

## INITIAL VISIT INFORMATION FOR DR HIGGS

Dr Higgs is a subspecialist Urogynaecologist and you will require a referral from your general practitioner or other referring specialist.

Consultations are at Women's Health on Buderim, Suite 14 Nucleus Medical Suites, Buderim Private Hospital on a Wednesday and some Thursday mornings.

**To make an appointment please call 07 5315 5361 during office hours.**

Your appointment will be confirmed in day or so before the appointment. **If you are unable to keep your appointment, please notify the office as soon as possible.** Please note, failure to attend your scheduled appointment without notice may exclude you from further appointments.

### HOW TO FIND US:

Our office is located at the Buderim Private Hospital. Please park in the multi- storey car park and take the blue lift (Lift B) to the second floor, then right to Women's Health on Buderim.

### WHAT TO BRING:

Please bring:

- Doctor's referral letter
- Medicare card
- Private Health Fund card
- any relevant scans and/or pathology results

Other information you can bring with you that may improve your consultation information:

- Download and bring a Bladder Diary [Bladder Diary \(sc-ug.com.au\)](http://sc-ug.com.au)
- Download and bring New Patient Form [New Patient Form \(sc-ug.com.au\)](http://sc-ug.com.au)
- Download and bring Urinary Symptom Questionnaire [Urinary Symptom Q\(sc-ug.com.au\)](http://sc-ug.com.au)

### WHAT TO DO WHILE WAITING FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT

Many conditions of urinary incontinence, pain and vaginal prolapse require initial treatment with a specialist pelvic floor physiotherapist. This is usually worthwhile BEFORE your appointment with Dr Higgs. To find a list of recommended pelvic floor physiotherapists click here. [Physiotherapy List \(sc-ug.com.au\)](http://sc-ug.com.au)

You do not need a doctor's referral to see a physiotherapist but you may ask your local doctor for an EPC (enhanced primary care plan) which will enable you to obtain some Medicare funding for your visit or you may wish to use your private health fund.

### FEES:

An initial consultation fee is \$250.00 (Medicare rebate of \$76.15 with a referral). Payment is required on the day and may be made with a credit card or EPFTOS.

If other investigations or treatment are required on the day, further charges may be applicable.

If surgery is required, Dr Higgs charges AMA fees and a quotation will be provided pre operatively.