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GIHC BLOCK FEE STATEMENT

Most services including physician consultation or follow up and endoscopy procedures performed at the GI Health Centre (GIHC) are covered by the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP). However, GIHC strives to provide excellent care to our patients; there are additional services that our physicians provide that are uninsured services and not covered by OHIP. You have an option to pay a **block fee of \$60 to cover these uninsured services for a period of 12 months**, or you may pay for each service individually at the time the service is provided.

Patients who are on Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) will be waived for these fees. You are encouraged to discuss these further with any of our physicians or staff members.

Services not covered by OHIP are as follows:

Non-Medical Services	Uninsured Medical Services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chart transfer or summary of your medical records, at your request - Photocopying medical records, at your request - Writing reports & completing forms, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Insurance forms o Federal government forms o Sick note/back to work notes o Medical/legal reports o Employer requested reports - Post procedure refreshment - Coloured procedure report for patients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medical advice via the telephone, except for instruction for getting procedure preparation and appointment booking - Telephone/fax prescription and its renewals

These fees are paid by cash, cheque, or debit at the time of registration. You will be provided with a receipt for any fees paid. You may rescind the decision to pay the \$60 block fee within 7 days of payment, in which case you would be required to pay for any of the individual uninsured services rendered.

Patients who choose to pay by block fee do not receive preferential services. You have an option to decline purchase of any of the uninsured services without jeopardizing your access to and provision of the insured services at the clinic.

A copy of individual non-OHIP covered charges and the policy of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario on block fees for uninsured services is available at **our reception desk**, or on the College's website at:

<http://www.cpso.on.ca/policies/policies/default.aspx?ID=1612>

This block fee does not include the "**no show**" charge if you fail to show up for your appointment or fail to provide sufficient notification (**at least 72 hours**) for canceling a booked office appointment or procedures.