

# Hospital Fees for Out-of-Country Visitors

This brochure gives an overview of the most common fees.

Please make sure that you understand the costs associated with your care.

## Overview

- If you are not a Canadian resident with a valid health card, you will be responsible for the cost of your care.
- Nova Scotia Health charges fees for a variety of services based on a cost-recovery model. Fees are subject to change without notice. You will also be charged a fee for accessing your health record. Fees vary.
- Please note that fees are in Canadian funds and may be higher if special services, high-cost procedures, or drugs are used.
- For more information, please contact Nova Scotia Health's Finance Department:
  - Phone (toll-free): 1-844-783-7416

## Emergency Health Services

Patients are responsible for all costs associated with ambulance services provided by Emergency Health Services. For any questions about Ground Ambulance service fees, please contact the Emergency Health Services billing office:

- Phone (toll-free): 1-888-280-8884

## Inpatient Care

If you are admitted to hospital, you will be charged a daily rate. This standard rate includes your room and most services provided by the hospital and staff, including:

- meals
- most drugs and tests
- blood work
- X-rays

This rate does NOT include:

- doctors' fees. You will be billed directly by the doctor.
- telephone and TV services.
- some high-cost drugs and tests.

We try to give you the accommodations you request. But, private and semi-private rooms are not always available.



Ward Rate	Fee/Day	Ward Rate	Fee/Day	Ward Rate	Fee/Day
QEII (Halifax)	\$4,800	Valley Regional	\$3,675	Cape Breton Regional	\$4,140
QEII (Halifax) – ICU	\$21,879	Valley Regional – ICU	\$13,575	Cape Breton Regional – ICU	\$13,479
Dartmouth General	\$3,027	Aberdeen Regional	\$3,105	St. Martha’s Regional	\$3,261
Dartmouth General – ICU	\$9,693	Aberdeen Regional – ICU	\$7,626	St. Martha’s Regional – ICU	\$8,196
South Shore Regional	\$3,609	Colchester East Hants	\$2,682	Glace Bay Regional	\$3,114
South Shore Regional – ICU	\$9,018	Colchester East Hants – ICU	\$7,341	Glace Bay Regional – ICU	\$10,644
Yarmouth Regional	\$3,315	Cumberland Regional	\$2,589	All other facilities	\$2,079
Yarmouth Regional – ICU	\$15,003	Cumberland Regional – ICU	\$8,055		

Preferred accommodations	Fee/day
Semi-private (add-on)	\$170
Private (add-on)	\$210

## Outpatient Services

Common fee examples:

Outpatient Service	Fee	Outpatient Service	Fee	Outpatient Service	Fee
Emergency/outpatient visit	\$897.50	Lab – Blood (per test)	Up to \$225	Day surgery	\$4,842
		Lab – Urine (per test)	Up to \$665	PET	\$5,020
		Lab – Other (per test)	Up to \$102	MRI Scan	\$2,459
		General X-ray	\$137 and up	General Ultrasound	Starting at \$231
		CT scan	\$2,580		

Fees are subject to change without notice.

Doctor’s fees vary and are **NOT** included in these rates.

## Insurance

It is important that you understand what your private insurance does and does not cover.

We recommend that you call your insurer to confirm the extent of your coverage. Due to privacy laws, hospital staff **cannot** do this for you. It is your responsibility to confirm your coverage.

Insurers must provide a guarantee of payment before Nova Scotia Health will submit any claim.

You must give full details of your insurance coverage to the hospital at the time you are admitted.

You are responsible for payment of any amounts not paid by insurance, including cases where the insurer denies the claim. Payment may be made by cash, cheque, debit, Visa, Mastercard®, or American Express® (select locations only).

Payment can be made online at <https://payments.nshealth.ca/>



**IMPORTANT:** Nova Scotia Health does not bill insurance companies directly for outpatient services. You are responsible for making arrangements to pay your bill for outpatient services before you leave the hospital. Exceptions may apply for international students with insurance through their institution.

### Non-urgent Care Options

**811:** Call 811 for health information and advice available from Registered Nurses over the phone for non-emergency and non-urgent health situations 24 hours a day.

**Walk-in Clinics:** Walk-in clinics serve patients with non-urgent medical problems. Fees vary.

