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Dr. Lori Paserchia
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Dear Dr. Paserchia:

I am writing to you at this time because of your call concerning coverage for clinical treatments with blood products.

For the past three years I have been performing autologous platelet grafts using the Harvest Technology and the use of their SmartPRep System. The clinical results have been excellent. I can furnish clinical photographs for your perusal if you so desire.

This procedure has been extremely effective in wound healing, surgical procedures, and especially in non-healing chronic wounds. I have multiple cases of ulcers that have been refractory to other modalities and therapies. I would like to site three cases though I have many more.

Case #1 An 86-year-old male who had 49 hyperbaric oxygen treatments requiring travel to Indianapolis. The cost of this was in the \$1000's of dollars not to even include the stress and strain to the patient with the inconvenience of travel and loss of time. There was no evidence of any healing. With the use of platelet rich plasma within three weeks the ulcer was healed. The cost was approximately \$1500.00.

Case #2 A 28-year-old female with collagen vascular disease presented with necrosis of her lower abdomen following a cesarean section. We were unable to get her healed until the use of platelet rich plasma. Platelet rich plasma offers to the patient especially those who are at risk for non-healing because of poor nutrition, concomitant diseases and altered immune mechanism defenses the signaling proteins, growth factors and platelet adhesive molecules. Often times the patient is unable to produce these substances. There is no other commercial product that offers these natural proteins. Substances such as ProCuren, Tissel, collagen sponges, etc., are totally different products. Platelet rich plasma is a true human tissue graft and should have a separate code.

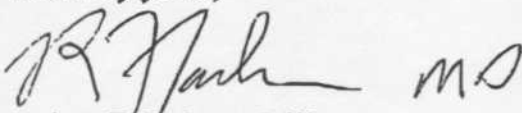
Case #3 A 75-year-old female with a four year history of non-healing stasis ulcers. Now totally healed with the use of platelet rich plasma. She had been, for the past four years, having multiple physical therapy whirlpool treatments, Unna boots, etc.

There are multiple other cases that I can send you documentation of if you so desire.

Platelet rich plasma for other surgical procedures including, bone grafting, total knee replacement for accelerated healing, and the use of this substance in bone healing is well documented.

Thank you very kindly for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide you with any further information.

Sincerely yours,



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