

**Athens Orthopedic Clinic
BREACH NOTIFICATION**

Dear Athens Orthopedic Clinic Patient:

We regret to inform you that our practice has discovered an apparent breach of your personal health information. This breach occurred on June 14, 2016; we became aware on June 27 that a potential breach had occurred, which was confirmed several days later. The breach occurred by way of a cyber-attack when the log-in credentials of an outside vendor were used to access our electronic health records system. We have terminated and replaced this vendor.

We believe that the information taken includes your name, address, social security number, date of birth, telephone number and account number, and may include your diagnosis and medical history.

We advise you to immediately call the toll-free number of any of the three major credit bureaus (below) to place a fraud alert on your credit report, and on the credit report of any parent or guardian of any patient who is a child:

Equifax: (888)766-0008; [https://www.alerts.equifax.com/AutoFraud Online/jsp/fraudAlert.jsp](https://www.alerts.equifax.com/AutoFraudOnline/jsp/fraudAlert.jsp). General: (800) 685-1111, www.equifax.com, P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374-0241.

Experian: (888) 397-3742; <https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html>. General: (888)EXPERIAN (397-3742); www.experian.com; 475 Anton Blvd., Costa Mesa, CA 92626.

TransUnion: (888) 909-8872); <http://www.transunion.com/personal-credit/credit-disputes/fraud-alerts.page>; TransUnion Fraud Victim Assistance Department, P.O. Box 2000, Chester, PA 19022-2000. General: (800) 680-7289, www.transunion.com; P.O. Box 2000, Chester, PA 19022-2000

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, then continue to monitor your credit reports.

To further protect against future breaches, we have retained cyber security experts to investigate and make recommendations for additional improvements to our system, and have begun implementing these recommendations. You may receive more than one copy of this notice.

You may contact our toll-free telephone number at 844-382-9364 or visit our website at www.athensorthopedicclinic.com for additional information. We apologize for the stress and worry this situation may cause you. We are committed to keeping your information safe and assure you we are doing everything possible to retain your trust in our practice.

Sincerely,

Kayo Elliott, CEO