

Patient Charges

The Department of Health & Children decides the public hospital rates for the emergency department, daily in-patient charges and day cases.

Any patient without a medical card or with a GP only visit card must pay for the services given to them (these are called statutory charges). However, hospital services are free to the following groups of people:

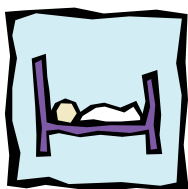
When you attend the Emergency Department

- If you have a medical card
- If you are getting treatment for some infectious disease
- If you are admitted to hospital from the Emergency Department (then you will be billed for in-patient or day charges)
- If you have a referral letter from your GP
- If you are a member of the defence forces or a dependant
- If you are entitled to hospital services because of EU regulations

When you are an in-patient

- If you have a medical card
- If you are getting treatment for some infectious disease
- If you are a member of the defence forces or a dependant
- If you have paid the maximum charge in another hospital
- If you are entitled to hospital services because of EU regulations

Private Patients:



If you wish to be treated as a private patient you must pay for the room charges (public, private or semi-private) as well as all fees from all the consultants involved in your care.

The hospital operates direct payment schemes with the VHI, Quinn, Aviva, GARDA, ESB and Prison Officers.

Non EU short term visitors:

Patients admitted from countries outside the EU must pay for the cost of their treatment at the *full economic rate**.

When you attend the hospital, you should contact your insurance provider to tell them that you may be admitted to the hospital for treatment. Make sure you are covered for treatment and ask for a 'declaration of cover' to be faxed or emailed directly to the Patient Accounts Department.

RTA - (Road Traffic Accident)

Patients who attend the hospital following a RTA must pay the statutory charges in the Emergency Department and as in-patients.

Patients who are making a legal claim in respect of this accident, are charged at the *full economic rate** for emergency, out-patients and in-patients treatments.

**Full economic cost is the average bed day rate calculated based on the previous year's financial statements.*

Patient Accounts Department:

Patient Enquiries:	00 353 (1) - 803 2211 / 2822 / 2269 / 2426
Direct Payments / Private Insurance:	00 353 (1) - 803 2856 / 2857 / 2594
Road Traffic:	00 353 (1) - 803 2314
Fax:	00 353 (1) - 803 4782
Email:	patientaccounts@mater.ie

An Information leaflet on Finance Frequently Asked Questions is available throughout the hospital.

How to Pay:

The hospital accepts payment in the following way:

- ✓ Cash payments can be made between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm, Monday to Friday. Please enquire at the main concourse (reception) desk and you will be directed to the appropriate area.
- ✓ Cheque / Postal Order
- ✓ Credit Card
- ✓ Bank Transfer

More details on how to pay your bill are included with your invoice.