About Our Fees

Dear Patient:

Our fees are based on the time our providers spend with you during your visit, the complexity of your medical condition, and any treatment they provide. But proper attention to your care also requires that they - or members of our staff ó spend *additional* time beyond that which we spend with you in the office. Such time may be used to, but is not limited to:

- Create or maintain your permanent medical record.
- Review, interpret, and document lab test results and communicate those results ó orally or in writing ó to you.
- Review current X-Ray or scan results, compare them with reports of previous results if applicable, and when the studies are abnormal, consult with the radiologist.
- Prepare and mail consultation reports and letters to patients who need to come in for a follow-up visit to follow-up on a previous medical problem.
- Consult via phone about your case with referring or consulting physicians and other health care providers.
- Prepare referral letters to additional specialists or primary care providers, as needed.
- Prepare patient education materials.
- Conduct medical research relevant to your case.
- Communicate with pharmacies about your prescriptions.
- Complete insurance applications and claim forms.
- Conduct utilization review negotiations with hospitals and insurance companies.
- Review and manage hospital records.
- Draft letters of necessity to obtain medical services, instruments or prescriptions that you need.
- Arrange for hospital admission and surgery and follow-up consultations with nurses, attending physicians, and residents.
- Draft reports and forms, including home health care orders and other service orders.

All these activities add to our cost of doing business. We are committed to providing you the best possible care at the lowest cost. We hope this explanation of our fees has been helpful. With you, our patient, we look forward to a lasting and healthy relationship.

Sincerely,

The Physicians of Women Gynecology and Childbirth Associates