

ITHACA ORAL SURGERY AND IMPLANT CENTER

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HIPAA Privacy Policy

Ithaca Oral Surgery and Implant Center takes your privacy seriously. We want to tell you about our privacy practices to protect your personal health information.

How do we use health information?

We use your health information to conduct normal business known as dental care operations.

Examples of how we use your information include:

Payment - We may submit claim forms for your treatment. We may also discuss your treatment plan with your dentist or provide prior authorization for certain services.

Dental Care Operations - Health information is used for quality improvement and for customer service.

We comply with all applicable state and federal laws, including any laws that impact our ability to use your health information for payment and operations.

Other Services

We may also use information to:

Tell you about benefits and services.

Communicate with family or friends involved in your care when you allow them to be in the room or privy to consults or treatment visits.

Communicate with other healthcare providers or business associates for treatment, payment, or health care operations. Business associates must follow our privacy rules.

Communicate with the sponsor of your health plan.

Information we share

There are limited times when we are permitted or required to disclose health information without your signed permission. These situations are listed below:

To protect victims of abuse or neglect for federal and state health oversight activities such as fraud investigations.

For judicial or administrative proceedings.

If required by law or for law enforcement.

To coroners, medical examiners and funeral directors.

For specialized government functions such as national security and intelligence.

To Workers' Compensation if you are injured at work.

To a correctional institution if you are an inmate.

All other uses and disclosures, not previously described, may only be made with your signed authorization. You may revoke your authorization at any time.

Our Responsibilities

Ithaca Oral Surgery and Implant Center is required by law to:

Maintain the privacy of your health information.

Provide this notice of our duties and privacy practices.

Abide by the terms of the notice currently in effect.

We reserve the right to change privacy practices, and make the new practices effective for all the information we maintain. Revised notices will be will be mailed to you upon request.

Your Rights

You have the right to:

Request that we restrict how we use or disclose your health information. We may not be able to comply with all requests.

Request that we use a specific telephone number or address to communicate with you.

Inspect and copy your health information (fees will apply).*

Request additions or corrections to your health information.*

Receive an accounting of how your health information was disclosed (excludes disclosures for treatment, payment, healthcare operations and some required disclosures, as well as disclosures that you authorize).*

Obtain a paper copy of this notice even if you receive it electronically.

Requests followed by an asterisk (*) must be in writing.

Financial Privacy Policy

We do not give your financial information to any person or persons not affiliated with Ithaca Oral Surgery and Implant Center. It is important to us that you understand what financial information we gather and how we use it to administer your benefits and serve you better.

Financial Information - In order to provide your Oral Surgery services, we may gather financial information about you from you, your employer, your plan sponsor, or your dentist with respect to claims, co-payments, and premium payments.

Security - In compliance with state and federal standards, electronic, procedural and physical safeguards are in place to limit the collection and use of non-public information to the minimum necessary to provide you with quality products and services. Access to this information is limited to a "need to know" basis for our employees to perform their jobs. This applies to you whether you are a former or current member.

To Contact Us

If you have any comments or suggestions, please call us at (607) 273-0327

All complaints will be investigated and you will not suffer retaliation for filing a complaint. You may also file a complaint regarding health information with the Secretary of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C.