

Hospital Fees for Out-of-Country Visitors

If you are not a Canadian resident with a valid health card, **you will have to pay for your care.**

- Certain services, procedures, and medications can cost more.
- **There is also a fee if you need to access your health record. Fees vary.**
- All fees can change at any time.

If you do not understand the fees for your care, call Nova Scotia Health's Finance Department:

- › Phone (toll-free): 1-844-783-7416

Emergency Health Services (EHS)

- You will have to pay for all fees if you need EHS ambulance services.
- If you have questions about these fees, call the EHS billing office:
 - › Phone (toll-free): 1-888-280-8884

Insurance

- **It is important to understand what your private insurance does and does not cover (pay for).**
- Call your insurance company to find out how much is covered. Because of privacy laws, hospital staff **cannot** do this for you. It is your responsibility.
- When you are first admitted to the hospital, give hospital staff all of the details of what is covered by your insurance.
- Your insurance company must give proof of a guarantee of payment before Nova Scotia Health will submit (put in) any claim.
- You must pay for any amounts not paid by your insurance, including cases where your insurance company denies (rejects) a claim. You can pay by cash, cheque, debit, Visa, Mastercard®, or American Express® (certain locations only).

You can also pay online by visiting:
› <https://payments.nshealth.ca/>

Hospital stays

- If you have to stay in the hospital, you will be charged a daily fee. Part of this fee includes:
 - › Meals
 - › Blood work
 - › Most drugs and tests
 - › X-rays

Ward	Daily fee
Aberdeen Regional	\$4,824
Aberdeen Regional – ICU	\$13,653
All Saints Springhill	\$3,318
Cape Breton Regional	\$5,532
Cape Breton Regional – ICU	\$18,159
Colchester East Hants	\$4,668
Colchester East Hants – ICU	\$18,123
Cumberland Regional	\$4,422
Cumberland Regional - ICU	\$17,052
Dartmouth General	\$5,529
Dartmouth General – ICU	\$15,060
Glace Bay Regional	\$4,839
Glace Bay Regional – ICU	\$15,084
QE II (Halifax)	\$6,426
QE II (Halifax) – ICU	\$33,378
South Shore Regional	\$5,142
South Shore Regional – ICU	\$13,359
St. Martha’s Regional	\$4,803
St. Martha’s Regional – ICU	\$12,654
Valley Regional	\$5,151
Valley Regional – ICU	\$14,187
Yarmouth Regional	\$4,839
Yarmouth Regional – ICU	\$15,084
All other facilities	\$2,973

- This rate does **NOT** include:
 - › Doctors’ fees (you will be billed directly by the doctor)
 - › Phone and TV services
 - › Certain tests and medications

We will try to give you the room you ask for, but semi-private and private rooms are not always available.

Preferred room	Daily fee
Semi-private (extra fee)	\$170
Private (extra fee)	\$210

Outpatient services

Most of these will take place in the hospital.

Examples:

Outpatient service	Fee
Emergency or outpatient visit	\$1035
Lab – Per visit	Up to \$450
General X-ray	\$171
CT scan	\$2,739
Day surgery	\$6,450
PET	\$4,299
MRI scan	\$2,664
General ultrasound	\$291

- › **Lab fees:** The cost shown is for common tests. Actual fees may vary based on the number and type of tests ordered, and may be higher.
- › **These fees can change at any time.**
- › The fees above **do not** include doctor's fees (you will be billed directly by the doctor).

Important: For outpatient services, Nova Scotia Health does not send the bill to your insurance company for you. **You have to pay your bill for outpatient services before you leave the hospital.**

If you are an international student and have health insurance through your college or university, you **do not** have to pay.

Other care options

If you have health care questions, or you need to talk with a health care provider and it is **not** an emergency, some options are:

811

- 811 is a phone line where you can talk with a registered nurse about your health care questions. **They offer services in over 125 languages, including Farsi, Cantonese, French, Chinese, and Arabic.**
 - › To call, dial 8-1-1. You can call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Clinics

- Community Pharmacy Primary Care Clinics
 - › You can get some primary care services at these clinics. To see clinic locations and to book an appointment, visit:
 - › <https://pans.ns.ca/CPGCC>
- Other primary care clinics
 - › To find other primary care clinics, do an online search for: “primary care clinic” plus “the city, town or area that you are in.”

This pamphlet is also available in:

French: FF85-2394 *Frais médicaux pour les visiteurs de l'extérieur du pays*

Arabic: AR85-2395 رسوم المستشفيات للزوار القادمين من الخارج

Simplified Chinese: CH85-2396 境外旅客的医院收费

Ukrainian: UK85-2397 Плата за лікування в лікарні для - відвідувачів з-за кордону

Russian: RU85-2398 Плата за лечение в больнице для - посетителей из-за границы

Spanish: SP85-2399 *Tarifas del Hospital para Personas de Visita en Canadá*

German: GE85-2400 *Krankenhausgebühren für Besucher aus dem Ausland*

Hindi: HI85-2415 देश के बाहर से आने वाले लोगों के लिए अस्पताल शुल्क

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