

Because you can't afford not to have health insurance

Consider the costs of these expensive treatments for you or your family

Endoscopic (sinus) surgery
The use of tiny instruments to view and repair the sinus
\$6,400 - \$18,000

Angioplasty
Insertion of a catheter to unblock an artery with a stent or balloon
\$18,000 - \$20,000

Angiogram
An x-ray test using a coloured dye to take pictures of the blood flow within an artery
\$3,900 - \$4,400

Cataract removal
Removal of the cloudy lens from the eye affecting vision
\$2,600 - \$3,500*

Single valve heart operation
Surgery to repair or replace a heart valve
\$33,000 - \$50,000

Wisdom teeth removal
Surgical removal of wisdom teeth
\$1,400 - \$8,600

Heart bypass
An operation to rechannel blood flow to the heart
\$30,000 - \$40,000

Thyroidectomy
Surgical removal of the thyroid gland
\$5,000 - \$8,000*

Gastroscopy
The use of tiny instruments to view the inside of the stomach
\$600 - \$1,000*

Radical mastectomy
Surgical removal of the breast and underlying muscle tissue and some ancillary nodes
\$3,500 - \$8,000*

Colonoscopy
The use of tiny instruments to view the inside of the colon
\$1,400 - \$1,600

Cholecystectomy
Removal of the gall bladder
\$4,500 - \$7,500*

Spinal fusion
An operation to join two or more vertebrae together
\$22,000

Removal of the appendix
\$5,800 - \$6,200

Hysterectomy
Removal of the uterus
\$8,000 - \$11,000

Hip replacement
Replacement of the hip with an artificial joint
\$13,000 - \$20,000*

Removal of cancerous skin lesion
\$350 - \$3,000*

Hernia repair
Procedure required if part of the intestine bulges through a weakness in the abdominal wall
\$2,400 - \$6,000

Prostate brachytherapy
Treatment of a prostate tumour where radioactive pellets are inserted in or around the prostate
\$20,000 - \$30,000*

Biopsy
Sample taken from an affected area to be tested by a laboratory
\$1,000 - \$3,000

Knee - arthroscopy
The use of tiny instruments to view or repair muscles, tendons or ligaments in the knee
\$920 - \$3,100

Prostate removal
Surgical removal of the prostate gland
\$7,000 - \$12,000*

MRI Scan
\$900 - \$2,200

CT Scan
\$600 - \$1,500

Ultrasound
\$300 - \$400

Varicose veins (both legs)
Surgical removal of varicose veins
\$6,000 - \$8,000*

Total knee replacement
Replacement of the knee with an artificial joint
\$13,000 - \$20,000*

Varying imaging techniques to view internal structures

Paying for your own operation can really hurt your pocket

* Health Fund Association of New Zealand, www.healthfunds.org.nz, March 2006