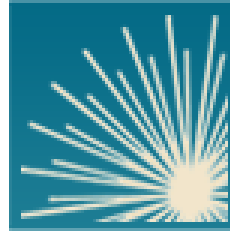


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Dermatology & Skin Care



## DERMATOPATHOLOGY

We are committed to providing you with the best possible care. In order to achieve this goal, we need your understanding of our policy of using outside laboratories.

Under New Jersey's Out-of-network Consumer Protection, Transparency, Cost Containment and Accountability Act, if you are a covered patient, that is you have medical insurance, then our practice, Advanced Dermatology & Skin Care, must disclose to you potential out-of-network services for which you may be financially responsible.

Our practice uses D-PATH or DERMPATH DIAGNOSTICS, both are independent, outside dermatopathology laboratories to read tissue samples from biopsies for all our patients. We have not changed our process by sending specimens to these laboratories. It is a clinical decision made in order to obtain expert diagnoses by a board certified dermatopathologist who specialize exclusively in dermatopathology. **This is not a change from the practice's successful and longstanding procedures regarding biopsies and specimens; rather this form is to disclose to you that the dermatopathology laboratories that we use may not be a preferred or an in-network laboratory of your insurer.**

The care and safety of our patients is of paramount importance to this practice. **As physicians, we selected our dermatopathology laboratories to maximize diagnostic accuracy.** We believe that our choice provides for better clinical outcomes because of the quality of the pathology reports we receive which enable us to better treat you, our patient. In addition, with these laboratories, we have developed systems and processes to minimize errors in receiving, reading, and using laboratory reports.

If the dermatopathology laboratories we use is not your insurer's preferred laboratory or is an out-of-network laboratory, you may be billed for those services. If you wish to speak to either of the dermatopathology laboratories concerning their fees and billing, their contact information is as follows:

**D-PATH  
DERMATOPATHOLOGY  
888-274-7956**

**DERMPATH DIAGNOSTICS  
800-474-3376**

In addition, because not all services are covered benefits in all insurance contracts, including laboratory services, some insurance companies may arbitrarily select certain services they will not cover. If a tissue sample needs to be read by a dermatopathologist, you may be billed for those additional services by the dermatopathology laboratory we use.

If you have any questions, please let us know and our billing staff will be happy to assist you.

I (please print name) \_\_\_\_\_ have read this Out-of-Network Disclosure of Advanced Dermatology & Skin Care, and I understand and agree to abide by this policy.

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Signature of Patient or Guardian

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Date