

HIPAA PRIVACY POLICY

E.M. PAPPER LABORATORY OF CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY

The United States Department of Health and Human Services has promulgated regulations pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”) designed to protect the confidentiality and integrity of Protected Health Information (“PHI”). As a health care provider who provides laboratory testing to ordering health care providers, the NSU E.M. Papper Laboratory of Clinical Immunology (“NSU Lab”) will make reasonable efforts to ensure the confidentiality of your PHI, and provide you with notice describing how your PHI may be used and disclosed and how you can access this information.

Although classified as an “indirect health care provider, the NSU Lab is considered a covered Health Care Component of Nova Southeastern University’s Hybrid Entity for purposes of compliance with the HIPAA Privacy Regulations. In the course of providing clinical laboratory services, the NSU Lab obtains, uses, and discloses PHI. PHI also includes the following, but is not limited to:

- Patient name, address, date of birth, social security number, and phone numbers;
- Health insurance and other payment information;
- Your physician’s reason for referral, including diagnosis;
- Your physician’s name and address; and
- Other physical and medical information relating to your condition that we may need to complete your test.

The NSU Lab provides laboratory testing ordered by the patient’s physician. The NSU Lab should only use the patient’s PHI personal health information for the purposes of 1) providing test results to the patient and his/her physician(s), 2) seeking payment for the service it provides to the patient, and 3) for the related administrative activities supporting its service, unless Required By Law. Additionally, the NSU Lab may be required or permitted by certain laws to use and disclose a patient’s PHI for other purposes without his/her consent or authorization.

As our patient, you have important rights relating to inspecting and copying your medical information that we maintain, amending or correcting that information, obtaining an accounting of our disclosures of your medical information, requesting that we communicate with you confidentially, requesting that we restrict certain uses and disclosures of your health information, and voicing your concerns if you think your rights have been violated. An explanation of your rights and our obligation under the law is included in the following **Notice of Privacy Practices (“NPP”)**

We may revise our **NPP** from time to time; the date at the bottom of this **NPP** indicates the most current **NPP** in effect.

If you have any questions, concerns, or complaints about the **NPP** please contact our Privacy Officer at (954) 262-4302, or the NSU Ethics and Compliance Reporting Hotline at **888-609-NOVA (6682)**, if you wish to remain anonymous.