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Dear Patient,

The Tulsa Health Department (THD), the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH), and the Oklahoma Board of Dentistry are in the process of conducting a public health investigation of Dr. W. Scott Harrington’s dental practice. Through the investigation, practices were discovered which may have exposed patients to infectious material. You are receiving this letter because you had a dental procedure at Dr. W. Scott Harrington’s office located at 2111 S. Atlanta Place in Tulsa or at 12806 E. 86th Place N. in Owasso.

Although we do not know whether you were personally exposed to blood-borne viruses, there is a possibility that you may have been exposed to infectious material. As a precaution, we are recommending that you get tested for hepatitis C virus, hepatitis B virus, and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). All testing done through the Tulsa Health Department will be free of charge. Laboratory analysis for HIV, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C will be conducted by the OSDH Public Health Laboratory.

The Tulsa Health Department has set up a clinic to draw your blood for the tests at the North Regional Health and Wellness Center (NRHC) located at 5635 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Services will be provided on a walk-in basis starting on Monday, April 1st from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Please bring this letter with you to the clinic. Your test results will be directly shared with you in a timely manner and will be kept confidential.

We understand that this news may be alarming and frightening to you, and that you may have additional questions or concerns. To assist you, we have established a dedicated hotline at (918) 595-4500. The hotline hours of operation are between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM, Monday through Friday. You may also obtain information from these websites: http://www.tulsa-health.org or www.health.ok.gov.

Sincerely,

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