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NOTICE OF DATA BREACH

Dear <<Name 1>>,

I am writing to inform you of an incident that occurred involving my practice.

What Happened?

On August 9, 2016, I was informed that papers related to my practice were found in a trash container. I immediately began an investigation into the matter and determined that on August 8, 2016, the day before, billing tickets used by my practice were accidentally thrown away during my move. Fortunately, all known records were retrieved within 24 hours, and upon further investigation, it was determined to have been a singular incident.

What Information Was Involved?

I am notifying you of this incident because your ticket was among those potentially exposed. Specifically, the ticket contained your: name; procedure type; surgeon; my name as your anesthesiologist; hospital, date, and time of procedure; type of anesthesia used; and difficulty of case. Pertinently, *no* social security numbers, dates of birth, financial information, medical insurance information, patient identification numbers, *nor* contact information was included. Further, as mentioned, the tickets were retrieved within 24 hours.

What We Are Doing.

In addition to the steps outlined above, I was in immediate contact with hospital administrative staff, I discussed this matter with my staff to ensure such an event does not happen again, and I notified the appropriate state and federal agencies about this incident including the California Attorney General and Health and Human Services Department. I take the protection of information seriously and understand how important trust is in a physician-patient relationship.

What You Can Do.

Although neither your social security number, date of birth, financial information, medical insurance information, patient identification number, nor contact information was included, you may still be inclined to contact the three credit bureaus and place a fraud alert on your accounts. If so, their contact information is:

Equifax P.O. Box 740241 Atlanta, GA 30374 1-800-685-1111 https://www.alerts.equifax.com/AutoFraud_Online/jsp/fraudAlert.js	Experian P.O. Box 9532 Allen, TX 75013 1-888-397-3742 https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html	TransUnion P.O. Box 1000 Chester, PA 19022 1-800-888-4213 https://fraud.transunion.com/fa/fraudAlert/landingPage.jsp
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You are also entitled to a free credit report every year from each of these agencies at: www.annualcreditreport.com

For More Information.

Protecting your information is incredibly important to me, as is addressing this incident with the information and assistance you may need. If you have any questions or concerns, please call at **844-749-5101**, or write me at P.O. Box 2295, Los Banos, CA 93635

Sincerely,

Pratap S. Kurra, M.D.