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Patient Financial Responsibility Form

The treatment at the Thyroid Nodule Treatment Center, LLC. (TNTC) involves the use of highly technical equipment. These procedures which provide excellent results are currently not coded in standard AMA procedures recognized by insurance companies or Medicare. Therefore, the formation of a separate company is necessary to provide patients with the interventional services they desire to avoid surgery and preserve the thyroid gland function. This company is an "out of network" provider and does not bill your insurance company, nor does it submit for authorization to these companies. We will assist our patients with this effort if they desire. Most insurance companies are now reimbursing the patients for this service, but at variable amounts.

The services provided at TNTC do not include the initial patient evaluation and procedures performed during this evaluation. These services provided by Dr. Richard Harding and his staff are charged through the routine insurance companies as an "in network" provider. The patient is responsible for this service through the contract with Arizona Advanced Surgeons, LLC. (84-3016310)

The successful RFA of the thyroid gland on the day of treatment requires the following services:

- Comprehensive Neck Thyroid Ultrasound
- Cervical Plexus Block
- Ultrasound Guidance for Radiofrequency Procedure
- Radiofrequency of the Thyroid Nodule

Other therapies which may be necessary include Ultrasound guided drainage of thyroid cyst. This incurs extra time and expense which can increase the complexity of the procedure. These procedures may be performed and billed through ordinary insurance routes although they are performed on the day of the RFA procedure.

Please feel free to ask further questions for clarification prior to your procedure so that there are no misunderstandings of the services provided and how they will be charged.

Patient Name:	Date:		

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