

Practical Information on Surgical Mesh: what do I need to know?

Appendix Two

ACC Summary of entitlements

This is not a conclusive list- ask ACC what you are specifically entitled to.

Treatment costs	Contribution to a range of treatment costs, including but not limited to; visits to general practitioners and other health professionals, for example physiotherapists, psychologists, specialists, surgeons, radiologists, pain management services.
Prescription medicine	Reimbursement of the costs of pharmaceuticals linked to the covered injury
GP costs	If you visit a GP for an ACC covered claim, there will be a co-payment that the client will pay. The amount payable by the client is dependent on how much the GP bills the client above the \$32.02 (GST excl) that ACC pays for the consultation.

MANAGING AT HOME

Home help	Help with general housework such as cleaning, vacuuming, laundry
Attendant care	Help with personal care such as showering, bathing, getting dressed
Childcare	Help with care of children, including taking them to and from school
Equipment	Personal aids to help cope better at home, for example, shower stool, kitchen trolley

AT WORK

Weekly compensation	Payment of a weekly amount (usually up to 80% of the client's average weekly income) while off work because of an injury
Rehabilitation plan	This can include a fitness programme, guidance on gradually returning to work, workplace equipment and retraining if necessary

TRANSPORT

Travel subsidy	Payment towards public or private transport costs to and from work or treatment (includes taxis)
Accommodation	Help with accommodation costs for out-of-town treatment, flights if needed

SERIOUS INJURY

Lump sum payment	A tax-free, one-off payment for permanent impairment resulting from an injury
Car and home modifications	Contribution to the purchase of a car (and/or modification) and home modifications such as ramps, widening doorways

Mental Impairment injury

A client may develop a mental injury as a result of their covered treatment injury, for example, depression. If this happens the first step is that ACC will arrange a mental injury assessment. The purpose of this assessment is to link the mental injury to the covered physical injury. We call these Mental Injury caused by Physical Injury (MICPI). If a client is then covered for depression, the impairment from that additional diagnosis can be considered for lump sum compensation, alongside the other covered injuries. The assessments are carried out by medical practitioners trained in the use of the AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment – 4th Edition. Following this assessment, a client is assigned an impairment rating and, if above 10%, clients receive monetary compensation depending on the extent of This is a complex situation, ACC encourages anyone in this situation to talk to ACC directly.

The specific entitlements each client will have access to will depend on their individual injury. Historical expenses can be claimed from ACC if the client has receipts for those. The client's recovery team member will be able to help clients work through the entitlements that will be available to them. ACC also have a navigation service, details of which can be found on ACC website: <https://www.acc.co.nz/im-injured/claim-help/get-independent-support/>