



# Second Opinion Pathology Request

A Medicare rebate is available for a second opinion on histopathology and cytopathology samples where both the original pathologist and specialist involved in the care of the patient are in agreement that a second opinion is reasonably required for confirmation of diagnosis and management planning.  
By releasing this case material for review, the initial pathologist agrees the above criteria are met.

### PATIENT DETAILS:

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Given Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

### 11 DIGIT MEDICARE NUMBER:

### REQUESTING CLINICIAN / PATHOLOGIST:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Provider No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I confirm that I am involved in the care of this patient and request a second opinion for confirmation of diagnosis and treatment planning.

If clinician-initiated request, I confirm that the patient consents to the assignment of Medicare rebate (per section 20A of the Health Insurance Act 1973).

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### ORIGINAL PATHOLOGY LABORATORY:

LAB ID/ACCESSION NO: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF COLLECTION: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIMEN TYPE/SITE: \_\_\_\_\_

If an opinion is required from a specific pathologist, please nominate: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Please note: If unavailable, the case will be referred to another appropriate pathologist within the department.*

Is this second opinion required for MDM?  Yes  No

If yes, please specify MDM stream if known: \_\_\_\_\_

### CLINICAL INFORMATION / REASON FOR REQUEST:

#### PLEASE SEND:

- The original stained slides
- This form completed in full
- A copy of the original pathology report, in a padded bag to:

THE DEPARTMENT OF ANATOMICAL PATHOLOGY  
LEVEL 2, MAIN BUILDING A,  
ST VINCENTS HOSPITAL  
41 VICTORIA PARADE,  
FITZROY VIC 3065

Ph: (03) 9231 4583 Fax: (03) 9231 4580

#### Details of material provided:

A COPY OF THE SECOND OPINION WILL BE PROVIDED TO BOTH THE REQUESTING CLINICIAN AND ORIGINAL PATHOLOGIST. CASE MATERIALS WILL BE PROMPTLY RETURNED TO THE ORIGINAL LABORATORY.