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THE PRISM GUIDE TO UNINSURED TESTING



At Prism, our priority is to provide the best patient care possible. This guide will help you understand your uninsured testing options, and how they are used to enhance your care.

What are uninsured services?

Uninsured services refer to treatments that are not currently covered by OHIP. Instead, these services are paid for by the patient. These services are quite common, with an estimated one third of all health care costs in Ontario coming from uninsured services.

It is important that patients understand that, while these services may be recommended by your doctor, they are optional. Patients always have the right to refuse these services.

Why did my doctor recommend uninsured services?

All of the uninsured services we offer at Prism are chosen by our medical team based on their medical merits. These services offer additional medical value that is simply not available with OHIP covered services. If your doctor has recommended a non-insured service, it is because they believe it will add value and help provide you with superior eye care.

How does Prism determine the cost for uninsured services?

The Canadian Ophthalmological Society (COS) releases a guideline every year to help clinics determine a fair price for uninsured services. Our prices are based on these guidelines.

PRISM UNINSURED TEST LISTING

The following is a guide to the uninsured tests that we offer at Prism. Your doctor may recommend one or more of these tests based on your individual needs. The tests we offer are broken into three categories based on the area of the eye they test - front, mid, & back.

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FRONT OF EYE



HD ANALYZER

What is it? It measures ocular scatter, an indication of quality of vision.

What is the benefit? It measures the density of your cataract and can help your doctor determine if it is your cataract, or dry eye symptoms that are effecting vision.

Cost to patient - \$165 ☐



CORNEAL BIOMECHANICS (ORA OR CORVIS)

What is it? Measures corneal biomechanics properties.

Why was it recommended? This test provides a measure of eye pressure compensated for corneal biomechanics and may also help to predict glaucoma progression.

Cost to patient - \$95 ☐



TOPOGRAPHY

What is it? Measures the shape and curvature of the entire cornea (front surface of the eye).

Why was it recommended? Corneal curvature can cause distortion in our vision. Measuring it allows more accurate choice of lens for cataract surgery (for better post operation vision). It also helps uncover some common inherited diseases.

Cost to patient - \$173 ☐



SPECULAR MICROSCOPY

What is it? Measures the quantity and health of the innermost cells in the cornea.

Why was it recommended? Helps predict if you will develop corneal clouding (which can require a transplant surgery to fix) before obvious signs show up. Knowing this before an eye surgery helps your doctor better prepare for your precEDURE.

Cost to patient - \$170 ☐

MIDDLE OF EYE



ABERROMETRY

What is it? Measures how light moves through your eye.

Why was it recommended? This test determine which structures in your eye might be scattering light and causing glare or blurred vision - symptoms that can otherwisd be hard to diagnose.

Cost to patient - \$173 ☐



ANTERIOR SEGMENT OCT

What is it? The anatomy of your eye's fluid drainage system - also call "the angle".

Why was it recommended? This test is more likely to likely to detect closed angles than the alternative test. It can tell your doctor if an iridotomy (laser procedure) was successful or not.

Cost to patient - \$173 ☐



OPTICAL BIOMETRY

What is it? Measures the exact length of the eye of the eye using laser technology that is 10x more accurate than the standard test.

Why was it recommended? This test allows for precise lens selection for cataract surgery - greatly reducing the need for glasses after a cataract surgery.

Cost to patient - \$340 ☐



POTENTIAL ACUITY METER (PAM)

What is it? This test helps determine how much of a patient's vision loss can be attributed to cataracts.

What is the benefits? This test can helps patients with other vision limiting diseases (such as macular degeneration or glaucoma) determine what level of vision they can expect after cataract surgery.

Cost to patient - \$170 ☐

BACK OF EYE



HRT

What is it? Measures the exact elevation of the optic nerve tissue and any subtle changes from previous test.

Why was it recommended? This test can detect the most subtle deterioration of the optic nerve at a very early stage - often before any vision loss occurs.

Cost to patient - \$210 ☐



ICARE HOME TONOMETRY

What is it? A device you use at home to measure your intraocular pressure (IOP).

What is the benefit? Much like a home blood pressure monitor, measuring your IOP serveral times per day can give your doctor a better understanding of your IOP as it fluctuates over the course of a day.

Cost to patient - \$375/week ☐



FUNDUS AUTOFLOURESCENCE (OPTOS)

What is it? Provides a high-definition picture of the entrie retina, with filters that can see into the tissue.

Why was it recommended? Because of the highly detailed images it provides, this test can detect a variety of retina diseases.

Cost to patient - \$115 ☐



OCT ANGIOGRAPHY

What is it? Provides a high-definition scan of the blood vessels in the retina.

Why was it recommended? This test shows any blood vessels in the retina that may be leaking and require treatment.

Cost to patient - \$115 ☐