

Attention Dental Staff: Please give this page to your patient.

Dear Patient,

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 to be reviewed by Dr. Dolphine Oda and Dr. Yeshwant Rawal, board certified Oral Pathologists.

Your tissue specimen will be processed in thin sections, placed on microscopic slides and stain in different ways to help determine the type of condition that you have. The stained slides are then studied carefully under the microscope by Drs. Oda or Rawal, who will make a diagnosis based upon the microscopic findings.

We are delighted to be of service to you through the reading of your biopsy. 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 diagnostic services (OPS) are billed separately from the services of your dentist, including their removal of the tissue. To clarify:

The processing of your biopsy by the OPS means the following:

1. You will be billed for the processing and reading of your specimen.
2. The Oral Pathology lab charges are separate from the dentist's fees.

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

If you have questions about the pathology service, or any matter related to billing, please call our billing office at: 206-616-1359, or Toll Free at: 800-617-8674. You may pay by phone at no additional charge if it is easier for you.

We appreciate the opportunity to assist in your oral health care.

Sincerely,

Dolphine Oda BDS, MSC