

## **LAB WORK AND PATHOLOGY BILLING**

### 1. Who is Dr. Ilene Bayer-Garner, M.D. and why might I receive a bill from her?

Dr. Ilene Bayer-Garner is a Dermatopathologist at Damascus Dermatology & Skin Surgery Center who specializes in reviewing skin biopsy specimens and has extensive experience. She has diagnosed countless biopsies for many premier Dermatology practices in Maryland and she is considered one of the best local Dermatopathologists. If you receive a bill with charge codes from her, it will be for her service in diagnosing the biopsy or surgery slide(s) provided. Her name may appear on bills from Annapath as well as directly from our office.

### 2. Who is Annapath Inc. and why might I receive a bill from them?

Annapath Inc. is an independent laboratory who prepares and processes slides for numerous medical practices. They will use the tissue sample we send them to create a slide and do the necessary tests in order to allow Dr. Bayer-Garner to make an accurate diagnosis. This will sometimes incur an additional fee depending on your type of insurance. If you have further questions or receive a bill from Annapath, you can contact their billing department directly at **301-464-0603**.

### 3. I received a bill from Annapath as well as your office that had the same charge codes, am I being double billed?

When you have a tissue sample taken in our office there are two other places that charges can occur, Annapath Inc and Dr. Ilene-Bayer Garner (see above). The charges from Annapath Inc are for the technical portion (preparing the slides) and the charges from Dr. Ilene Bayer-Garner are for the professional portion (reading the slides and rendering a diagnosis). These can often be filed under the same charge codes, but are in fact for different services.