

The cost of treatment

If you've never had private medical treatment before, it's difficult to know how much you can expect to pay for different treatments. So you may question with Healthguard how much cover you need and will it be enough? Looking at the figures below you can see just how much treatments can cost. Prices do vary between hospitals and will depend on the complexity of the treatment, but this gives you a general guide¹.

Treatment	From	To
Breast lump removal	£1,530	£2,500
Cataract removal	£1,700	£3,250
Colposcopy	£400	£1,100
Coronary angioplasty	£8,800	£14,175
Gastroscopy	£700	£1,750
Hernia surgery	£1,650	£3,800
Hip replacement	£8,200	£10,300
Knee joint arthroscopy	£1,650	£3,150
Prostate surgery	£4,050	£5,100
Varicose vein treatment (one leg)	£1,650	£2,300

The question you should be asking is, with traditional private medical insurance are you being over insured?

¹ <http://www.spirehealthcare.com/Patient-Information/Paying-for-treatment/Guide-prices-for-Spire-treatments/> correct as at September 2009