



FAMILY AND SPECIALTY MEDICINE

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SPECIALTY DEPARTMENT

FibroScan Testing

Examination with FibroScan, also called transient elastography, is a technique used to assess liver stiffness (measured in kPa correlated to fibrosis) without invasive investigations. Fibroscan is **non-invasive** and uses technology very similar to ultrasound. The result is immediate, it shows the condition of the liver and allows physicians to diagnose and monitor disease evolution in conjunction with treatment and collateral factors. Exam results help to anticipate various complications, as well as to monitor and assess the damage cause by conditions such as cirrhosis.

You will be asked to lie down on your back with your right arm overhead. A gel will be placed on your abdomen and the probe will then be able to make the appropriate liver assessment. The test will take about 15 minutes to complete.

Currently FibroScan is not covered by OHIP and costs \$90 for a FibroScan Assessment (fibrosis only) and \$125 for a FibroScan plus CAP Assessment (fibrosis and steatosis assessment).

Appointment Instructions:

- Patient must fast 3 hours prior to the test.
- Must bring a translator if the patient cannot speak English
- Patients who wish to RESCHEDULE or CANCEL their appointment must do so at least 5 business days in advance to avoid a NO-SHOW fee of \$113.

Warnings and Precautions:

- Pregnant patients are not candidates for FibroScan Testing
- Patients with pacemaker are not candidates for FibroScan Testing

To book an appointment patient may contact the Polyclinic at 416-222-6160 extension 268, 277, or 278 or fax the referral to 416-645-1978.

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