



# HEALTHPLUS SURGERY CENTER

Elevating the Level of Outpatient Service

Date

Patient Name

Patient Address

Patient City, State Zip

Dear [Title Last Name],

You are receiving this letter because you received a procedure at HealthPlus Surgery Center, LLC (“HealthPlus”) between January 1, 2018 and September 7, 2018. An investigation by the New Jersey Department of Health revealed that during this time period, lapses in infection control in sterilization/cleaning instruments and the injection of medications may have exposed patients to bloodborne pathogens (diseases in people’s blood), such as hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). To date, there have not been reports of any infections or illness related to the investigation. However, **HealthPlus and the New Jersey Department of Health recommend that you get blood tests for hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and HIV.**

Knowing if you have hepatitis B, hepatitis C, or HIV is important because there are medicines, treatments, and other things that people with these infections can do to protect their health. You can be infected with these diseases and not feel sick at all. It is important that you get tested, even if you do not remember feeling sick. The tests are a simple blood test.

All of us at HealthPlus understand this may be upsetting. We want to assure you that we will assist you during this process, including paying for all medial costs associated with testing. We recommend that you get tested as soon as possible. To provide you with more information, a fact sheet on these infections has been included with this letter.

## **How do I get a blood test?**

For your convenience, HealthPlus is paying for patients to receive blood tests at no charge. Please schedule an appointment as soon as you receive this letter. ***On the day of the test, bring this letter with you.*** Please call 1-888-507-0578 Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. to make an appointment at one of the following locations:

- New Jersey patients will receive testing at Hudson Regional Hospital located at 55 Meadowlands Parkway, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094. Appointments for blood tests will be scheduled between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Monday-Friday and between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Walk-ins during these hours are also welcome.

Please bring a copy of this letter with you to Hudson Regional Hospital on the day you choose to have your tests performed.

- New York patients will receive testing at any LabCorp location. Your closest location can be found here: <https://www.labcorp.com/> and an appointment can also be scheduled through this website or by calling the testing site directly. You can also call 1-888-507-0578 between the hours of 9am-9pm Monday through Friday, and an appointment will be scheduled for you. Walk-ins without an appointment are also welcome at any LabCorp location.

If you will be having the blood tests performed by LabCorp, please bring this letter, the LabCorp enclosure and photo identification to the testing site on the day of your appointment.

If you wish to have the tests performed through your personal doctor, please make an appointment with him or her as soon as you receive this letter. At your appointment, show your doctor the “Dear Doctor” letter that was included with this letter, so that he/she can run the correct blood tests.

If you are charged a copay or a deductible fee at your doctor’s office for the testing, you will need to pay this fee. Send a copy of the receipt to HealthPlus, and you will be reimbursed the fees (copay or deductible) that you paid to your doctor for testing. Send the receipts to:

HealthPlus Surgery Center  
190 Midland Ave, Saddlebrook, NJ 07663  
Attn: Amanda Cologne

**How will I get my blood test results?**

A copy of the test results will be sent to you and your doctor and you will be contacted by a representative from Hudson Regional Hospital with your results

**What if my blood test is positive?**

If your blood test is positive, a representative from Hudson Regional Hospital will explain the results and provide you with a referral to the appropriate specialist. We understand that this may be an upsetting situation for you, and that you and your family may have additional questions or concerns about the information you have received. If you or your family members have questions call the numbers below Monday through Friday from 9am-9pm:

- In New Jersey: 1-866-448-2432
- Outside of New Jersey: 1-800-962-1253

You can also call the hotline established by HealthPlus with questions at 1-888-507-0578 Monday through Friday between the hours of 9am and 9pm.

We’ve included a fact sheet about hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and HIV. This information explains about the diseases and may answer some of your questions.

Sincerely,

HealthPlus Surgery Center, LLC