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Velacur™ Instructions

What is Velacur™?

Velacur™ is an advanced liver ultrasound imaging tool that physicians use to diagnose and manage chronic liver disease. It is a painless and non-invasive procedure that provides valuable insights into the health of your liver.

Scheduling Information:

Your Velacur™ scan must be scheduled as a standalone appointment. It cannot be scheduled for the same day as any other appointment, including:

- A clinic/office visit
- Telemedicine
- A procedure (such as a colonoscopy or upper endoscopy)
- A nutrition visit

What to expect during a Velacur™ scan:

A Velacur™ scan is a quick, comfortable, and non-invasive procedure typically performed in your physician's office. You will be asked to lie down on an examination table, with a small pad placed under your back. This pad vibrates gently to create waves that pass through your liver which are then measured with an ultrasound probe placed on your skin.

Day of Procedure:

- Do not eat or drink anything other than water (up to 4 ounces) for 4 hours prior to your test.
- If you are diabetic, ask for your appointment to be earlier.
- You can take your usual medications with a small sip of water (no more than 4 ounces)
- Wear loose clothing that can be adjusted to make your right-side abdomen accessible (avoid one-piece clothing – no dresses or jumpsuits)
- Bring your insurance card and photo ID
- Remember to tell your doctor if you are pregnant or have implanted electrical devices

Outcome:

After your Velacur™ scan is completed, you will be scheduled for a follow-up appointment with your physician, typically about 2 weeks after your scan. This allows enough time for your results to be reviewed and discussed in detail.

During your follow-up visit, your physician will review your Velacur™ results with you. The report includes two important scores:

- Fibrosis Score: Measures the amount of scarring (fibrosis) in your liver
- Fat Score: Measures the amount of fat present in your liver

Based on your results, your physician may also discuss:

- Your stage of liver fibrosis, if scarring is present
- Your grade or percentage of liver fat, which helps determine the severity of fatty liver disease

Your physician will explain what these results mean for your overall liver health and discuss any recommended lifestyle changes, additional testing, treatment options, or follow-up care if needed. If your results are normal, your physician will review any ongoing recommendations to help maintain a healthy liver.

Cancellations:

We understand that from time to time you may need to cancel an appointment for various reasons.

Please observe the rules regarding cancellations.

1. Any schedule modification requires at least 2 business days' notice for clinic/office appointments.
2. Clinic/offices cancellations that are made without appropriate notice are subject to a patient charge of \$50.
3. If you miss your scheduled appointment without appropriate notice, the above charges will be applied accordingly.

If you do not show up for an appointment and there are extenuating circumstances, a Request to Waive Cancellation fee form must be submitted through our website and approved. Patients remain financially responsible for all applicable fees unless written approval of the waiver is granted.

If you need to cancel or reschedule your test, please call 410-290-6677 as soon as possible

Appointment Date: _____ **Appointment Time:** _____