

## How much will my appointment with Dr. Bressler cost?

Costs for office visits are based on two factors:

1. Face-to-face time with Dr. B
2. Fees for injections (e.g. flu shot) or procedures (e.g. EKG)

The fee for direct time with Dr. Bressler is \$50 per tenth-of-an hour.

Here are some examples with the *estimated* costs:

1. An appointment to review lab results, which typically takes 5–10 minutes, is \$50–100.
2. A school physical usually takes 10–15 minutes with a fee of \$100–150.
3. An annual physical usually takes 15--30 minutes with a fee of \$150--250.
4. An appointment to evaluate, discuss and plan treatment of a complicated condition such as colitis, dizziness or depression typically takes about 20--30 minutes with a fee of \$200–250.
5. A visit for a respiratory infection, which typically takes about 10—15 minutes, is \$100--150.
6. A visit for a complicated emergency (cardiac chest pain, pneumonia, severe abdominal pain) typically takes 30—45 minutes with a fee of \$250—375.

The duration of new patient visits are scheduled according to their level of complexity. Patients with long-standing, complex problems (for example chronic fatigue, major metabolic abnormalities or autoimmune diseases) are scheduled for 1 hour. Simpler problems are scheduled for 15–45 minutes depending on Dr Bressler's estimate of the time needed.

If you need more than the time allotted, it may be possible to have that time on the same day, depending on Dr. B's schedule. Otherwise, a follow-up visit will be scheduled to complete the consultation and treatment plan. You are **ONLY** charged for the time spent directly with Dr. Bressler. If we schedule 30 minutes for your visit and you only spend 20 minutes with the doctor, then you are only charged for those 20 minutes. Also, the time it takes for the nurses to do injections or procedures are not used to calculate the face-to-face time with Dr B.