

# Your Pathology Review at Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center

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A pathology review is when a doctor (called a pathologist) looks closely at blood and tissue samples that have been taken from a patient. The pathologist does this to learn more about a patient's cells and to find out if the patient has any illness or cancer.

## If you've had a previous biopsy, we may request your pathology slides from your previous doctor

It's our policy to request your previous pathology slides. If your slides are available, we'll use them to do our own pathology review. This is called a second-opinion review.

Our pathologist will look at your slides to:

- confirm your diagnosis
- learn more about your diagnosis, which will help us tailor treatment to you.

We'll make every effort to get your medical records by the time of your first appointment with us. This way we can learn as much as we can about your diagnosis by the time we see you. In addition to pathology slides, we may also ask for other records, such as doctor's notes and x-rays.

## There are financial charges for second pathology reviews

Many insurance carriers will pay the costs of second pathology reviews when they're part of an appointment. However, it's also possible that your insurance carrier will not pay for all the charges.

### *If you have questions about billing*

If you have any questions about the charges related to your pathology review, call one of our financial counselors at (888) 274-7849.