



Musculoskeletal
Central Intake &
Assessment Centre

MSK CIAC Clinics

Brantford

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Brantford General Hospital
Fracture Clinic
200 Terrace Hill Street
Brantford, Ontario

Burlington

905 336-4110
Joseph Brant Hospital
Ambulatory Clinic
1245 Lakeshore Road
Burlington, Ontario

Hamilton

905 577-8472
Juravinski Hospital, Hamilton Health Sciences
Orthopedic Clinic
711 Concession Street
Hamilton, Ontario

Niagara

905 378-4647 ext. 53110
Greater Niagara General Hospital, NHS
MSK Hip & Knee Clinic
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Niagara Falls, Ontario

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Patient Guide to the

Musculoskeletal Central Intake
and Assessment Centre

For Hip and Knee



The Musculoskeletal Central Intake & Assessment Centre (MSK CIAC) helps people with hip and knee problems that cause pain and difficulty in moving. One of the main reasons that people have hip or knee pain is from arthritis, or "wear and tear" of their joint.

Visit our website:

www.mskciac.ca



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About the MSK CIAC

As part of the Patients First Act (2016), we are changing how we see patients for hip and knee joint replacement assessments. The aim is to improve access to care, reduce wait times, and improve the patient experience.

Hip and knee assessments will take place at MSK CIAC locations in Hamilton, Brantford, Burlington and Niagara. Patients will be booked for an assessment at the location closest to their home, or they may choose the first available assessment at any of our locations.

Who do we see?

We see patients with moderate to severe osteoarthritis and other inflammatory conditions, who may be considering hip or knee replacement surgery. **Talk to your doctor about a referral.**

Who will see me?

- An Advanced Practice Provider

If needed, a consultation appointment will be made for you with an orthopedic surgeon.

What will happen at my assessment?

The Advanced Practice Provider will:

- Review your medical history.
- Ask you questions about your health.
- Ask you to complete tests to see how well you can move, and to see what causes your pain.
- Discuss treatment options with you and come up with a plan to help you.

What do I need to bring?

- Your health card.
- All forms that we ask you to fill out.
- A CD or film x-ray of your affected joint.
- You may bring a friend or family member with you that will be able to help you with the information you will be given.

How long is the assessment?

Plan to spend about one hour in the Clinic. Please wear comfortable shoes and loose fitting comfortable clothes.