the day of surgery, I will discuss your health, any recent illnesses, any medications you are taking and any abnormal reactions you might have had to any medication. I will also discuss the anaesthetic options with the pros, cons and potential complications.

However, if there is anything you would like to discuss with me before you arrive at the hospital, please feel free to contact my office on (03) 9509 2131. As I may be in theatre when you call, a message will be taken and I will contact you as soon as I am available.

Fees for Anaesthetic Services

The fee for your anaesthetic is billed separately and is in addition to A/Professor Tran's fees and any hospital charges.

Patients with Private Health Insurance

Health insurance has become a very complex process. Depending upon the operation, the insurer and level of cover, "out of pocket" expenses can vary along with the way fees are processed. Anaesthetic Specialist fees are determined by the duration of the anaesthetic of care, difficulty, and any other procedures that may be required to ensure your safety.

Where the health fund allows, I am happy to direct bill your fund and charge you a known gap.

Where the health fund does not allow, my office will bill you directly and after your procedure, issue you with a receipt which you may be able to claim part of from Medicare and your private health fund.

Patients without Private Health Insurance

Patients without private medical insurance are required to prepay the total fee no later than five business days prior to their procedure.

Payment can be made by credit card (Visa, MasterCard or Amex) over the phone at (03) 9509 2131 or in person by cash or credit card at the Victorian Anaesthetic Group at 173 Burke Road, Glen Iris.

Obtaining a Fee Estimate

In order to determine what your potential expense might be, you can use one of the options below to obtain an estimate. This will also allow me to provide you with important information about the anaesthesia for your procedure.

→ Contact my rooms on (03) 9509 2131 and ask for a quote.

OR

→ Email my rooms at the address below and they will send you a quote by return email.

To: ifc@vag.com.au
Subject: Quote Request

Please include the following information in the body of your email:

- My Name - Dr Sam Duncan
- Your Surgeon's Name - A/Professor Phong Tran
- Procedure Date
- Procedure Name
- Patient's Name (as it may be someone other than the sender)
- Patient's Date of Birth
- Contact Telephone Number and Address
- Health Fund Details (Medicare and Health Fund Membership Numbers)
- Pensioner Card Number (if applicable)