



# Washington University in St. Louis

## SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

March 24, 2017

Sample Customer  
123 Sample St Apt 2  
Dublin, OH 43017-1234

Dear Sample Customer:

Washington University School of Medicine (WUSM) is committed to protecting the security and confidentiality of our patients' information. Regrettably, we are writing to inform you about an incident involving some of that information.

On January 24, 2017, we learned that a "phishing" email was sent to employees of WUSM who had previously responded to an email on December 2, 2016, believing it to be a legitimate request. A "phishing" email is an email designed to look like a legitimate email but tricks the recipient into taking some action, such as providing login credentials. Upon learning of this, we secured the email accounts and began an investigation. The investigation could not rule out that an unauthorized third party may have gained access to some employees' email accounts. We conducted a thorough review of the employees' email accounts and confirmed that some of the emails contained patient information. That information may have included your name, date of birth, medical records number, diagnosis and treatment information, and other clinical information. Neither your Social Security number nor other financial information was included. We reported the phishing incident to law enforcement and continue to work with them in their investigation.

We have no indication that the information in the emails has been used in any way; however, as a precaution, we wanted to notify you of this incident and assure you that we take it very seriously.

We regret any inconvenience or concern this may cause you. To help prevent something like this from happening in the future, we are reinforcing education with our staff and faculty of existing protocols and University resources regarding "phishing" emails. We are also reviewing enhancements to strengthen our business practices and user login authentication process. If you have any questions, please call 1-(844) 641-5630, Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Central Time.

Sincerely,

*Chellie A. Butel*

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## Activate ProtectMyID Now in Three Easy Steps

1. ENSURE That You Enroll By: June 28, 2017 (Your code will not work after this date.)
2. VISIT the ProtectMyID Web Site to enroll: [www.protectmyid.com/redeem](http://www.protectmyid.com/redeem)
3. PROVIDE Your Activation Code: [code]

If you have questions or need an alternative to enrolling online, please call 877-288-8057 and provide engagement #: PC107146

### ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 12-MONTH PROTECTMYID MEMBERSHIP:

A credit card is not required for enrollment.

Once your ProtectMyID membership is activated, you will receive the following features:

- **Free copy of your Experian credit report**
- **Surveillance Alerts for:**
  - **Daily Bureau Credit Monitoring:** Alerts of key changes & suspicious activity found on your Experian, Equifax<sup>®</sup> and TransUnion<sup>®</sup> credit reports.
- **Identity Theft Resolution & ProtectMyID ExtendCARE:** Toll-free access to US-based customer care and a dedicated Identify Theft Resolution agent who will walk you through the process of fraud resolution from start to finish for seamless service. They will investigate each incident; help with contacting credit grantors to dispute charges and close accounts including credit, debit and medical insurance cards; assist with freezing credit files; contact government agencies.
  - To offer added protection, you will receive ExtendCARE<sup>™</sup>, which provides you with the same high-level of Fraud Resolution support even after your ProtectMyID membership has expired.
- **\$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance\***: Immediately covers certain costs including, lost wages, private investigator fees, and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

Activate your membership today at [www.protectmyid.com/redeem](http://www.protectmyid.com/redeem)  
or call 877-288-8057 to register with the activation code above.

Once your enrollment in ProtectMyID is complete, you should carefully review your credit report for inaccurate or suspicious items. If you have any questions about ProtectMyID, need help understanding something on your credit report or suspect that an item on your credit report may be fraudulent, please contact Experian's customer care team at 877-288-8057.

### Additional Steps You Can Take

Even if you choose not to take advantage of this free credit monitoring, we recommend that you remain vigilant for incidents of fraud or identity theft by reviewing your account statements and free credit reports for any unauthorized activity. You may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, once every 12 months from each of the three nationwide credit reporting companies. To order your annual free

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credit report, please visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or call toll free at 1-877-322-8228. Contact information for the three nationwide credit reporting companies is as follows:

*Equifax*, PO Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374, [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com), 1-866-640-2273

*Experian*, PO Box 2002, Allen, TX 75013, [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com), 1-888-397-3742

*TransUnion*, PO Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016, [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com), 1-800-916-8800

If you believe you are the victim of identity theft or have reason to believe your personal information has been misused, you should immediately contact the Federal Trade Commission and/or the Attorney General's office in your state. You can obtain information from these sources about steps an individual can take to avoid identity theft as well as information about fraud alerts and security freezes. You should also contact your local law enforcement authorities and file a police report. Obtain a copy of the police report in case you are asked to provide copies to creditors to correct your records. Contact information for the Federal Trade Commission is as follows:

*Federal Trade Commission*, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338), [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft)