

A LETTER TO MY PATIENT REGARDING PATHOLOGY

In the course of your surgery we find it necessary to remove any tissue, it is then necessary by the California Administrative Code, register 83, no. 4, to send all tissue specimens to be examined by a physician who is certified and or clinical pathology by the American Board of Pathology or possesses qualifications which are equivalent to those required for certification.

When tissue is removed by one of the physicians during surgery, it is then sent to the pathology lab. There is a charge for the procedure, and you will be billed directly by the pathology lab. Your insurance carrier usually covers this procedure. However, you will be responsible for billing arrangements with the laboratory.

Occasionally unanticipated biopsies are necessary. If the judgment of the physician during surgery is that the specimen should be sent, it will be, and the patient will be responsible for any pathology charges.

If you have any further questions regarding pathology, please address your concerns prior to your surgery date.

Signed: _____ Date: _____