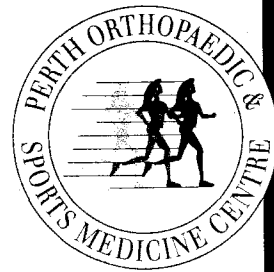


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NOTIFICATION TO DVA PATIENTS

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Dear Patient

A recent notice has been placed in our practice from 1 November 2009 in relation to the Medicare Rebate for joint injections. The rebate for injections both for Private patients and DVA patients has now been withdrawn by the Federal Government in the absence of any formal consultation with patient or medical groups.

Should you require an injection at the time of consultation, a fee will be raised. Unfortunately, this will not attract a rebate from either Medicare or DVA.

Currently the cost for these injections will now be borne directly by patients.

We are seeking your support to contact your local Member of Parliament to protest this recent action by the Federal Minister for Health.

Best wishes

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