

ANKLE + FOOT CENTER OF TAMPA BAY, P.A.

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I write on behalf of Ankle + Foot Center of Tampa Bay, P.A. (the "Company") to advise you that the Company recently became aware of a breach of the security of protected health information. On or about November 10, 2010, the Company learned that outside third party attempts had been made against the Practice Management System that stores your personal patient data, including your health information.

The information accessed by this unauthorized third party included information such as patient names, social security numbers, date of birth, home addressees, account numbers, and healthcare services and related diagnostic code(s) ("Personal Information"). The Company is conducting an internal investigation of the circumstances surrounding the unauthorized third party's actions and appropriate authorities have been notified. As part of our efforts to investigate the breach, we are taking every step to mitigate against harm to you, and prevent further breaches, including, but not limited to, immediately disconnecting the connectivity source of the breach and replaced it with a more secure technological environment.

As a result of this breach, we suggest you consider taking certain steps to protect yourself from harm from the breach, including, but not limited to,

- Call the toll-free numbers of anyone of the three major credit bureaus (below) to place a fraud alert on your credit report. This can help prevent an identity theft from opening additional accounts in your name. As soon as the credit bureau confirms your fraud alert, the other two credit bureaus will automatically be notified to place alerts on your credit report, and all three reports will be sent to you free of charge.
 - Equifax: 1-888-766-0008; www.equifax.com; PO Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374
 - Experian: 1-888-EXPERIAN (397-3742); www.experian.com; PO Box 9532, Allen, TX 75013
 - TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289; www.transunion.com; PO Box 6790, Fullerton, CA 92834
- Order your credit reports. By establishing a fraud alert, you will receive a follow-up letter that will explain how you can receive a free copy of your credit report. When you receive your credit report, examine it closely and look for signs of fraud, such as credit accounts that are not yours.
- Continue to monitor your credit reports. Even though a fraud alert has been placed on your account, you should continue to monitor your credit reports to ensure an imposter has not opened an account with your personal information.

We take very seriously our role of safeguarding your personal information and using it in an appropriate manner. Ankle + Foot Center of Tampa Bay, P.A. apologizes for the stress, worry and inconvenience this unforeseen situation may cause you and is doing everything it can to rectify the situation.

Should you have any questions or concerns you may contact us at 1-877-560-4648 to ask questions or learn additional information regarding the breach. Additionally, you may access our website at www.ankleandfootcenter.com for more information. We have established a section on our website with updated information and links to websites that offer information on what to do if your personal information has been compromised.

Ankle + Foot Center of Tampa Bay, P.A. sincerely appreciates every patient. We have taken definitive measures to ensure your personal information is maintained in a safe environment and look forward to serving your future podiatric concerns.

Sincerely,
Wes Sykes
Wes Sykes, Administrator
Ankle + Foot Center of Tampa Bay, P.A.