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HOSPITALS RULES.

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1976/090	–	
1976/145	–	
1977/080	Sch.4	
1979/063	rr. 2, 4(1)-(4) and (6) and 6 and Schs.1, 2 and 3	
1980/144	Sch.2	
1985/011	rr. 2, 4, 5, 6, 11, 13, Schs.1, 2, 3, 5 and 6	1.3.1985
1985/031	Sch. 2	7.3.1985
1985/116	Sch. 1 and 2	7.11.1985
1986/098	Sch. 2	2.10.1986
1988/003	rr. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10(3) and (4), 13, 14, 16, 17 and Sch. 5.	31.3.1988
1989/079	rr. 4, 5, 6, 7, Schs.1 and 4	1.10.1989
1989/090	Sch. 2	11.10.1989
1990/016	Sch. 1	15.2.1990
1990/136	r. 2	18.10.1990
1991/029	Sch. 1	14.2.1991
1991/077	Sch. 1	9.5.1991
1991/215	r. 2	21.11.1991
1992/044	Sch. 1	26.3.1992
1995/077	Sch. 1	1.7.1995
1998/060	Sch. 5	16.7.1998

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Title.

1. These Rules may be cited as the Hospitals Rules.

Interpretation.

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires, –

“accommodation” includes, nursing, dressings, medicines and food;

“Board^{*}” means the Board of Management for the Medical and Health Services established under section 70 of the Ordinance;

“entitled person” means –

- (a) a person registered as a member of the Medical Group Practice Scheme, or a dependant of such a person, in accordance with section 3(2) of the Medical (Group Practice Scheme) Ordinance;
- (b) *Omitted*
- (c) *Omitted*
- (d) a national of a Member State of the European Economic Community who is in possession of Form E111 issued by the competent authority of the Member State of the Community of which he is a national (hereinafter referred to as “an EEC national”);

hospital means any hospital provided or maintained by the Authority;

“non-entitled person” means any person other than an entitled person;

“patient” includes an expectant or nursing mother;

“school age” means the upper limit of compulsory school age as prescribed by or under the Education Ordinance².

Admission of patients.

^{*} **N.B.** In the definition of Board, s.70 of the Medical and Health Ordinance (Ord. 1973-05) was repealed by s.25(1) and para 14 of the Schedule to the Medical (Gibraltar Health Authority) Ordinance (Ord. 1987-34).

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3.(1) Any entitled person who, in the opinion of the Specialist in Community Medicine, is in need of hospital treatment, shall be entitled to be admitted to a hospital either as an in-patient or as an out-patient for the purpose of receiving such treatment.

(2) Save in cases of emergency, no non-entitled person shall be admitted to a hospital for the purpose of receiving medical attention or treatment, as an in-patient or as an out-patient, without the permission of the Specialist in Community Medicine, and the Specialist in Community Medicine may grant or refuse such permission in his discretion.

Fees payable by in-patients.

4.(1) In respect of an entitled person admitted to a public ward, there shall be payable the fees set out in the first column of Schedule 1.

(2) In respect of an entitled person admitted to a private ward, there shall be payable the fees set out in the second column of Schedule 1.

Provided that an entitled person coming within subparagraph (d) of the definition of "entitled person" contained in Rule 2 shall pay fees as a non-entitled person when in a private ward.

(3) In respect of a non-entitled person admitted to a private ward, there shall be payable the fees set out in the third column of Schedule 1.

(4) Any patient admitted in the first instance to a public ward, who, within three weeks of such admission, is at his own request transferred to a private ward shall pay the fees set out in the second or third column of Schedule 1 for services (other than accommodation) payable in respect of a private ward as from the date of admission to the public ward.

(5) Where any operation is performed on any patient, the General Manager may in his discretion upon being satisfied that in the circumstances of the case it is equitable so to do, direct that the fee to be charged in respect of that operation shall be such as he certifies to be the correct sum payable.

Fees payable by out-patients.

5. For every attendance or treatment of an entitled or non-entitled person as an out-patient at any dispensary or clinic conducted at or in connection with a hospital there shall be payable the fees set out in Schedule 1, as the case may be:

Provided that:—

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- (a) the General Manager may, because of the financial circumstances of the out-patient or of any person liable for the payment of the fees, remit the fees in whole or in part;
- (b) no fee shall be payable by any entitled person, who is not a private patient, in respect of any attendance at an ante-natal clinic.

Pathology.

6. In respect of any patient for pathological examinations there shall be payable the fees set out in Schedule 1.

7. *Revoked*

No fee payable in certain cases.

8. Notwithstanding any other provision of these rules, no fee shall be charged –

- (a) in respect of an entitled person suffering from an infectious disease whose admission to a hospital is deemed by the Specialist in Community Medicine to be in the interests of public health and who is accommodated in a public ward; or
- (b) in respect of treatment for venereal disease of any person eligible for treatment as an out-patient or an in-patient and who is accommodated in a public ward.

Private ward for confinement.

9. Any person requiring a private ward for a confinement shall make application therefor in the form set out in Schedule 5.

Payment and recovery of fees.

10. (1) The fees payable in accordance with these rules shall be due and payable on demand.

(2) Save in cases of emergency, any fee which may be charged in respect of any out-patient under the provisions of rule 5 shall be paid before that person shall be entitled to receive any medical attendance at a dispensary or clinic.

(3) The General Manager may require that, in respect of any person who has applied to be admitted to a hospital as an in-patient there shall be given such security as the General Manager may deem sufficient for the payment of any fees which may become payable in respect of such person under the

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provisions of these rules, and the General Manager may refuse to admit to the hospital any such person in respect of whom such security has not been given.

(4) All sums due and remaining unpaid in respect of fees prescribed by these rules shall be recoverable ... as a civil debt by the Authority from the person in respect of whom they are payable or from any person who is responsible for the payment of such fees or on whose application that person was admitted to the hospital or who was provided with any treatment specified in the Schedules.

11. *Revoked*

Assessment of accommodation fees.

12. In assessing the fees due under these rules in respect of accommodation the day of admission and the day of discharge shall be treated as a single day.

Removal of patients from hospital in certain cases.

13. Any person who enters a hospital for any reason whatsoever may be removed therefrom by direction of the General Manager if he fails to comply with any directions given to him by a medical officer or if his conduct is such that, in the opinion of the General Manager his continued presence in the hospital is prejudicial to the comfort or well being of other patients or to the general administration of the hospital.

Remission of fees.

14. The Authority may for any good cause shown remit any fees payable under these rules, in whole or in part.

Visits to patients.

15. Visits to patients in a hospital may be made only at such times and for such periods as the Board may direct.

Delegation of powers.

16. The General Manager may delegate in writing all or any of the powers vested in him by these rules.

Classification of patients.

17. The General Manager shall decide whether any person is an entitled person or a non-entitled person.

SCHEDULE 1.

GENERAL IN-PATIENTS AND OUT-PATIENTS.

Rule 4.

Description of Service	Public Ward Patients	Private Ward Patients	
	Entitled persons members of the Group Practice Medical Scheme persons coming under the reciprocal agreement and EEC Nationals	Entitled persons	Non Entitled persons
1. Accommodation	Free	£40.00	£80.00
2. Accommodation (Day Case)	Free	£40.00	£80.00
3. Use of Operating Theatre			
(i) Less than 10 minutes	Free	£20.00	£20.00
(ii) More than 10 minutes but less than 30 minutes	Free	£45.00	£45.00
(iii) More than 30 minutes	Free	£70.00	£70.00
4. Endoscopy	Free	As Theatre	As Theatre
5. Consultation (Specialist clinic)	Free	£ 7.00	£7.00
6. Consultation (Domicillary)	Free	-	-
7. Audiometry	Free	£ 5.00	£5.00
8. Electro-convulsion Therapy (per treatment)	Free	£30.00	£30.00
9. Use of Electro-Cardiogram or Phonocardiogram	Free	£10.00	£10.00
10. Use of Encephalogram	Free	£40.00	£40.00
11. Pathology			
Chemical Pathology 1			
Glucose	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Urea	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Sodium	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Potassium	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Chloride	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Bircarbonate	Free	£5.00	£5.00

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Calcium	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Phosphorus	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Creatinine	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Total Protein	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Bilirubin	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Iron	Free	£5.00	£5.00
TIBC	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Bence Jones Protein	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Bromsulphthalein test	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Reducing substances (screen)	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Amylase	Free	£5.00	£5.00
GOT	Free	£5.00	£5.00
GPT	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Cholesterol(Total)	Free	£5.00	£5.00
HDL Cholesterol	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Urate	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Alkaline phosphatase	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Acid phosphatase (total)	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Acid phosphatase (prostatic)	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Tryptic activity	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Triglycerides	Free	£5.00	£5.00
LDH	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Lithium	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Proteins	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Creatine Kinase	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Calcium (urine)	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Urate (urine)	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Phosphate (urine)	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Creatinine clearance	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Urea clearance	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Oxalate (urine)	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Thyroxine	Free	£15.00	£15.00
Protein electrophoresis	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Bence Jones protein electrophoresis	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Glucose tolerance test	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Salicylates	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Paracetamol	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Alphafetoprotein	Free	£10.00	£10.00
5HIAA	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Cholinesterase	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Glycosylated Hb	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Cystine Screen	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Porphyrin Screen	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Stone analysis	Free	£15.00	£15.00
Blood gases	Free	£15.00	£15.00
Barbiturates	Free	£15.00	£15.00
Alcohol	Free	£15.00	£15.00

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Faecal Fats	Free	£15.00	£15.00
Liver function tests (Proteins, bilirubin, alk, phosphatase, GPT)	Free	£20.00	£20.00
VMA	Free	£20.00	£20.00
Phenytoin	Free	£20.00	£20.00
Chromatography	Free	£20.00	£20.00
Keto and oxogenic steroids	Free	£20.00	£20.00
Immunoglobulins	Free	£20.00	£20.00
Sweat Sodium	Free	£20.00	£20.00
Carbamazepime	Free	£20.00	£20.00
Theophylline	Free	£20.00	£20.00
Phenytoin	Free	£20.00	£20.00
Gamma G.T.	Free	£5.00	£5.00
T.S.H.	Free	£15.00	£15.00
Growth Hormone	Free	£15.00	£15.00
LH	Free	£15.00	£15.00
FSH	Free	£15.00	£15.00
Estradiol	Free	£15.00	£15.00
Prolactin	Free	£15.00	£15.00
Ferritin	Free	£20.00	£20.00
Digoxin	Free	£15.00	£15.00
IgE (total)	Free	£20.00	£20.00
AFP	Free	£15.00	£15.00
PSA	Free	£25.00	£25.00
Urea Electrolytes	Free	£20.00	£20.00
Thyroid function tests	Free	£25.00	£25.00
Haematology and Blood Transfusion, Serology 2			
Hb PCV Film	Free	£5.00	£5.00
WBC and Differential	Free	£5.00	£5.00
ESR	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Platelets	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Reticulocytes	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Film-malaria etc	Free	£5.00	£5.00
PCTR	Free	£5.00	£5.00
PTT	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Bleeding time	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Clotting time	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Fibrinogen	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Group Rh Factor	Free	£5.00	£5.00
CDE	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Foetal cells	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Sickle cell screen	Free	£5.00	£5.00
RA test	Free	£5.00	£5.00
CR protein test	Free	£5.00	£5.00

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Cold agglutinins	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Paul Bunell screen	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Widal screen	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Pregnancy test	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Monospot	Free	£5.00	£5.00
ASO titre	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Widal complete	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Routine complete count film	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Direct or Indirect AHG	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Rh Pos genotype	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Complete count, ESR Platelets and Retics	Free	£10.00	£10.00
LE cells	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Cross Match – per donor	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Rh neg genotype	Free	£10.00	£10.00
ABO Rh grouping (Rh neg)	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Rhesus antibody titre	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Antibody screen	Free	£15.00	£15.00
HCG Titre	Free	£15.00	£15.00
Hb Electrophoresis	Free	£20.00	£20.00
Bone marrow examination	Free	£15.00	£25.00
Fibrin degradation products	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Microbiology 3			
Microscopy Sputum AAFB	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Faeces Ova cysts etc	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Occult Blood	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Bile pigments	Free	£5.00	£5.00
PKU	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Microscopy Urine AAFB	Free	£5.00	£5.00
TPHA	Free	£5.00	£5.00
VDRL	Free	£5.00	£5.00
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Scrapings for fungi	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Lange's curve	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Cryptosporidia	Free	£5.00	£5.00
Routine, mic culture and sensitivity on:			
Urine	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Sputum	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Eye swabs	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Ear swabs	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Wound swabs	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Urethral swabs	Free	£10.00	£10.00
HVS	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Miscellaneous swabs, fluids	Free	£10.00	£10.00

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Faeces	Free	£10.00	£10.00
DGI	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Scrapings for fungi (collected at lab)	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Sputum AAFB Culture	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Urine AAFB Culture	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Blood Culture	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Chlamydia	Free		£20.00
		£20.00	
Rotavirus	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Mycoplasma	Free	£10.00	£10.00
HBSAg	Free	£15.00	£15.00
CSF Complete			
Routine(cell counts, mic, glucose protein chloride, culture)	Free	£20.00	£20.00
Gentamycin levels	Free	£20.00	£20.00
HIV Antibody	Free	£20.00	£20.00
Seminal Fluid	Free	£10.00	£10.00
Seminal Fluid for infertility	Free	£20.00	£20.00
Hepatitis A	Free	£25.00	£25.00
Toxoplasma IgM	Free	£15.00	£15.00
Toxoplasma IgG	Free	£15.00	£15.00
CMV IgM	Free	£15.00	£15.00
CMV IgG	Free	£15.00	£15.00
Rubella IgM	Free	£15.00	£15.00
Rubella IgG	Free	£15.00	£15.00
Anti-HBs	Free	£15.00	£15.00
HAV IgM	Free	£25.00	£25.00
Vidas RSV	Free	£15.00	£15.00
Direct microscopy	Free	£10.00	£10.00
12. Analytical Work (per unit)	Free	£7.50	£7.50
13. Physiotherapy(for treatment in any 1 day)	Free	£5.50	£5.50
14. Speech Therapy (for treatment in any 1 day)	Free	£9.00	£9.00
15. Occupational Therapy (for treatment in any 1 day)	Free	£9.00	£9.00
16. Radio Diagnosis (Chest)	Free	£8.00	£8.00
(i) others	Free	£6.50 for each of the first six units and thereafter £1 for each additional	£6.50 for each of the first six units and thereafter £1 for each additional

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(ii) Minimum charge	Free	unit £8.00	unit £8.00
17. HIV Drugs	Free	Cost plus 20%	Cost plus 20%
18. Drugs to take out	Free	Cost plus 10%	Cost plus 10%
19. Prostheses	Free	Cost plus 10%	Cost plus 10%
Histopathology and Cytology 4			
Cytology	Free	£10.00 for the first unit and thereafter £5.00 for each additional unit	£10.00 for the first unit and thereafter £5.00 for each additional unit
Histopathology	Free	£20.00 for the first unit and thereafter £5.00 for each additional unit	£20.00 for the first unit and thereafter £5.00 for each additional unit

NOTES

1. Members of the Group Practice Medical Scheme shall only be entitled to receive free treatment if they have been referred for consultation by a doctor under the scheme.
2. The General Manager may, because of the financial circumstances of the patient or, of any person liable for the payment of the fees, remit the fee in whole or in part.
3. There shall be no entitlement to free medicines for out patients who access services privately.
4. The results of private diagnostic investigations form part of the private medical record owned by the requesting practitioner.
5. The cost of appliances provided for private patients will be met by the patient concerned. In other cases the patient's share of the cost of the appliances will be determined by a means test.

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Rule 9.

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APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE ROOM FOR CONFINEMENT.

To the Gibraltar Health Authority

Sir

I hereby signify my intention to be accommodated in a private room if one is available at the time of my confinement and I understand that I shall be required to pay the fees shown in the Second Schedule to the above Rules.

I further understand that whether I am accommodated in a private room or in a general ward I shall be liable for the fees laid down in the above Rules.

Date:

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Signature of Patient:

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