



UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF RISK MANAGEMENT

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TO: Credentialing Service Companies and Health Insurance Companies

FROM: Elizabeth Cherry
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RE: Questions Relating to UW Malpractice Claims History & Certificate Requests

The University of Washington will not release any information regarding its staff to any credentialing or health insurance company. The University of Washington releases information only to hospitals, clinics, and medical centers requesting malpractice information, or to its current and former providers.

The University and its faculty, staff and students are occasionally named as defendants in claims and lawsuits alleging medical malpractice. Like most self-insurers, our practice is to include in settlement agreements confidentiality clauses which prohibit both parties from revealing the terms and conditions of settlement unless required by law. **Therefore, we cannot respond to any questions you may have about the status, nature, or result of claims and lawsuits against the University, its faculty, staff, or students.**

The University rigorously reports as required by the National Practitioner Data Bank and eligible entities may obtain that information by contacting the Data Bank.