



Quick Reference for Top Surgery Mastectomy

PLEASE NOTE: WE DO NOT REQUIRE OHIP PRE-APPROVAL FOR YOUR CLIENT TO BE SEEN IN CONSULTATION.

As our clinic opens and stabilizes, We have found it useful to break top surgery into two phases: Before Ministry Funding (BMF) and After Ministry Funding (AMF)

We are currently in the BMF phase, therefore:

-Patients who have OHIP pre-approval: Contouring is mandatory and at a price of **\$5300+HST**. We will accept these referrals now and schedule them in for consults right away to plan surgery ASAP. If, for some miraculous reason we go into AMF before their surgery date, we would lower their cost.

-If someone wants to pay COMPLETELY out of pocket (i.e. no OHIP pre-approval), the price is around \$11 000.

Once we get into the AMF phase:

-Contouring will be OPTIONAL (i.e. if they can't afford it, or don't want or need it—and this is a lot of folks), they will have no out of pocket costs above and beyond what one would pay for a hospital-based surgery like an appendectomy (so, travel costs, meds, maybe dressings)

-If they want contouring, it will be around the \$3100-\$3500 range.

We **ARE** accepting referrals for the AMF phase. When we get a referral for top surgery that already has approval, we contact the patient and tell them that we're in the BMF phase, that contouring is *CURRENTLY* mandatory around \$6000 and give them the choice to wait until AMF or move forward, with no current guarantees that we will ever exit the BMF phase (because it's possible our application will be blocked/denied). If the patient decides to wait, we put them in our AMF queue. We try our very best to not come across as selling or coercing contouring. If you hear that someone has had this experience, please let us know at drbryan@catalystsurgical.ca

What we are suggesting to practitioners is that until we are in the AMF phase, that they double refer to us and to a back-up surgeon; and that they write the back-up surgeon's name on the pre-approval (since it's very easy to change that later).

If the referral needs to be in the AMF queue no matter what, we're asking practitioners to make sure that's stated on the referral so we don't approach the client about the possible \$6000 contouring fee.

I apologize for the confusion over all of this but it's the only way we can do things for now until we stabilize :) As always, you can email me at drbryan@catalystsurgical.ca