

# Toronto Liver Centre Fibroscan® Program

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## What should I know about the Fibroscan® procedure?

- The Fibroscan® serves as an alternative to a biopsy during the management of certain liver diseases. Your doctor will be able to better explain the benefits of a Fibroscan® over a traditional biopsy as they pertain to your particular case.
- The scan will take between 10 and 20 minutes.
- The device uses non-invasive ultrasound waves to determine the health of your liver
- There is no radiation, nor are there any injections or incisions.
- There is no pain associated with the scan and no requirement for anaesthetics



## Can anyone have a Fibroscan®?

Everyone can be scanned EXCEPT

*Patients with ascites (collection of fluid in the abdomen)*

Controlled Attenuation Parameter (CAP) measurement, will be done during transient elastography (Fibroscan) to assess the degree of liver steatosis (measure amount of fat in the liver).

## How should I prepare for the Fibroscan®?

- To ensure accurate results avoid eating anything during the 4-6 hours prior to the test.
- Please arrive at least 10 minutes before your scheduled appointment

## How much does the procedure cost?

- The Fibroscan® is Health Canada approved, but is not covered by OHIP. To help cover the costs associated with maintaining and operating the device up to the highest standards, we charge \$90 for the scan.
- You will be asked to pay when you arrive at the clinic, and can do so by either credit card, cash, or debit card.

## What happens to my scan results?

The Toronto Liver Clinic will analyze the test results and return them directly to the doctor that referred you for the scan. This doctor will then follow up with you about your results.

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