FIBROSCAN PATIENT INFORMATION FORM

Appointment Date: _____   Time: _____

HOW DO YOU PREPARE FOR A FIBROSCAN?

To have a Fibroscan you will not be able to eat or drink anything for three hours before the test. You may not have a Fibroscan exam if you have any of the following:

- an implanted electrical device such as a pacemaker or defibrillator

- if you are pregnant

WHAT IS A FIBROSCAN?

A Fibroscan is an exam of your liver that is similar to ultrasound. Fibroscan uses vibration controlled transient elastography technology to determine liver health non-invasively.

WHY IS FIBROSCAN DONE?

When other tests indicate that your liver may not be working properly, your doctor may want to do a Fibroscan to more accurately learn the condition of your liver. Unlike a liver biopsy, a Fibroscan is quick, painless and performed in a clinic setting. Fibroscan is a simple, non-invasive way to learn the condition of your liver. A Fibroscan will help determine how much fat is stored in the liver and to determine the degree of fibrosis and/or cirrhosis.

HOW IS FIBROSCAN PERFORMED?

Fibroscan is a simple exam that involves you lying on your back with your right arm raised behind your head. The technician will apply a water-based gel to your skin on the right side of your body at the rib cage and then apply a probe with slight pressure. Fibroscan works by emitting a small pulse of energy, which may feel like a slight vibration on your skin. This is not painful. The exam includes multiple measurements taken at the same location.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER FIBROSCAN IS DONE?

After the exam you may eat and drink as usual and continue your daily activities. There is no down time or recovery period needed for a Fibroscan. Dr. Panzer will interpret the Fibroscan report and the nurse will contact you in regards to the results.

Patient Billing Information

For your convenience we do accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, personal checks and cash.

Payment prior to services

Our policy is to collect all known fees when you schedule for a test, including deductibles, co-payments and co-insurance, based on estimated charges. Payment is required in full at the time of service. Your final bill will reflect actual charges for services provided, which may be higher or lower than the estimate provided at scheduling. If actual charges are higher than estimated, our office will be in contact with you for additional payment. If actual changes are lower than estimated, we will process the appropriate refund and mail a refund check to you.

With Insurance

If you have health insurance, we will bill your insurance carrier shortly after your visit. You should also receive an explanation of benefits (EOB) from your insurance company explaining how they processed your claim. This process is usually complete within 60 days of discharge. Your insurance company may contact you for additional information to process your claim.

Please respond as quickly as possible to ensure you receive the maximum benefit from your coverage. After the insurance payment has been received, you will receive a final billing statement from North Texas GI Associates if you have a remaining balance. This may include deductibles, co-insurance, co-payments and any non-covered charges that still remain. If you have questions regarding the way your claim was processed, please contact your insurance company directly. Payment is due upon receipt of the final billing statement.

Without Insurance

We do provide services to patients that do not have insurance coverage. We do require the full payment at the time of service.

Cancellations or Rescheduling

If you need to cancel or reschedule your procedure(s) – we ask that you please call our office within 24 hours of your scheduled time/date. If we do not receive proper notice from you, we will bill you a $25.00 rescheduling fee.

Contact for Billing Questions

Please contact our office at (469) 933-2253 if you have any questions regarding billing or your statement.