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To our patient:

It will be my privilege to be the assistant surgeon at your upcoming operation. I am very experienced in all forms of Neurosurgery. I have worked with many of Melbourne's Neurosurgeons over the past 25 years, and I have worked with Mr D'Urso for some years now. I regard him as one of the most gifted and compassionate surgeons I have ever met (and I have met many). His surgical skill and decision making are truly amazing.

I look forward to meeting you on the day of surgery, and am happy to answer any last minute questions you may have. At all times your safety and dignity will be paramount in our minds.

Wherever possible I utilise the so-called "Known Gaps" billing schemes, in conjunction with a co-payment. It will hopefully save you some money if it's done this way. It will also save you doing the paperwork and legwork on claims - I will handle it all. Medical insurance is a minefield, but I'll do my best to minimise the cost to you.

I will bill for approximately 20% of Mr D'Urso's total fee. Medicare & your fund will pay for much of it. There will be an account sent by me to your insurer, which will pay for the bulk of the total fee. I will also be sending you a "gap" (co-payment) account, which will be calculated to add up to that 20% amount. Normally it will be about \$275 - \$300 for most funds (Medibank Private, BUPA, AU, HCF, AHM and other AHSA funds). For GMHBA & LaTrobe it will be about \$375, because they pay me less. (If you are with NIB, it does not allow such arrangements, and a bill for the whole fee will be sent to you).

If you have any queries, please call me or email [timhur@netspace.net.au](mailto:timhur@netspace.net.au) (I will try to answer promptly, bearing in mind that I am often in an operating theatre during the day) or if urgent, contact Mr D'Urso's surgery bookings secretary.

I look forward to meeting you on the big day.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Tim Hurren  
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