

SDR & PERCS Pricing Structure, 2016-2019

St. Louis Children's Hospital

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For another year, our program has decided to keep the cost of SDR surgery and PERCs the same with no increase in order to keep this service more accessible to families around the world.

Children Who Need Only SDR

1. SDR SURGERY

We offer a fixed cost for the SDR surgery of **\$39,745 USD**. The fixed cost covers:

1. Initial evaluation at clinic
2. SDR surgery
3. Postoperative hospital care
4. Daily postoperative out-patient physical therapy for approximately 3 weeks.
5. Treatment of any postoperative complication **related to and as a consequence of** SDR surgery without additional charge

- The fixed SDR cost does not cover orthopedic surgery or any other medical services.
- There will be no additional billings or refunds and itemized statements are not provided
- If your child needs follow-up care in the future, separate payment will be expected for those services.
- Any Emergency Room visits that are not a direct result of a complication of SDR surgery are not covered under the fixed cost. The costs associated with the ER visit should be paid for before you leave St. Louis. If you have travel insurance, we are typically not able to bill foreign travel insurance companies directly for services. You will have to pay all costs and then submit the receipts for reimbursement from the insurance company.

2. BRACES AND EQUIPMENT

You must pay a deposit **\$6,500 USD** for braces and equipment such as walkers and canes.

Depending on the equipment you purchase, you may receive a refund or owe a balance. Any applicable refund will be processed approximately 90 days after the last date of service. If you owe a balance, you will need to pay the balance by a credit card or billing to your account before you leave St. Louis.

If bracing or other equipment is recommended, those items are purchased from various vendors for each individual child. SLCH does not sell braces or equipment. We do not charge a service fee. It is important for the improvement of your child to follow our recommendations regarding bracing and equipment.

3. PAYMENT

Payment of the total amount **\$46,245** (SDR + deposit for braces) is required no less than 45 days prior to your arrival at our hospital. If payment is not received, your surgery will be cancelled or rescheduled.

If you wish to make payments in installments, we can arrange the payments prior to surgery. Please notify us once your child is accepted for surgery. If you choose to cancel surgery after payments have been made, you will receive a refund.

We can also accept payments from multiple payers, but you will need to notify us once your child is accepted for surgery. The payers must all include the necessary identifying information per our instructions.

Children Who Need SDR and PERCS (Orthopedic Surgery)

If Dr. Park has recommended orthopedic surgery (PERCS) after SDR, the PERCS must be performed by Dr. Dobbs in St. Louis. If you prefer to have the recommended orthopedic surgery done in your country, we cannot accept your child for SDR with Dr. Park. We believe that the less invasive PERCS shortly after SDR is essential for the best possible outcomes of your child.

1. SDR SURGERY

A fixed cost for the SDR surgery is **\$39,745 USD**.

The fixed cost covers:

1. Initial evaluation at clinic
2. SDR surgery
3. Postoperative hospital care
4. Daily postoperative out-patient physical therapy for approximately 3 weeks.
5. Treatment of any postoperative complication **related to and as a consequence of** SDR surgery without additional charge

The fixed SDR cost does not cover orthopedic surgery or any other surgery.

There will be no additional billings, refunds or itemized statements.

If your child needs follow-up care in the future, separate payment will be expected for those services.

2. PERCS SURGERY

The Cost of orthopedic surgery (PERCS) typically ranges from **\$8,191 USD - \$12,951 USD** depending on the extent of orthopedic surgery.

The cost covers the 1) initial evaluation with Dr. Dobbs; 2) Orthopedic surgery; 3) Overnight hospitalization after surgery if indicated; 4) Leg cast if needed; 5) Treatment of any complication directly related to orthopedic surgery.

If your child turns out to need orthopedic surgery less extensive than originally recommended, you will be refunded the difference from professional fees. If your child needs more extensive procedures than originally recommended, there will be no additional charge to you.

3. BRACES AND EQUIPMENT

You must pay a deposit **\$6,500 USD** for braces and equipment such as walkers and canes.

Depending on the equipment you purchase, you may receive a refund or owe a balance. Any applicable refund will be processed approximately 90 days after the last date of service. If you owe a balance, you will need to pay the balance by a credit card or billing to your account before you leave St. Louis.

If bracing or other equipment is recommended, those items are purchased from various vendors for each individual child. SLCH does not sell braces or equipment. We do not charge a service fee. It is important for the improvement of your child to follow our recommendations regarding bracing and equipment.

4. PAYMENT

Payment of the total amount (SDR + Orthopedic surgery + deposit for braces) is required no less than 45 days prior to the first date of service. If payment is not received, your surgery will be cancelled or rescheduled.

Children Who Need Only PERCS (Orthopedic Surgery)

1. PERCS SURGERY

The Cost of orthopedic surgery (PERCS) typically ranges from **\$8,191 USD - \$12,951 USD** depending on the extent of orthopedic surgery.

The cost covers the 1) initial evaluation with Dr. Dobbs; 2) Orthopedic surgery; 3) Overnight hospitalization after surgery if indicated; 4) Leg cast if needed; 5) Treatment of any complication directly related to orthopedic surgery.

If your child turns out to need orthopedic surgery less extensive than originally recommended, you will be refunded the difference from professional fees. If your child needs more extensive procedures than originally recommended, there will be no additional charge to you.

These costs do not include any other services such as a return visit with Dr. Park, physical therapy, Ophthalmology, etc. These may be requested and paid for additionally.

BRACES

We will also collect a deposit of **\$6,500 USD** for braces depending on type of orthopedic surgery.

If your child will have heel cord lengthening (with or without hamstring lengthening procedure), you will need to deposit \$6,500 USD for braces, and remain in the St. Louis area for two (2) weeks to allow sufficient time for the braces to be shipped and fitted. You can purchase blocks of physical therapy for the stay in St. Louis (see below).

If your child will have only hamstring surgery, you may return home after three (3) days depending upon Dr. Dobbs' recommendations. You may not need to deposit the \$6,500 USD for braces. You may not need to purchase physical therapy sessions.

Depending on the equipment you purchase, you may receive a refund or owe a balance. Any applicable refund will be processed approximately 90 days after the last date of service. If you owe a balance, you will need to pay the balance by a credit card or billing to your account before you leave St. Louis.

SLCH does not sell the braces and equipment. We purchase the items from outside vendors for each child. We do not charge any service fee.

2. PHYSICAL THERAPY

Patients who remain in St. Louis after surgery may choose to purchase physical therapy sessions.

Therapy Bundle Agreement: We offer you a therapy bundle option that covers a 90 minute PT evaluation at a cost of \$225 USD and 1 hour session of outpatient therapy at a cost of \$115 USD per hour. You can select different blocks of treatment sessions: 3 session block, 5 session block or 8 session block. Individual therapy sessions are not available. The Therapy Bundle prices cover physical, occupational and speech therapy sessions. Special OT and ST evaluations are charged according to complexity and are not covered under the bundle agreement.

The entire completed and signed Therapy Bundle Agreement must be returned to Kris Eddleston kris.eddleston@bjc.org in order to be eligible for the Therapy Bundle special pricing. Once you have paid for a selected option, no money will be refunded for any unused sessions. Any unused sessions will remain on your account for 1 year from the start date.

Additional physical therapy blocks may be requested during your visit and must be paid for at the time of service in the Therapy Department by credit card.

3. PAYMENT

Payment of the total cost is required no less than 45 days prior to the first date of service. If payment is not received by the deadline, your surgery may be cancelled or rescheduled.

The typical total cost for orthopedic surgery **\$8,191 USD - \$12,951 USD** (+ deposit for braces + physical therapy) will be different in each child. Based on the type of recommended orthopedic surgery and your preference, Kris Eddleston will provide you with the total cost.