



BON SECOURS HOSPITAL
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A Guide to Going Private

It's often thought that '*going private*' is difficult to do – its not. In fact it's quite simple to access private hospital care, just follow these steps.

Go and see your GP. They will be able to give you advice and most importantly help you make an informed choice on what is best for you and what is best to meet your specific needs.

Then if you need tests or maybe x-rays and you choose to go privately, you will find that the Bon Secours Hospital will be able to carry out such tests promptly and at a time that is convenient to you. If you need any information on costs, or otherwise, we are there to assist you. The results of any tests will be with your GP in a very short time.

If you need to see a Bon Secours Hospital Consultant/Specialist and wish to go privately, your GP will be able to refer you. If you have a particular Consultant in mind – perhaps one who has treated you before, or has been recommended to you, then tell your GP. Many people choose private treatment in order to guarantee prompt access to a Consultant and if required, a hospital bed.

When you make an appointment to see a Consultant privately. you shouldn't have to wait too long for your appointment and very often you will be seen by your Consultant in a few weeks. Private consultations range from around €120 - €250, depending on the specialist.

If you require treatment or admission to the Bon Secours Hospital Cork, you can choose to remain in the care of your chosen Consultant and a prompt admission to the Hospital will be arranged for you.

All facilities at Bon Secours Hospital Cork are available to patients with health insurance, on a self paying basis, or a combination of both. We have many patients who opt to pay for some or all of their treatment and we have payment plans that can be tailored to suit your needs.

Our experienced staff are dedicated to assisting you and are available to discuss your personal circumstances and give you specific advice relevant to your health insurance cover. Questions like:

- What does my health insurance cover at Bon Secours Hospital Cork ?
- What procedures and treatments am I covered for ?
- Are there any costs and how can I pay ?

We are also available to discuss funding options, for example if you have no **health insurance**, if you are **under insured** or if you are **still serving waiting periods**.

**Make an enquiry to our Telephone Helpline
Monday to Friday 9am - 6pm.**

Helpline Telephone Number : 1890 1300 27

Points to note:

Some of our services can be accessed directly by you without a GP referral. These include such areas as Physiotherapy, Dietetics etc. If you wish to know more about these services, please call us on **021 454 2807**.

If you wish to enquire as to what Consultants work in the Bon Secours Hospital and what their specialties are, we are very happy to provide you with this information and assist in any way that we can.

www.bonsecours.ie

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Did you know you can claim tax relief on medical expenses ?

Many people overlook the tax claim which is available in respect of medical expenses. You must keep receipts for all medical expenses incurred during the year. Any refunds from insurance companies or Health boards etc must be deducted from the expenses incurred before you get your tax relief. For further information:

www.revenue.ie

Lo-call 1890 222 425 (South West Region)