



AGREEMENT TO PAY FOR PROFESSIONAL COMPONENT AND OTHER PATHOLOGY SERVICES

If your doctor orders testing of a specimen of your blood, urine, or other tissue, the specimen will be sent to the medical laboratory for analysis. The laboratory is directed by a pathologist, a physician who specializes in laboratory medicine. The pathologist is responsible for assuring that the results of your laboratory tests are clinically reliable and are reported to your doctor in a timely manner.

It is important for you to understand what pathologists do for you in the laboratory. Sometimes, pathologists review biopsied tissue under a microscope to determine whether or not the tissue indicates the presence of disease and, if so, what specific kind of disease. They will report their findings to your doctor. These services are known as anatomic pathology services.

Where a specimen of your blood, urine, stool, or similar material is sent to the laboratory, a pathologist may not have to review the specific specimen. Rather, in these situations, pathologists are responsible for quality assurance and quality control. They provide medical supervision of the technicians and technologists who work in the laboratory. They must be available to address problems that arise in the laboratory regarding specific results. Moreover, they must be available to answer any questions that your doctor might have about your laboratory results. Pathologists' services in directing the medical laboratory to assure the timeliness, reliability, and usefulness of your test results are referred to as the "professional component" of clinical pathology services.

If you have laboratory work done while at this hospital, you will receive a separate bill for the pathologist's services. The bill will include charges for the pathologist's direct, anatomic pathology services with respect to your biopsied tissue. It will also include charges for the pathologist's professional component services relating to your specimens that were tested in the laboratory. **YOU WILL RECEIVE A BILL FOR PROFESSIONAL COMPONENT SERVICES EVEN IF THE PATHOLOGIST DID NOT PERSONALLY PERFORM THE TEST OR REVIEW ITS RESULTS.**

You are responsible for the pathologist's anatomic and professional component charges as described above to the extent that those charges are not paid for by your insurer or managed care plan. These charges are made so that we can continue to offer the quality laboratory work that is essential to the proper diagnosis and treatment of your condition. If you have any questions about pathology services or the bills for such services that you receive from the pathologist, please call Incyte Diagnostics at 509. 508.4519.