

# Informed Consent

## LungSmart Physiotherapy and Pulmonary Rehabilitation



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- Individual physiotherapy consultation focused on optimisation of lung health and respiratory symptom control. LungSmart Physiotherapy supports you and your doctor to develop and regularly review a suitable management plan for controlling your symptoms of lung disease.
- Pulmonary Rehabilitation is group-based and provides supervised exercise groups specifically tailored for people with chronic lung disease. Assessment consultations are completed before and after pulmonary rehabilitation to accurately assess and monitor symptoms using internationally recognised clinical measurements and protocols. **Public funding** to support participation in a standard eight (8) week program of pulmonary rehabilitation is available to those meeting clinical criteria, generally once every 12 months. Please note public funding is not available to support other appointment/s at LungSmart Physiotherapy, and you will be responsible for payment of all service charges if you choose to attend these options. You may be eligible to re-access public funding for repeat pulmonary rehabilitation earlier than the usual 12 months if you have been referred following hospitalisation for a respiratory exacerbation, or your specialist has referred you for a repeat program.

Standard LungSmart services	Fee
New appointment (New or >12mths since last attended appointment)	\$140
Standard appointment	\$85
Six-minute walk test assessment	\$85
Pulmonary rehabilitation supervised group exercise session	\$45

### Terms and Conditions:

#### Payment:

- **You are required to pay the full fee at time of consultation.**
- **Private health insurance rebates** for Allied Health are processed through HiCAPS. Bring your private health insurance HICAPS card with you to your consultation and present it to the front desk prior to payment. The full fee will be charged, the health fund will give you a rebate based upon their fee schedule and you will then pay the gap payment.
- **Medicare rebate** is only available for eligible *Medicare GPMP/TCA (GP Management Plan / Team Care Arrangement)* referrals. **There is a gap between the Medicare rebate and our fees. Medicare requires you to pay the full fee at time of consultation.** The *Medicare GPMP/TCA (GP Management Plan / Team Care Arrangement)* is LIMITED to a maximum of five (5) allied health service rebates (\$56.00) per patient per calendar year. The five allied health services on your GPMP/TCA plan can be made up of one type of service (e.g. five physiotherapy services) or a combination of different types of services and/or providers (e.g. one dietetic and four podiatry services). **If you have already used all your eligible Medicare rebates in the calendar year, you will be responsible for payment of our full fee but WILL NOT receive a rebate from Medicare.** You are responsible for checking your eligibility for Medicare rebates. You can call the Department of Human Services to check this information on 132 011.
- **DVA Health Cards** (Gold and White) are accepted as payment for an eligible referral. Please bring your doctor's referral and DVA card to your first appointment. Please note you cannot claim two physiotherapy services from DVA for the same treatment date. This includes appointments booked on the same day with two different physiotherapy practices. Please keep this in mind when booking appointments. You will be responsible for full payment if DVA rejects your claim.

#### **DVA Treatment Cycle:**

From 1 October 2019, referrals for DVA clients to allied health services will be valid for up to 12 sessions or a year, whichever ends first. An End of Cycle report is then provided to your usual GP. Your GP can then refer for another Treatment Cycle. Please note the Treatment Cycle does not apply to veterans with a Totally and Permanently Incapacitated (TPI) Gold Card from DVA. The DVA Gold card clearly indicates if a client is a TPI veteran.

#### **Cancellation or Non-attendance of appointments:**

- We require at least 1 business days' notice for appointments being cancelled.
- Your appointment will be considered as not attended, if you are late for your appointment by 10 minutes or more.
- A consultation fee is payable if an appointment is cancelled without sufficient notice or is not attended. Any future appointments will not be booked until this fee is paid.
- You acknowledge that any subsequent reminder phone calls or text messages are provided as a courtesy service only, and this policy will apply regardless of whether you receive a reminder or not.

#### **Communication policy:**

- I hereby give consent for my private health information to be collected, communicated and transferred (verbally, electronically or in writing) by the health professionals at Branyan Clinic, to co-ordinate my care with other health professionals including treating doctors, specialists, pharmacists or allied health professionals, or uploaded to the My Health Record System as required (In accordance with the Privacy Act 1988, NPP2).

***By indicating my acceptance of these terms, I acknowledge and agree that I have read and understood the above information, and am responsible for full payment of the service fee/s.***

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/2023

Branyan Clinic operates as a multidisciplinary centre providing professional services in areas of General Practice, Practice Nursing, Psychology, Diabetes Education, Physiotherapy, Exercise Physiology, Dietetics, OAPL Orthotics and Prosthetics (Orthopaedics Appliances Pty Ltd), and Audiology. Pathology services are available in the clinic by S&N Pathology Monday – Friday 9:00am – 12:00pm. The clinic also operates chronic disease rehabilitation allied health services including LungSmart Physiotherapy and Pulmonary Rehabilitation, HeartStart Cardiac Rehabilitation and Heart Failure Rehabilitation, Oncology/Cancer Exercise, GLA:D Osteoarthritis Exercise, and Diabetes Move4Medicine Rehabilitation.

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Secure Messaging: Branyan Clinic uses the Medical-Objects Secure Messaging system to securely communicate clinical correspondence between health professionals.

Reception Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm

Current as of 1/1/2023. We reserve the right to change our pricing policy at any time.