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This is to confirm your appointment for:

About Your Appointment:

Your consultation will usually take about 1 1/2 hours, however, due to the complex testing that may be required you could be at the surgery for 2 hours.

All effort will be made to be on time but due to Dr Etheredge's hospital commitments and very ill patients who have to be seen urgently delays are common. 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 at a later date and follow up appointments by Dr Etheredge are then necessary to interpret and discuss results.

Billing: **This surgery is a NON BULK BILLING PRACTICE** **Full payment is expected at the time of your visit.**

Consultation Fees are as follows:

	<u>Initial consult</u>	<u>Review</u>
Pensioner:	\$188	\$ 106
HCC holder	\$188	\$ 106
Private	\$258	\$146

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.

If you are attending our surgery for testing, please contact us to discuss the fees.

How can I pay my account:

We accept:

- Cash
- Most Credit Cards
- Cheque
- Eftpos

The receipted account can be taken to Medicare and the rebatable amount (approx 60-75% of total amount) reimbursed to you the same day. The out of pocket expenses vary depending on the type of test and/or consultation. Please contact the surgery regarding this.

What to bring:

The referral from your GP

Your Medicare Card

Your Pension/Health Care Card

Your Health Fund details

Any xrays, ultrasounds or scans you have had recently

Any blood test results

A list of your medications and dosage

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 an plum colour brick fence out the front.

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 on both sides of the road.

Tests performed at the Surgery:

Cardiac stress (exercise) testing
ECG (electrocardiography)
Lung function (spirometry /oxygen saturation / DLCO)
Resting Echocardiography
Stress Exercise Echocardiography
Holter ECG monitoring
Holter rental
Ambulatory (Home) BP monitoring
Signal Average ECG
Events Monitor

No tests performed at the surgery involve xrays or injected dyes although sometimes blood tests may need to be taken. Unfortunately the surgery is not suitable for wheel chair access. Patients who are wheel chair bound would be better assessed at the Wollongong Hospital. Cardiac Echo's could be done through the South Coast Vascular Laboratory which has wheelchair access

If you have any questions regarding your appointment please do not hesitate to give us a call

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Or visit our Website
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SURGERY HOURS:

Monday to Thursday 8.30am - 4.30pm
and Friday 8.30 - 3pm

Closed Weekends and Public Holidays

APPOINTMENTS:

By Referral only

