

MEDICAL-LEGAL UPDATE

This is an important medical-legal update. Please give this message to each and every provider

Dear Provider,

Thank you for being on the front lines in this Opioid Crisis and helping these patients facing the dilemma. Your service to the community and humanity is greatly appreciated. There are some major changes occurring in the field. Recent research has confirmed the previous findings of genetic damage to the DNA and by opioid exposure. Some of the patients diagnosed with Opioid Addiction/Opioid Use Disorder have been found instead to be suffering from the genetic damage. You serve your patients as service to mankind. Do not get caught in a medical-legal conundrum of failure to diagnose/delay in diagnosis. Let your patients participate in decisions involving their care.

A DNA test has been developed. It is available immediately. The test is undergoing CLIA Certification currently. But it is ready and available now. The test is expensive at \$600. But the information is invaluable. The lab will allow payment plans as this test is so vitally important in establishing the right diagnosis.

Your role as the provider is a simple role:

Simply give the information to the patient and let each patient decide for themselves. Document in the chart that the information was given to the patient. Failure to provide the information to the patient is what creates the vulnerability for failure to diagnose/delay in diagnosis scenario. Do not create unnecessary risk for yourself. Let the patient make an informed and educated decision.

A copy of the patient information is provided with this fax. If you need another copy, it can be found on our website www.smithgeneticsresearch.com, go to menu, select **PATIENT HANDOUT**.

During this most important moment in medical history, we are broadcasting live daily Monday-Thursday at 12:30-1 pm EST We are here to answer your questions.

Live broadcast: www.smithgeneticsresearch.com, menu, LIVE, use the **ATTEND THE LIVE MEETING** button

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