

## Would you pay \$1,700 for a blood test that might detect cancer?

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People searching for early-detection cancer tests may now find the answers they're looking for through a simple blood test.

According to Dr. Akbar Khan at the Medicor Cancer Centres in Toronto, it's a test that costs up to \$1,700, but it could save your life.

The ONCOblot blood test advertises as being able to detect and identify the ENOX2 protein in blood, which only exists on the surface of a malignant cancer cell. The company boasts being able to detect over 25 different types of cancer, and can find markers indicating the presence of mesothelioma four to 10 years in advance of clinical symptoms appearing.

The test is also able to reveal the tissue of origin of the ENOX2 protein, allowing doctors to focus specifically on the area of detection.

The ONCOblot blood test, which has been available since 2013, is in the process of seeking approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and has not been approved by Health Canada.

Nonetheless, people interested in taking the test are able to request a test kit from their physician, submit a blood sample and send it to the ONCOblot laboratory in Indiana. In about three weeks you'll get the results back, and the company promises a 99.4 per cent accuracy rate.

The cost for the test varies depending on physician, and ONCOblot recommends all patients request and submit the tests through their physician. They provide a list of doctors who use the ONCOblot test [on their website](#).