

## VOLUNTARY BLOCK FEE FOR UNINSURED SERVICES

The physician consultation and endoscopy procedures performed at the Vaughan Endoscopy Clinic (VEC) are covered by the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP). However, since the Vaughan Endoscopy Clinic endeavors to provide an enhanced experience and convenience there are some uninsured services available to you for an additional fee. The fees are elective and can be paid conveniently by **one block fee of \$60 which is valid for a period of 12 months** or you have the alternative of paying for each service individually at the time it is provided. Services not covered by OHIP are as follows:

- Telephone advice from a physician when provided at the request of the patient, and no insured service is provided. This includes telephone calls pre and/or post procedure to discuss medical issues that do not specifically relate to making arrangements for the appointment or on matters directly related to the colonoscopy services received. The fee is **\$50.00**
- Providing a prescription as requested by fax or telephone where the request is made by the patient or the patient's representative (including the pharmacy). If requested, the VEC will fax a prescription for the bowel preparation to the pharmacy of your choice if you have coverage under a drug plan such as the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) program for people over 65 years of age, or other individual drug plans. This fee is **\$10.00**
- Following the procedure you are provided with refreshments. The fee is **\$5.00**
- As part of the insured service, a standard written procedure report of any findings will be communicated to the referring physician in an acceptable time frame for all patients. You have the option to receive an enhanced report which contains a colour photograph of any significant findings. The fee for the colour report is **\$20.00**
- For Medical Certificates or letters for absence from work or return to work the fee is **\$25.00**
- At the request of the patient, faxing or photocopying health records for a patient's personal use or for a third party (non-physician) such as an employer or private insurer, or if the care of the patient is being transferred. The fee is **\$39.45 for pages 1-5 and \$1.50 per page thereafter.**
- Access to educational material on gastrointestinal topics via a password protected link to over 15 newsletters posted on our website. These newsletters have been authored by the doctors at the VEC and cover a wide variety of medical topics. The fee is **\$25.00**

You will be provided with a receipt for any fees paid. These fees are paid at the time of registration by either cash, cheque, debit, or credit card. 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 the individual services provided. Patients who choose to pay by block fee rather than on an individual fee basis do not receive preferential services. You have the option to decline purchase of any uninsured service, without jeopardizing access to or provision of an insured service at the clinic.

The only other charge that will be levied would be for a 'no show' if you fail to show up for your appointment or fail to give sufficient notice of cancellation for a booked procedure.

Should you wish to discuss this further, please ask one of our staff who would be happy to assist you.