or hospital examinations. Thus patients generally come to the hospital district's hospitals with a referral from a doctor. In case of acute, severe cases one can come to the on-duty emergency wards and the hospitals' wards for first aid even without a referral.

Specialized medical treatment fees depend on the unit. The fees are either outpatient clinic fees, bed day fees or appointment fees. More information on payment policies is available at www.turku.fi (City of Åbo), or for TYKS at www.vsshp.fi/en/4830 (Turku University Hospital) and www.vaasankeskussairaala.fi/In English/Frontpage (Vasa Central Hospital).

A payment corresponding with the cost of producing the service is collected from other than Finnish permanent residents, including persons younger than 18 years of age, unless an international contract to which Finland is bound to states otherwise. Residents of EU/EEA countries have to present the European Health Insurance Card. It is sufficient for residents of the Nordic countries to present a passport or identification card. Persons from other countries than those of the EU or which are parties in the above mentioned contracts have to pay fees corresponding with the real costs both for immediate and non-immediate care.

5.5 Occupational Health Care

Occupational health care services are available to all working individuals, and it is part of the primary health care. Occupational health care services specialises in health and work issues. It involves maintaining occupational safety and helping the workforce maintain its health and ability to work in co-operation with workplaces. All employers in Finland have a duty to organize occupational health care services. Occupational health care services cover only the employee, not his/her family.

Occupational health care services for employees at Åbo Akademi University are provided through Terveystalo. Employees can use Terveystalo's services at general practitioner level and concerning acute matters. Appointments can be booked online at www.terveystalo.com/en/ or by calling +358 (0)30 63 33250.

For more information about occupational health care arrangements for the staff at Åbo Akademi University, see: www.abo.fi/personal/en/arbetshalsovard.

5.6 Private Clinics

In case you need to (or want to) consult a private doctor, the basic consultation fee is about 100€. If you are entitled to Kela/Fpa benefits, doctor's fees can be partially refunded to you by the Social Insurance Institution. There are several private clinics in Åbo and Vasa. Below you will find a list of the biggest private clinics:

Åbo Mehiläinen Turku/Åbo Köpmansgatan 8 Phone: +358 (0)2 414 0111 www.mehilainen.fi

Terveystalo Turku/Åbo Aningaisgatan 13 Phone: +358 (0)30 6000 www.terveystalo.com

Terveystalo Pulssi Turku/Åbo Humlegårdsgatan 9-11 Phone: +358 (0)30 6000 www.terveystalo.com

Neo (orthopedics & dentist) Turku/Åbo Joukahaisgatan 6 www.neoturku.fi

Vasa Mehiläinen Vaasa/Vasa Rådhusgatan 13 Phone: +358 (0)10 414 0200 www.mehilainen.fi

Terveystalo Vaasa/Vasa Storalånggatan 28-30 Phone: +358 (0)30 6000 www.terveystalo.com