



Dr Ben Towell

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Specialist Anaesthetist



My name is Dr Ben Towell 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 the 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 2007.

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, a physician assessment will first 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 **9427 7899**. 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. 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, issue you with a receipt which you may be able to claim some part of from Medicare and your private health fund.

Patients without Private Health Insurance

Patients without private medical insurance will be provided with a quote before surgery.

To obtain an estimate of the fees for your anaesthetic, please contact the Anaesthetic rooms on

- Telephone: **9428 1931** and ask for the estimate secretary

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions

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