



SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
UNIVERSITY *of* WASHINGTON

Attention Dental Staff:

Please give this letter to your patient and have them sign it at the bottom

Your dentist has requested our help in making a diagnosis for you. The tissue removed by your dentist will be mailed to our laboratory at the University of Washington. Your tissue specimen will be processed in thin sections, placed on microscopic slides and stain in ways to help determine a definitive diagnosis. The stained slides are evaluated microscopically by a Oral Pathologist at Virginia Mason Hospital. We are delighted to be of service to you and the provider that submitted the tissue specimen to our laboratory. A formal report will be generated and forwarded to your dentist/oral surgeon to guide your treatment. Like the services of any other medical consultant, our oral pathology biopsy services (OPBS) are billed separately from the services of your dentist.

To clarify: The processing of your biopsy by the OPBS means the following:

1. You will be billed for the technical processing and professional reading of your biopsy specimen as one bill.
2. The OPBS lab charges are separate from that of your dentist who performed the biopsy.

In order to process the billing for your tissue specimen, we will need you to forward your **medical insurance information** to us through your dentist office. We will use this information to bill your medical insurance based upon the site of the biopsy and the final diagnosis of your specimen.

If you any have questions or concern about the pathology service contact us at 206-543-4440. For any matter related to billing, please call Virginia Mason Medical Center Billing office at 206-223-6601 or 1-800-553-7803. We appreciate the opportunity to assist in your oral health care.

I have read the letter and understand UW School of Dentistry's process of diagnosis and billing:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____
  