

FibroScan®

FibroScan® is a diagnostic test used to measure liver scarring or fibrosis caused by a number of liver diseases. Similar to ultrasound, FibroScan® is a non-invasive (no needles) alternative to liver biopsy.

Greenlane Medical Specialists offers FibroScan® as a quick, painless and easy test to assess liver damage. Your Hepatologist may recommend a FibroScan® if you have a chronic liver condition such as hepatitis B or C, alcoholic liver disease or fatty liver disease.

FibroScan® works by emitting a small pulse of energy, which may feel as a slight vibration on your skin. FibroScan® calculates the speed of this energy to give your healthcare provider an immediate measure of the stiffness of your liver. This stiffness measure can be an important part of understanding your overall liver health.

How to prepare for a FibroScan®

- No food or liquids (including water) for 2 hours prior to your appointment.
- Wear comfortable clothes that will allow your healthcare provider to expose the right side of your rib cage.
- Plan to arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled appointment time.

What to expect during your FibroScan®

- The procedure will take approximately 15 minutes.
- You will lie on your back with your right arm raised behind your head and your right abdominal area exposed.
- Your Hepatologist or Nurse Specialist will apply a water based gel to your skin and then place a non-invasive probe over your liver.
- During the procedure you may feel a slight vibration on the skin at the tip of the probe.
- **FibroScan® is a quick and painless procedure – no sedation is required!**

What to expect after FibroScan®

- FibroScan® results are provided instantly after the test. Your Hepatologist or Nurse Specialist will provide you with a copy of your results.

