Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

This is to confirm your appointment for:

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***About Your Appointment:***

Your consultation will usually take 60 minutes, however, due to the complex testing that sometimes is required you could be at the surgery for 90 minutes.

All effort will be made to be on time but due to Dr Etheredge’s hospital commitments and very ill patients who need to be seen urgently, delays are not uncommon. We request that you phone the surgery an hour before your appointment time and our staff will be able to tell you if the Doctor is running to time.

Your understanding and patience is appreciated in these circumstances.

Sometimes further tests will be required elsewhere and follow up by Dr Etheredge or our nursing staff will be necessary. Otherwise all results and a letter from Dr Etheredge will be forwarded to your referring doctor.

***Billing:***

***This surgery is a NON BULK BILLING PRACTICE***

***Full payment is expected at the time of your visit.***

***Consultation Fees are as follows:***

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Extended Consult: $450 $550

Extended Review: $250 $295

Initial Consult: $250 $350

Review Consult: $170 $270

Stress Test: $310 $410

Holter Monitor: $280 $380

Cardiac Echo: $331 $426

BP Monitor $185 $200

HeartBug $150 $250

Pensioner = Pen

Health Care Card Holder = HCC

Private (incl Senior Card holders) = Priv

As we do perform quite a lot of different tests at our surgery, we can not list all of our fees. You will only receive one account at the time of your visit and any other tests will be bulk billed and sent to Medicare.

*How can I pay my account:*

We accept:

* Cash
* Credit Cards
* Cheque
* Eftpos

The receipted account will be sent to Medicare electronically and the Medicare component put back into your bank account you have registered with them. The out of pocket expenses vary depending on the type of test and/or consultation.

*What to bring:*

The referral from your GP

Your Medicare Card

Your Pension/Health Care Card

Your Health Fund details

Any recent xrays, scans etc

Any blood test results

A list of your medications and dosage

or Webster Pack

Your completed patient questionnaire

*What to wear:*

You may require a stress test and the best type of clothing is something loose and comfortable ie.slacks/shorts and blouse/tee shirt and comfortable shoes for walking.

*Location and Parking:*

Please take note of the map on the front of this pamphlet.

Our address is:

479 Crown St

West Wollongong

Heading west along Crown St toward Mt Keira the surgery is situated approximately

1 kilometer from the hospital on the opposite side of the road. We are in the same block as the Ambulance Station and approx 100m further west. There is a gray colour brick fence out the front and a large sign above the building

 ‘Medical Specialists

 479’.

You can park directly out the front of the surgery and there is no restriction to parking until 3pm when Crown St becomes a clear way. There is parking at the rear of the surgery reserved for patients who have an appointment after 1.00pm. The driveway is very narrow so caution is required.

There is a Bus Stop out the front of the surgery on both sides of the road.

*Tests performed at the Surgery:*

Cardiac stress (exercise) testing

ECG (electrocardiography)

Lung function (spirometry /oxygen saturation)

Resting Echocardiography

Stress Exercise Echocardiography

Holter ECG monitoring

Heart Bug

Ambulatory (Home) BP monitoring

Signal Average ECG

Events Monitor

Carotid doppler

DVT/Arterial dopplers

Renal artery dopplers

Ankle/arm pressures (ABI’s)

No tests performed at the surgery involve xrays or injected dyes.

Please notify us if you need to cancel so we can move someone into your time slot.

If you have any questions regarding your

appointment please do not hesitate to give us a call

Our phone number is 0242284377

Or visit our Website

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SURGERY HOURS:

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Friday 9am – 1pm

APPOINTMENTS:

By Referral only

