

Uninsured Services

Medical Administrative Uninsured services (Non-OHIP Services) are updated annually based on the OMA Physician's Guide to Uninsured Services. They are listed as follows:

1. Prescription renewals - \$25.00 (if not seen in clinic over last 12 months)
2. Attending physician's statement \$160.00
3. Medical Certificates - \$65.00
4. Doctor's Notes - \$23.50
5. Copy of enhanced written procedure report with colored pictures of any significant findings noted during the procedure(s). Patients are required to bring an USB for digital copies - \$30.00
6. Faxing or photocopying of health records for transfer of care where the transfer is at the request of the patient or the patient's representative. - \$30 (page 1-20) \$0.25 per page thereafter
7. Preparing a chart summary or photocopying of health records for transfer of care where the transfer is at the request of the patient or the patient's representative - \$60.00
8. Completion of forms/documents and transmission to a third party at the request of a third party. A third party includes private insurance companies, employment insurance requests, government agencies and an employee, etc. - \$160.00
9. Narrative medical reports to third parties at the request of a patient's representative or a non-physician third party. This fee will be charged on an hourly basis - \$455.00/hour

Other OHIP-Uninsured Services offered on-site at the GI Health Centre

1. **Fibroscan** - \$140.00, provided by Liver Scan Canada.
FibroScan® is a non-invasive device that measures **liver stiffness** and **fatty infiltration** as indicators of **fibrosis (scarring)** and **steatosis**, respectively. Liver stiffness may predict the risk of complications including liver failure, the need for transplantation, and liver cancer. It provides patients **rapid access to screen and monitor liver disease**, including fatty liver, hepatitis B and C, and alcohol-related liver disease, that affect over 30% of the population and may lead to cirrhosis, liver failure, and liver cancer.
2. **Urea Breath Test** - \$100.00
H. pylori is bacteria that infects your stomach or duodenum (the first part of your small intestine). An infection can cause irritation and inflammation in your stomach lining (gastritis) and lead to stomach ulcers and peptic ulcer disease. Infections can increase your risk of stomach (gastric) cancer. A urea breath test (UBT) is a noninvasive procedure that determines if you have a stomach infection caused by the bacteria *Helicobacter pylori* (*H. pylori*). It measures the amount of carbon dioxide in your breath after you drink a special solution containing urea. *H. pylori* bacteria break down urea into carbon dioxide. Excess carbon dioxide in your breath is a sign of an active *H. pylori* infection.

Patients who declined these uninsured services will not be precluded from receiving other insured services nor being treated differently at our clinic.

No Show/Cancellation Fee:

If a scheduled patient with appointment confirmed but failed to reschedule/cancel within 5 business days of their appointment, they are charged \$200 for a procedural appointment or \$160 for a consultation appointment.

Exceptions are considered on a case-by-case basis.

Private Fee for non-OHIP covered Patients

Private pay for non-OHIP patient appointment fees is based on the 2024 OMA fee multiplier applied to the current OHIP Schedule of Benefits, and the costs are simplified and listed as follows:

Endoscopic Procedures for Non-OHIP Patients:

Based fee of either a consultation of \$400 or a follow-up procedure visit of \$50 plus the following additional procedure service fees where applicable.

1. Gastroscopy up to duodenum at \$200.00
2. Flexible Sigmoidoscopy at \$150.00
3. Colonoscopy up to cecum at \$500.00
4. Polypectomy for 3mm-29mm size at \$350.00 for the first polyp, and additional polypectomy fee at \$175.00 for second and third polyps with maximum up to \$700.
5. Endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR) for a polyp >3cm at a cost of \$600.
6. Biopsies costs of \$45, or \$125 for multiple screening biopsies for malignant changes in chronic inflammatory bowel disease.
7. Anesthesiologist fee for sedation at \$250.00
8. Pathology Lab – Approximately \$250-\$800 (patient will be billed by lab directly – we do not collect this fee)

Office consultation Appointments for Non-OHIP patients:

1. Consultation Appointment - \$400
2. Follow-up Appointment - \$100
3. Complex Medical Specific Reassessment or Medical Specific Assessment - \$180
4. Gastroenterology Chronic Disease Assessment Premium for liver cirrhosis and IBD patient (30% surcharge applied).

If the private pay patient cannot afford pay the full amount, the doctor may consider, on a case-by- case basis, their financial situation and ask them to pay a fee that is less than and proportional to their income. We saw approximately 10 private pay patients in the last 12 months.

Private pay non-OHIP patients are asked to sign the CMPA Governing Law and Jurisdiction Agreement Form for Healthcare Organizations and the CMPA Governing Law and Jurisdiction Agreement for Physician in Private Practice Form.