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## REMINDER ON THE PREVENTION CAMPAIGNS

The prevention campaigns carried out by the Society since some years have fully proved their worth and, in terms of preventive care in general, we would like to remind you that the Society provides 100% coverage for the following interventions:

- Breast scans (mammographies), PSA tests to detect prostate cancer, TSH tests to check for thyroid problems, and HIV and hepatitis C tests;
- Standard blood tests for retirees, as carried out by UNOG and UNHCR medical services;
- Influenza vaccinations for retirees, as organized every year by the Society at the Palais des Nations.

For further details of coverage of such treatment please see the relevant Society circulars giving details of preventive care or contact the Society directly.

## INFORMATION ON SPECIAL AGREEMENTS

For some years now, the Society has worked with the health insurance schemes of ILO/ITU, CERN and WHO to negotiate agreements with a range of health-care providers, with the aim of expanding its network of service providers who offer high-quality care at reasonable rates.

These agreements are a component of the Society's strategy to keep costs down and have without doubt exerted a restraining influence on trends in the Society's expenditure.

Without prejudice to the principle that Society members are free to choose their care providers, you are urged to give some thought to the benefits offered by the providers who have entered into agreements with the Society.

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## Hospitals and specialist clinics

Agreements have been negotiated with the following providers for 2010 and 2011, rates that were established through these agreements represent substantial reductions compared to listed rates:

- La Tour Hospital (Hôpital de la Tour) ;
- Carouge Clinic (Clinique de Carouge) ;
- Meyrin Health Centre (Centre Médical de Meyrin) ;
- Générale-Beaulieu Clinic (Clinique Générale-Beaulieu) ;
- Grangettes Clinic (Clinique des Grangettes) ;
- Nyon Area Hospital (Hôpital de Zone de Nyon);
- La Lignière Clinic (Clinique La Lignière) ;
- Genolier Clinic (Clinique de Genolier) ;
- La Métairie Clinic (Clinique La Métairie) : agreement valid until end 2010 ;
- Vaud University Hospital, Lausanne (Les Hospices-CHUV) ;
- Cantonal clinics (Cliniques Genevoises) Joli-Mont and Montana ;
- Chantepoulet Medical Practice (Groupe Médical de Chantepoulet) ;
- Fondation genevoise pour le dépistage du cancer du sein (FGDCS), a trust that promotes the detection of breast cancer, and the Association des médecins du canton de Genève (Medical Association of the Canton of Geneva, AMG).

It is to be noted that an agreement was negotiated with the Grangettes Clinic (Clinique des Grangettes) which now offers conditions that are aligned with those of other private Clinics with which our Society has concluded rates agreements.

## Medical laboratories

The agreement with Unilabs, covering tests on samples taken at Unilabs centres, has been renewed.

## Pharmacies

The **Sun Store** group of pharmacies do not require you to pay a patient (case file) surcharge or a pharmacist surcharge.

The **Pharmacie des Crêts-de-Champel** (6 chemin des Crêts-de-Champel, 1206 Genève) gives a discount of 10% on medicines and other goods and does not levy a patient (case file) surcharge.

The **Pharmacie Solidarité** (38 avenue d'Aire, 1203 Genève) gives a discount of 5% on medicines and does not levy a pharmacist surcharge or a patient (case file) surcharge.

We would like to remind you that the Society does not reimburse the patient surcharge (for maintaining your case or treatment file) but does cover the pharmacist surcharge.

For the same medicines, prices are generally 20-50% or more lower in neighbouring France than in Switzerland. The Society reimburses medicines purchased in France on a prescription from a Swiss doctor. The Society also reimburses generic medicines suggested by pharmacists as a substitute for those prescribed by the doctor. Indeed, you are strongly urged to use generic medicines, the cost of which can represent a substantial saving not only for you but also for the Society.

More generally, we would like to remind you that the Insurance Society is a mutual scheme: any savings that are made benefit all Society members and make it possible to keep premiums down to a reasonable level.

The Executive Secretary

Area(s) of specialization	Establishment	Tariff concessions
General Emergency Intensive care Maternity	<p><b>Hôpital de la Tour</b> 3, avenue J. D. Maillard 1217 Meyrin Tel. 022 719 61 11 www.latour.ch</p> <p><b>Clinique de Carouge</b> 1, avenue Cardinal Mermillod 1227 Carouge Tel. 022 309 45 45</p> <p><b>Centre Médical de Meyrin</b> 24, promenade des Artisans 1217 Meyrin Tel. 022 719 74 00</p>	<p>Agreed rates for in- and outpatient care.</p> <p>Flat rates for maternity care.</p> <p>5% discount on accumulated hospital fees exceeding CHF 20,000.- in 2008 and CHF 22,000.- in 2009.</p>
General Maternity	<p><b>Clinique Générale-Beaulieu</b> 20, chemin Beau Soleil 1206 Genève Tel. 022 839 55 55 www.beaulieu.ch</p>	<p>Agreed rates for inpatient care and for the fertility clinic (Centre de Procréation Médicalement Assistée).</p> <p>Flat rates for maternity care (direct payment). 8% discount for prompt settlement of other invoices for inpatient care.</p> <p>Flat rate charges for outpatient operations (29) and for inpatient treatment (8).</p>
Maternity Pediatry General	<p><b>Clinique des Grangettes</b> 7, chemin des Grangettes 1224 Chêne-Bougeries Tel. 022 305 01 11 <a href="http://www.grangettes.ch">www.grangettes.ch</a></p>	<p>Agreed rates for in-patient care. Flat rates for maternity care.</p>
Convalescent care Follow-up care Short-term admissions unit	<p><b>Les Cliniques genevoises de Joli-Mont et de Montana</b> 45, avenue Trembley 1211 Genève 19 Tel. 022 717 03 11</p>	<p>Agreed rates for in-patient and convalescent care.</p> <p>Good rates for retirees resident in the Canton of Geneva and for others resident in Switzerland or neighbouring France.</p>
General Emergency Intensive care Rehabilitation Psychiatric	<p><b>Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois (CHUV)</b> 46, rue du Bugnon 1011 Lausanne Tel. 021 314 11 11</p>	<p>Agreed rates for in- and outpatient care.</p>

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General Emergency Mobile emergency and resuscitation service (SMUR)	<b>Hôpital de Zone de Nyon</b> 1260 Nyon (VD) Tel. 022 994 61 61	Agreed rates for semi-private rooms.
Cardiovascular rehabilitation Convalescent care	<b>Clinique La Lignière</b> 1196 Gland (VD) Tel. 022 999 64 64 www.lalignière.ch	Flat rates for cardiovascular rehabilitation programmes and convalescent care. The Clinic will arrange free transport for patients on request if they are in a hospital or clinic in the cantons of Geneva or Vaud and transport home (in either of these cantons).
General Cardiovascular rehabilitation Convalescent care	<b>Clinique de Genolier</b> 1272 Genolier (VD) Tel. 022 366 90 00 www.cdg.ch	Flat rates for various types of heart surgery and cardiac rehabilitation.  Hospitalization: 5% discount for payment within 30 days.
General psychiatric Eating disorders Dependency-related disorders	<b>Clinique La Métairie</b> Avenue de Bois-Bougy 1260 Nyon Tel. 022 363 20 20 www.lametairie.ch	Agreed rates for hospitalization.  Agreement valid until end 2010.
Ophthalmology	<b>Clinique Ophtalmologique d'Onex (OnO)</b> 15, av. du Bois-de-la-Chapelle 1213 Onex (GE) Tel. 022 879 12 30/34 www.monoeil.ch	Preferential rates for ophthalmological examinations and operations for cataracts and/or glaucoma and myopia. Bills for surgical operations are settled directly by the Society.
General Emergency Outpatient surgery	<b>Centre médico-chirurgical des Acacias</b> Opposite Acacias Coop Centre 19, rue des Epinettes 1227 Acacias (GE) Tel. 022 342 54 55	Billing at same rates as for members of Swiss insurance schemes, with a 5% discount for immediate payment or payment within 30 days of receipt of the bill.

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General Emergency Outpatient surgery Radiology	<b>Groupe Médical de Chantepoulet</b> 1-3, rue Chantepoulet 1201 Genève Tel. 022 731 21 20 www.gmed.ch	Agreed rates for doctors' fees, laboratory tests and physiotherapy.
Follow-up care at home	<b>SITEX (intravenous and home hospital care)</b> 1228 Plan-les-Ouates (GE) Tel. 022 794 85 55	15% discount on all bills paid within 30 days.
Breast cancer detection	Fondation genevoise pour le dépistage du cancer du sein; Association des médecins du canton de Genève	Breast scans.  100% coverage; direct payment.
Tests Autotransfusion	<b>Laboratoire UNILABS</b>  <b>Test centres:</b> 22, chemin Beau-Soleil Tel. 022 702 98 98 16, avenue de Frontenex Tel. 022 707 91 40 16, boulevard des Tranchées Tel. 022 346 83 46 51, avenue Blanc Tel. 022 716 20 00 (Riotton) 16, place Cornavin Tel. 022 732 11 11 3, avenue J. D. Maillard Tel. 022 719 05 55 58, avenue Wendt Tel. 022 734 67 46	10% discount for tests on samples taken in one of the named centres or at the UNOG Medical Service.  Payment to be made within 30 days.
Pharmaceuticals	<b>Pharmacies Sun Store</b> www.sunstore.ch Tel. 021 694 21 00 Postal delivery Tel. 021 661 11 71 Fax 021 661 11 90	No patient (file) or pharmacist surcharge.  No after-hours surcharge.
Pharmaceuticals	<b>Pharmacie des Crêts-de-Champel</b> 6, chemin des Crêts-de-Champel 1206 Genève Tel. 022 346 86 68 / 85 58	No patient (file) surcharge.  10% discount on all purchases, including medicaments.
Pharmaceuticals	<b>Pharmacie Solidarité</b> 38, avenue d'Aire 1203 Genève Tel. 022 940 25 15	No patient (file) or pharmacist surcharge.  5% discount on medicaments.