

Dear orthodontic care recipient,

Dr. James Economides is retiring from practice. During his long career, he has accumulated a large collection of patient treatment records, including x-rays, dental casts, and photos. He has decided to donate these materials to the Maxwell Museum of Anthropology of the University of New Mexico to be used for scientific research. These materials have great educational and scientific value for students and researchers in orthodontia, anthropology, and other scientific fields. For example, orthodontic students will be able to access this collection to help them learn to provide better orthodontic treatment to patients from diverse ethnic backgrounds.

Anthropologists will be able to use these materials to study variations in human skulls and teeth.

Dr. Economides' records indicate that you have been his patient at some time in the past and that your patient records are among those he is donating to the Maxwell Museum. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your treatment records (including X-rays, dental casts, and photos) will be included as part of this donation. The collections will only be used for educational and scientific research purposes. All of these materials will be managed by professionals in a manner that will insure the protection of individual patients' identity and privacy. If you would like, we can send you a copy of UNM's privacy policies, or you can access them at <http://hospitals.unm.edu/Healthcare/HIPAA.shtml>. This document describes how your protected health information may be used and disclosed and how you can gain access to this information.

We hope you will be pleased that your treatment information will be used to help train future orthodontists and help advance scientific knowledge in general. If you have any questions about how your records will be used, or if you would like to have your records removed from the collection and returned to you, please contact us using the information below. If you would like your materials to remain part of the collection but need to access them for future dental treatment, you may certainly do so at any time. Please feel free to get in touch with us.

Sincerely,

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