

# Charges for Termination of Pregnancy (Abortion) at Christchurch Hospital

## Patient Information — Gynaecology

### Do I have to pay?

Most New Zealand citizens or residents do not need to pay for an abortion (termination of pregnancy) as the service is publicly funded. If you are not a New Zealand citizen or resident you will need to check if you are eligible for publicly funded healthcare.

You can look on: <http://www.health.govt.nz/new-zealand-health-system/eligibility-publicly-funded-health-services> or call the Christchurch Hospital patient eligibility team for further information (03) 364 0092 or (03) 364 0957.

Your eligibility for publicly funded healthcare will need to be confirmed by Christchurch Hospital's patient eligibility team, who have direct access to information from Immigration NZ. They may need to see your passport and/or work visa to complete checks.

### What is the cost?

The cost of an abortion at Christchurch Hospital is \$1936 (May 2019).

Full payment of this amount is required prior to your appointment, and is to be paid at the accounts department office, located on the ground floor near the main entrance. Payment is by EFTPOS or Credit Card only.

You will be issued a receipt which you must take to your appointments.

### What does this price include?

- Counselling and/or social work assessment before the abortion.
- Two appointments with certifying consultants (doctors) at Christchurch

Hospital (as required by New Zealand termination of pregnancy legislation).

- Surgical or medical abortion procedure — depending on how many weeks pregnant you are and following discussion with the doctor.
- Contraception advice — there is a cost for some contraception options.

### What is not included?

- Follow up doctors visits, blood test or scans.
- Contraception — there is a cost for some contraception options.
- Treatment required for complications.
- Post abortion counselling.
- Prescription fees charged by pharmacies.

### How can I be seen at Christchurch Hospital?

You cannot make an appointment directly at Christchurch Hospital for an abortion. You will need to make an appointment to see a doctor in the community (GP or family planning clinic) and they will arrange the tests you need:

- Ultrasound scan (dating scan)
- Blood tests
- Vaginal swabs (to exclude infections)

The doctor will need to send a referral to Christchurch Hospital.

You will have to pay for these appointments and tests.

For more information about: - your health and medication, go to [www.healthinfo.org.nz](http://www.healthinfo.org.nz)  
- hospital and specialist services, go to [www.cdhb.health.nz](http://www.cdhb.health.nz)