

Patient Information Leaflet

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Ophthalmology Department

Your Guide to

Flexibility & Choice

If you are interested in the private options available, please call us to arrange an appointment with your Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon, to discuss what solution would be most suited to your visual needs and to develop a personalised plan.

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The Benefits of Private Treatment

The MSG's first duty is to ensure that it meets the requirements of its contract with the States of Guernsey to provide a high standard of secondary healthcare for Guernsey, Alderney and Herm residents.

The same services are available to self-paying patients and those with medical insurance policies, but they can then benefit from extras that are not available to contract patients.

Patients can elect to change between being treated privately or under the States Contract for each out-patient consultation and for each in-patient episode from admission to discharge.

The MSG also provides a range of clinics and services that are not covered by the contract with the States – and again self-paying patients and those with medical insurance policies can take advantage of these.

	Contract	Insured*	Self-Paying
Timely Appointment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self-Referral		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flexible Outpatient Times		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flexible Operation Dates		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access Non-Contract Services		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Select your preferred Consultant		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private hospital room		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Insurance policies vary and so patients are advised to check the terms and conditions within their own policy.

Cataract Surgery

A cataract is a clouding of the natural lens in the eye which can affect the quality of vision. Cataract surgery is a lens replacement operation to remove the cloudy natural lens in the eye and replace it with a clear artificial intraocular lens (IOL) which is designed to last a lifetime.

Which intraocular lenses should I use?

The intraocular lens (IOL) used in cataract surgery for States Contract patients is usually selected to try to improve ONLY distance vision and ***nearly all patients require glasses after the cataract operation for reading & close work.***

If I want to be less dependent on glasses, especially for reading?

If this is the case you may wish to consider various specialist lens options to reduce your dependence on glasses. These special lenses are not funded through the States Contract. These include multifocal implants to improve distance and reading vision or lenses to correct surface irregularity of the eye (astigmatism) so that you could be less dependent on glasses .

Cost Schedule

Initial planning consultation with consultant	£190.00
Cataract surgery (including follow-up appointment and HSSD fee)	
Standard intraocular lens	£2827.50*
Multifocal intraocular lens	£3149.50*
Astigmatism correcting (toric) lens	£3049.50*
Investigations	
Biometry	£85
Corneal topography	£65
Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT)	£100

*prices given are per eye and are estimates which may vary.

Private Service Manager

Fiona Brennan is the Private Service Manager at the Medical Specialist Group LLP and her role is to provide support for private patients through all stages of their secondary healthcare journey.

This can involve liaising with Consultants, General Practitioners, the Health & Social Services Department and medical insurance companies, in order to alleviate some of the stress associated with facing or going through treatment or surgery.

Medical Insurance

There are various insurance products and providers available and patients are advised to check the terms and conditions within their own policy.

The MSG has a relationship with local insurance brokers Rossborough Healthcare, under which preferential rates may be available for their corporate and individual clients. For more information call Rossborough Healthcare on 241555.

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