

Claims forms	£36.00	POA Certificate	£240.00
Clinical Waste forms	no charge	Pregnancy test	£9.60
Coroners report	no charge	Private certificates	£26.40
Court of Protection	£67.80	Private consultations GP	£72.00
Cremation papers	£82.00	Private consultation Nurse	£24.00
Disability living allowances	£40.20	Private Home Visit	£108.00
DS1500	£20.40	Private Tel consultation	£24.00
DVLA	£57.60	Private letter	£36.00
Elderly fitness to drive	£90.72	Private prescriptions	£26.40
Fitness to travel/attend	£54.00	PVT ECG'S	£48.00 +

FOSTERING EXAMINATIONS, FROM TYPES  
WILL BE ON THE FORMS TO BE COMPLET-  
ED AND WE CHARGE THE FOSTERING FEE.

AH (medical of carer)	£96.57
AH2 (update of carer)	£29.23
C, D, YP and AME (full medical of child)	£180.00

IHA (medical of looked after child)	£258.00
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M, B(obstetric neonatal reports)	£53.94
Further info	£28.92

HGV/PSV examination	£144.00
Holiday cancellation	£36.00
Insurance reports	£106.80
Kent County Constabulary	£53.28
Kent County Council	£27.60
Medical examination	£197.40
Mouth swab sampling + hair test	£48.00
National care standards commission	£36.00

Occupational health	£50.40
Patient to see report	FREE
Subject Access Requests	- <b>Please refer to other leaflet available on Access to medical Records</b>

Pre-employment medical and reports

Private	£228.00
Local Authority	£144.72
NHS worker	£56.52

fee for interpretation	£24.00
Solicitor reports	£113.16
Standard Letter (i.e. travel, school, housing, uni, twimc, benefits)	£12.00
Taxi Medical	£72.00
Veterans Agency	£39.09

**THE PRACTICE WILL NOT CERTIFY  
SHOTGUN CERTIFICATES OR  
COUNTERSIGN PASSPORT FORMS**

VACCINATION FEES

**(fees for patients not registered)**

Tetanus/diphtheria/polio	£22.00
Typhoid	£27.50
Hepatitis A	£66.00
Combined Hep A + Typhoid	£137.50

**(fees chargeable for all patients)**

Cholera	£22.00
Hepatitis B x 3	£125.00
Hepatitis booster	£40.00
Japanese B Encephalitis	£150.00
Menveo	£35.00
Rabies x 3	£145.00
Rabies booster	£40.00
Tick Bourne Encephalitis	£180.00
Yellow fever + certificate	£55.00

# NORTHGATE MEDICAL PRACTICE

## Chartham & Blean Branch Surgeries

### FEES FOR SERVICES NOT AVAILABLE ON THE NHS



Northgate Medical Practice Tel: 01227 208556

Fax: 0870 890 2435

Chartham Branch Surgery

Tel: 01227 738224

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Blean Branch Surgery

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[www.iwantgreatcare.org](http://www.iwantgreatcare.org)

## **WHY DO GP'S CHARGE?**

The following has been taken from the British Medical Association (BMA) website and hopefully covers the questions that you may wish to ask:

### **Isn't the NHS suppose to be free?**

The NHS provides most health care to most people free of charge, but there are exceptions: prescription charges have existed since 1951 and there are a number of other services for which fees are charged. The charge is made to cover some of the cost of treatment because the service is not covered by the NHS, for example, medical reports for insurance companies.

### **Surely the doctor is being paid anyway?**

It is important to understand that GP's are not employed by the NHS, they are self-employed and they have to cover their costs -staff, buildings, heating, lighting etc. In the same way as any small business. The NHS covers these costs for NHS work, but for non-NHS work the fee has to cover the Doctors costs.

### **What is covered by the NHS and what is not?**

The Governments contract with GP's cover medical services to NHS patients. In recent years, more and more organisations have been involving Doctors in a whole range of non-medical work. Sometimes the only reason that the GP's are asked is because they are in a position of trust in the community, or because an insurance company or employer wants to be sure that information provided is true and accurate.

### **Examples of non-NHS services for which GP's can charge their NHS patients are:**

- Certain travel vaccinations
- Private medical insurance reports
- Typed reports from medical records
- Letter verifying illness for schools and examination boards

### **Examples for non-NHS services for which GP's can charge other institutions are:**

- Medical reports for an insurance company
- Some reports for the DSS/Benefits Agency
- Examinations of local authority employees

### **Why does it sometimes take my GP a long time to complete my form?**

Time spent completing forms and preparing reports takes the GP away from the medical care of his/her patients. Most GP's have a very heavy workload,

the majority work up to 70 hours a week. Paperwork takes up an increasing amount of their time, so many GP's find they have to take some paperwork home at night and weekends.

### **I only need the doctors signature, what's the problem?**

When a Doctor signs a certificate or completes a report, it is a condition of remaining on the Medical Register that they only sign what they know to be true. In order to complete even the simplest of forms, therefore, the Doctor might have to check the patients entire medical record. Carelessness or any inaccurate report can have serious consequences for the Doctor with the General Medical Council or even the police.

### **What will I be charged?**

The BMA recommends that GP's tell patients in advance if they will be charged, and how much. It is up to the individual Doctor to decide how much to charge, but the BMA produces lists of suggested fees which many Doctors use.

### **What can I do to help?**

- Not all documents need signature by a Doctor. For example, you could ask another person in a position of trust who may be willing to sign a document free of charge.
- Do NOT expect your GP to process forms overnight. Urgent requests may mean that a doctor has to make special arrangements to process the form quickly, and this will cost more.

## **BMA RECOMMENDED FEES**

The following charges are for services not offered under the NHS and are within the British Medical Association recommended guidelines. Northgate Medical Practice is registered for VAT (879 137 184) and the prices stated below do include VAT.

### **Fees for services**

Army reports	£78.00
Attendance allowances (AA)	£40.20
Blood test for insurance purposes	£30.00
Blood test - paternity	£48.00
BUPA reports	£106.80
CICA	£46.80