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1 in 2 Aussies will have type 2 diabetes or impaired glucose tolerance by the age of 70.

Do you have type 1 or type 2 diabetes? Have you been a previous patient of ASFMC or a different clinic in town?

Options for full clinical care – all medical and educational options for established or new diabetic patients

Costs: Appointment Cost for 30 min appt with Dr Mitchell:	\$160 - \$180
Medicare Rebate:	\$71.70 - \$144.25
(rebate depends on whether a GP Management Plan was put in place for a diagnosis of diabetes)	
Appointment Cost for 60 – 75 min appt with Susie Practice Nurse	\$Funded

If this appointment is cancelled within 24 hours or you do not attend, there will be a DNA fee which currently is \$50. We are providing the second follow up visit funded with Susie utilising the Medicare rebates for a > 60 min appointment for people for a GP Management care plan for a chronic disease which diabetes definitely is. Or this visit would be for a Team Care Arrangement if Dr Mitchell has created a GPMP in the first visit. We can only do that type of visit every 18 months. However if you do not attend we cannot generate any income and we waste Susie's valuable time.

This visit will involve getting a baseline ECG (electrical tracing of the heart) or updating one, potentially extra blood tests, physical measurements top to toe and a more thorough lifestyle and dietary assessment. It might also include spirometry or audiometry depending on your screening questionnaire and age. Our aim is better educate our patient population without penalising them with charges for the follow-up and more thorough visit. We would then put in place the referrals to Allied Health under the Enhanced Primary Care referral scheme eg. Podiatrist, physiotherapist or diabetic educator

If a funded visit with Susie was recommended though and declined, with our shift away from mainstream private general practice towards the specialised approach we would strongly think that Alice Specialised Medicine, with the branch Alice Diabetes Education was perhaps not the healthcare provider you required.

Potential follow-up Appointment Cost for 30 min appt with Dr Mitchell:	\$160
Medicare Rebate:	\$71.70

The second GP visit is only put in place if blood tests from the original visit, or ECG findings or other issues identified at the Practice Nurse visit require follow –up ; if the original two visits cover everything adequately it is not necessarily required until perhaps much later in the year as prescriptions only last for 6 months.

Ms Susie Leister is now a Diabetes Educator, she is currently involved in the credentialing process – stay tuned for updated info in 2016

Once a year we have attempted to provide a fully funded visit in the “Annual cycle of Care” for diabetic patients and now the push is to make that a reality.

Appointment cost for this 45 min appt involving both Dr Mitchell and Susie as PN \$Funded

If this appointment is cancelled within 24 hours or you do not attend, there will be a DNA fee which currently is \$100. We are not allowed to generate any Medicare income if you are not physically present so due to the fact both GP and PN would be wasting their time the DNA fee is equivalent to a longer appointment missed.

We wish to proactively offer this funded visit in the 12 month time frame, which previously we have only been able to do in a fairly ad hoc manner. As we transition the existing clinic into the more specialised formats these appointments will become more flexible and not just on a Wednesday afternoon which they have been in the past. Over the years we have received good feedback on the helpfulness of this summary visit which includes both examination findings for feet, eyes and the rest of the body, as well as review of prescriptions, pathology results and any referrals or care plans that need to be updated.

When a GPMP and TCA is in place the patient is linked to the Practice Nurse for 5 visits if they so choose. As Susie is nearly ratified as a credentialed diabetes educator (CDE) she will be available in two different capacities later next year.

Costs: **Appointment Cost for 30 min appt with Susie Leister PN: \$35**

Medicare Rebate: **\$12**

This could be accessed five times to get the rebate in a 12 month calendar period and has the potential to be used whenever a patient chooses or potentially deliberately spread through the year.

Access to Susie as a private diabetic educator would be included in the EPC referral process if so chosen or recommended. We will inform you of when Susie is allowed to access Medicare in her own right as soon as possible.

There is a review of a GPMP which is also a funded visit which would also be recommended if deemed clinically appropriate. We would anticipate offering this visit once a year as well as a 30 min appointment with Susie.

Appointment cost with Susie PN for review of a GPMP 30 min appt \$Funded

If this appointment is cancelled within 24 hours or you do not attend, there will be a DNA fee which currently is \$50 to ensure her valuable time is not wasted.

Thus to summarise at the moment for existing diabetic patients there would be the potential for one paid visit in a 12 month period in 2016 the way we are trying to set up our gold standard management. If your condition is well controlled the aim is for 3-4 visits only in the 12 months. The issue ADE will have is the inability to provide on the day appointments – please see newsletter Oct 15.

[*Please make sure that you indicate to reception staff what your intentions are for the appointment so that they can book correctly.](#)

[Prices and information listed is subject to change. Correct as at 31/01/16](#)