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Fee Statement

Your fee for your visit with the doctor and is based on the time spent with you, the complexity of your condition, and any treatment provided. In addition, proper attention to your case requires that the doctor spend more time working for you besides his time directly consulting with you. Such time may include the following:

- Creation of a permanent medical record.
- Review of all laboratory test results (a biochemical survey and CBC contain 42 separate tests to interpret and file in your chart).
- Follow-up phone call or letter regarding laboratory test results and/or copies of test results when indicated or requested.
- Review of prior and current x-ray or scan reports and personal review with the radiologist of abnormal study results.
- Preparation and mailing of consultation reports, follow-up visits, sending of letters and laboratory/scan results to referring physicians, and any subsequent consulting.
- Phone consultation with referring or consulting physicians and other health care providers.
- Other phone calls to and from you and your family members for various reasons.
- Referral letters to any other specialists recommended by the doctor.
- Furnishing of patient educational materials and medication samples when available.
- Further research by the doctor about your case, including the use of medical libraries and computerized medical search services.
- Staff assistance regarding your visit.
- Arranging and coordinating other tests and consultations.
- Calls and faxes to and from pharmacies.
- Research on drug interactions and your medical history regarding new and refill prescriptions.
- Pre-authorization calls to insurance company or Medicare.
- Discussions (sometimes heated) with hospitalization utilization review, insurance companies or Medicare for ongoing care.
- Review and management of hospital records.
- Letters of necessity to obtain durable medical equipment or prescriptions.
- Letters of necessity for medical services to insurance companies.

- Arrangements for hospitalization with hospital admissions, staff physicians and consulting physicians and testing/treating facilities.
- Daily communication during admission with nurses and attending physicians.
- Tumor Registry and other required reports.
- Home health care and nursing facility orders.

In addition, the doctor participates extensively in continuing medical education, clinical research, teaching and medical writing to keep himself up-to-date concerning the latest medical advances.

At our office, we feel a strong commitment to keep costs to our patients down. Even so, the costs of salaries, rent, taxes, insurance, billing, postage, photocopying, medical supplies, office supplies, medical journals and textbooks and other materials keep increasing. We charge only what we feel is necessary in order to maintain the highest standard of care. We look forward to a lasting and healthy relationship with you.

Thank you!