



# Dr Brianna Joseph

## New Patient information Feb 2025

*Dr BRIANNA JOSEPH (open to new patients)*

*Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 9.15am-1pm, 2pm-5pm*

*Wednesdays unavailable*

*Services we provide:*

- Many on the day consults
- Online bookings
- Ongoing care with a regular medical practitioner
- Bookings up to 4 weeks in advance
- Expert medical care for all ages
- Chronic disease care
- Flu & COVID vaccines, Travel and general vaccines including children
- Iron Infusions
- Ear Syringing
- Full Skin Checks
- Skin Biopsies & full lesion removals
- Women's health check-ups, including post-natal check
- Cervical Screening Tests (previously known as pap smears)
- Breast Examinations
- STI Checks
- Implanon insertion & removal
- Mirena insertion and removal
- Antenatal care & NEW Shared care
- Carpark consults options for those with respiratory illness
- Telehealth via phone and zoom

- Electronic scripts (escripts) via SMS or email
- Interpreter services can be arranged ahead of time

*Services we provide once we have your medical history, and you are known to our practice*

**(cannot be completed on first appointment)**

- Driver's licence medical assessments – private and commercial
- Interlock device medical assessments
- Workers compensation / insurance (new or ongoing)
- Centrelink Certificates for chronic issues
- GP management plans and team care arrangements (referral to Allied health)
- Mental health care plans (referral to psychology)
- Forms which require knowledge of your health (such as disability applications)
- Cardiovascular Heart Health Check
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Assessments
- Over 75-year-old health assessments
- NDIS forms / applications

***NO Exemptions regarding COVID-19 – including masks and vaccines***

*Medications you will **NOT** be prescribed from our practice:*

- Pain Relief such as Codeine, Endone, Palexia
- Relaxants or sleepers such as Valium (diazepam), zopiclone
- Stimulants such as Dexamphetamines like Ritalin
- The weight loss drug Duromine
- Weight loss injectables will be considered, not at initial consult

**Dr Brianna Joseph is still wearing a mask and prefers her patients to wear one also.**

Every new patient must pay a **DEPOSIT (booking fee)** at the time of booking their first appointment. You must provide 1 days notice to cancel and have the deposit refunded.

INITIAL CONSULT DEPOSIT (booking fee) is \$100 for standard appointment, \$90 for reduced fee appointment (health care card and pensioner card holders, children).

This payment goes towards the cost of your initial appointment, additional administrative work & requesting and reading any outstanding medical information.

Your first appointment is 15 minutes with our nursing staff to gather your medical information and priorities, and then 15 minutes with Dr Brianna Joseph

At the completion of your first appointment, if your appointment stays under 15 minutes, \$43 is payable, with \$42.85 back from Medicare. If you go over time, the fee will be \$120, with \$82.90 back from Medicare. **(These fees are in addition to the deposit).**

We ask you arrive 10 minutes early for your first consult to allow for this paperwork if being seen for a face-to-face appointment.

All new patients will be asked to complete a patient information via HotDoc or in person at reception. We must have your up-to-date Medicare details prior to your first appointment. Photographic identification and any concession cards you have must be accessible if needed.

**OUR PRACTICE values time management & we ask that patients arrive on time & keep their “list” realistic to what can be achieved in 15 minutes and to rebook if there are outstanding issues.**

#### *Cost for a visit*

We are a private billing practice.

We bulkbill GP managements plans, team care arrangements and health assessments.

If you are a pensioner, child or health care card holder, we will offer a reduced rate.

A standard consult is \$100 with a rebate of \$42.85. Out of pocket cost is \$57.15

The reduced standard consult rate is \$90 with a rebate of \$42.85. Out of pocket cost is \$47.15.

A long consult is \$170 with a rebate of \$82.90. Out of pocket cost is \$87.10

The reduced long consult rate is \$160 with a rebate of \$82.90. Out of pocket cost is \$77.10

Telehealth consults are the same pricing as face-to-face consults.

We accept EFTPOS or cash for payment.

We do not offer accounts; all payments must be made on the day of the consult.

Workers' compensations and insurance rates are higher and must be paid on the day of the consult. We do not offer accounts or send the account to the insurer.

For further billing information please discuss with reception.

### *Missed appointments & cancellation policy*

If you miss your first appointment at our practice, **you will not be offered a new appointment**. You need to cancel your first appointment within 1 working days' notice to have your deposit refunded. It is important to let reception know if you cannot make your appointment so that you can be booked again and get your money back.

Missed appointments for current patients will incur a **missed appointment fee that is \$100**.

If needed, we ask that you cancel at least 2 hours before your appointment time otherwise the missed appointment fee applies.

If you are over 5 minutes late to your appointment you *may* be asked to reschedule and *may* not be seen that day.

If you are over 10 minutes late to your appointment the missed appointment fee applies, and you will be asked to reschedule and will NOT be seen that day.

This applies to face to face and telehealth consults.

### *COVID-19 and respiratory symptoms*

We are currently using Telehealth or "carpark consults" for infective symptoms such as cough, runny nose etc.

If you have had a COVID-19 swab with a negative result, if needed we can offer a car consult following an initial telehealth consult.

We support the COVID-19 vaccine and have these in stock for anyone over the age of 12 years old.

### *Results*

You will be contacted via text message, or phone by our registered nurse or your doctor for Abnormal results. You will be advised if you need a face-to-face appointment or a telehealth appointment in the message. We do not call you for normal results. If you do call regarding results, a message will be taken, and our registered nurse will check your result and only call back if it is abnormal. You are welcome to book an appointment to discuss your results even if they are normal.

### *SMS*

You will be sent an SMS reminder one business day before your appointment to allow you time to change this if needed. (See missed appointment fee above for more information on our cancellation policy).

### *Email*

We use email occasionally in rare circumstances such as to email medical certificates to patients. We ask you do not email with any clinical questions or asking for a booking. All appointments and enquiries must be via reception using our phone.

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Call reception on (02) 4971 4044 during business hours to book an appointment.

*Please write back to your email from staff indicating you have read the above and understand and agree to the above policies.*

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*Let our family take care of yours!*

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