



**Singapore Buddhist Free Clinic**  
**Notice of adjustment of Medical and Acupuncture treatment fees**

According to our 2016 statistics, our Clinic’s annual expenditure is around 6.27 million dollars, and our annual total number of patients is more than 300K. Hence on average, our medical cost per patient is about \$20.

Our Clinic’s last adjustment of treatment fee is on January 1987 (from 50 cents to a dollar). From January 1991 onwards, we give patients of 60 years old and above free medical treatment (including medicine and acupuncture).

Over the 30 years, our medical and labor costs have been rising rapidly. The national life index and income has also largely increased. To make up to our expenditure and to continue to provide a high quality service, all our clinic branches will adjust our treatment fees with effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 as below:

- Medication for general diagnosis is \$2 per day
- Acupuncture is \$3 per visit
- Patients age 65 and above are free of charge\*

\* Patients who are 61-65 years old are not affected. Our age of exemption will be phased over the next 5 years as follow:

- From April 2018 onwards, medical treatment for patients of age 61 and above is free of charge
- From January 2019 onwards, medical treatment for patients of age 62 and above is free of charge
- From January 2020 onwards, medical treatment for patients of age 63 and above is free of charge
- From January 2021 onwards, medical treatment for patients of age 64 and above is free of charge
- From January 2022 onwards, medical treatment for patients of age 65 and above is free of charge

We hope that this adjustment will be in the affordable range to everyone, and the poor and needy would still be able to apply for a fee waiver.

Registration①	Diagnosis	With effect from 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2018 Medication and Acupuncture fee		
		Category	Below 61 ②	Above 61
Free	Free	Medication for General Diagnosis	\$2/per day	Free
		Acupuncture	\$3/per visit	
		Cancer Medication	\$3/per day	
① All first time patients will be given a free registration card. The card can be used to register the patient’s visit at all our clinics. All visits without the card may hold up registration process. Please report to the clinic if the card is lost, the replacement fee is \$5.				
② For patients of low income or on welfare benefits, they may apply for fee exemption.				