FAQs

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING A PUBLIC PATIENT AND A PRIVATE PATIENT?

Your admission as a private patient guarantees that Dr Henry will perform the surgery regardless of whether you are treated in a either a public or private hospital.

If you choose to be a private patient you will receive an estimation of fees for the surgery (quote). Admission to a private hospital enables you to choose a date that is convenient to both you and Dr Henry. As a public patient there will be no fees involved for the actual surgery. However if you choose this option you are not guaranteed that Dr Henry will perform the surgery; usually this will be performed by a trainee surgeon.

In a public hospital sometimes if a more urgent operation is required for another patient then your child’s surgery may have to be postponed.

Please note:

If you are being admitted to a public hospital the date of your surgery will depend on the urgency of the surgery and how long the waiting list is, regardless of whether you are a private or public patient.

I HAVE JUST HAD A SON, DOES DR HENRY PERFORM CIRCUMCISIONS

Dr Henry is happy to perform circumcisions, however it is his policy to do them in a hospital under a light general anaesthetic after the child is 6 months old. Dr Henry does not do newborn circumcisions.

WHY DO I NEED A REFERRAL FROM ANOTHER DOCTOR TO SEE DR HENRY?" OR "MY REFERRAL HAS RUN OUT, WHY DO I NEED ANOTHER ONE?

It is a Medicare ruling that in order to claim the rebate for a specialist consultation then the patient must be referred by another doctor. A referral from a GP will last 12 months however a referral from another specialist will last only 3 months.

MY CHILD HAS HAD SURGERY LAST WEEK WHEN CAN HE RESUME NORMAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING SWIMMING?

Resuming normal activities including swimming will depend on the surgery performed. Please refer to the post-operative care information given to you after your child's surgery.

MY SON HAS BEEN CIRCUMCISED A FEW DAYS AGO AND I'M WORRIED ABOUT HOW IT LOOKS

The head of the penis takes several days to heal. Redness and clear oozing are all normal and will take about a week to start looking better. Please refer to the post-operative care information given to you after your child's surgery.