

# Re: Dental Records

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Clinton wrote:

jkutti2000@xxxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

hmmm.

what if I am relocating to another continent... and I want to take all my records . with me.. have still not decided on a dentist there.... how do i ask them to hand me over my records.

same thing for medical records... one Dr. I saw.. wanted 25\$ for a copy of all my records. but it was free to transfer them to another Doctor.. So i got them transferred to the Dr no 2. and then requested them for a copy and guess what he said... " that he will only release those copies back to the sender." and not to me.

i agree that you pay for the visit you should own the records. However....Doctors do actually have a legitamite reason for keeping the originals which is lawsuits. If they gave the originals to you and you lost the records and sued the doctor a couple of years later afterall, how would they defend themselves?

Both technically and legally, you are paying for the diagnosis and clinical judgement. You are not paying for the physical records, and as far as I can tell this has always been the case legally. Where copies are furnished to the patient gratis it is a courtesy to the patient. Even in the case of a law suit the law stipulates that the dentist should be reimbursed for records released to plaintiff on request.

Steve