

# We Welcome Our Patients

Thank you for choosing our practice for your obstetric and gynecologic care. On behalf of the entire staff, we are delighted you have placed your confidence in us. We are committed to providing the best possible medical care. A doctor/patient relationship is a very special arrangement, one that requires the sharing of information. That is why we have prepared this letter. Please take a moment to read it carefully. It is designed to let you know how our office operates and what to expect when you visit.

# **Scheduling Your Appointments**

Our office is open from Tuesday through Friday 7:45am to 5:00pm. We are closed for lunch from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Patient appointments are scheduled Monday through Friday. We start seeing patients at 7:45am with the last appointment being at 4:00pm. When your condition requires urgent attention, we will make every effort to meet your needs. In return, we would appreciate your being on time for appointments and <u>letting us know when you can't keep an appointment</u>. If you need to cancel, please let us know as far in advance as possible to allow the substitution of others who would like to schedule an appointment. For the consideration of other patients, you will be rescheduled if you are 15 or more minutes late for your appointment.

# **Telephone Consultations**

If you need to talk to the doctor, please make non-emergency calls during regular office hours when your records are available. Our receptionist will take some preliminary information and let you know when to expect a return call. If you call to request a prescription to be refilled, please be sure to call during office hours and be prepared to give the receptionist your pharmacy's telephone number. Our answering service will answer when the office is closed. Non-emergency messages can also be left with this service. All calls will be returned. Please let us know if your phone call has not been returned.

## **Emergency Situations After Office Hours**

Dr. Natchez Morice, Dr. Andrew Suire, and Dr. Jessica Bell will provide care after hours. Our answering service will immediately forward messages concerning your needs to the doctor on call. In a major emergency when there is not time to call, you should go directly to the nearest emergency room. We prefer that you go to Thibodaux Regional Medical Center. The hospital will notify the physician on call immediately.

# **Filing Insurance Claims**

Payment for medical care is expected at the time of service. Our office will file insurance claims for you. Should you prefer to file your insurance yourself, you may do so with itemized bill provided. Please understand that coverage varies significantly among the many insurance carriers, therefore, it is your responsibility to thoroughly understand the coverage and exceptions of our particular policy. Awareness of the unique provisions of your policy will aid in meeting your deductible and limiting complicated paperwork for you. Please notify our receptionist of any changes to your insurance coverage.

## **Confidentiality of Your Medical Records**

All your medical records and any information you give any staff member are confidential. No information about you or your medical history will be released unless we have a written authorization from you to do so.

## **Your Suggestions Are Welcome**

Again, we appreciate you selecting our practice. The entire staff is committed to providing the highest quality medical care. Our goal is to do this in a pleasant environment with courtesy and attention to your individual needs. Please feel free to share your comments with any member of our staff. Your suggestions are most welcome.

## **Paying the Bill**

- 1. Thibodaux Gynecology & Obstetrics will submit claims to insurance plans according to the terms of the individual agreements with the insurance company when they exist. The patient's co pay is due at the time of service and is payable by cash, check, or credit card.
- 2. Balances that are "patient responsibility" include non-covered services, 30 day aged accounts, deductibles, denied services and self pay (self- pay is defined as patient without insurance, motor vehicle accidents, and "other liability accidents) is payable in full, unless other arrangement have been made prior to services.
- 3. Secondary insurance claims will be submitted one time as a courtesy to the patient, however, the patient will remain responsible for the balance except in the instances where Thibodaux Gynecology & Obstetrics is in contractual arrangement with the secondary insurance. The above "patient responsibility" rule will apply.

### THIBODAUX GYNECOLOGY & OBSTETRICS THIBODAUX, LA

## **PRIVACY NOTICE**

Starting April 14, 2003, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) became law. In an effort to simplify this for our patients, we offer this brief overview as an explanation.

BY LAW, we are required to give you, the patient, a Notice of Privacy Practices disclosure and have you, the patient, sign an Acknowledgment of Receipt.

WHAT THIS MEANS IN OUR PRACTICE IS that we agree to show good faith and good effort to keep your medical records private. With your signed acknowledgment, we will have your permission to provide necessary information to your family physician and to your insurance company or give this information to an institution that we deem necessary for payment of your account. If you have any questions, feel free to ask us.

The NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES describes how health information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this information. Please review it carefully.

Keeping the medical and health information we have about you secure is one of out most important responsibilities. We value your trust, and we will handle your information with care. Our employees access information about you only when necessary, to provide treatment, verify eligibility, obtain authorization, process claims, and otherwise meet your needs. We may also access information when considering a request from you or when exercising our rights under the law or any agreement with you.

PROTECTION & STORAGE OF YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION: YOUR PERSONAL HEALTH INFORMATION IS STORED ON OUR SECURE SERVER AT Atchafalaya Gynecology & Obstetrics. We have a firewall to prevent individuals from accessing information without authorization. Physical access to our server requires individual authorization and authentication.

KEEPING YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION ACCURATE AND UP-TO-DATE IS VERY IMPORTANT. If you believe the health information we have about you is incomplete, inaccurate, or not current, please call, write us, or come by our facility. We will take the appropriate action to correct any erroneous information as quickly as possible through a standard of practices and procedures.

HOW AND WHY INFORMATION IS SHARED: we limit who receives information and what type of information is shared. Sharing information within the office: we share information within our office to deliver your health care services. We share information with the doctors who referred you to our facility. Sharing information with companies that work for us: we share information with companies that work for us, such as reference labs. But these companies are obligated contractually to keep your information that we provide to them confidential. If we receive a subpoena or similar legal process demanding release of any information about you, we will attempt to notify you (unless we are prohibited from doing so). Except as required by law or as described above, we do not share information with parties, including government agencies. This office does not share any patient information with third-party marketers who offer their products to our patients.

COUNT ON OUR COMMITMENT TO YOUR PRIVACY: you can count on us to keep you informed about how we protect your privacy and limit the sharing of information you provide to us, whether it is at our office, over the phone, or by mail.



| Patient/Client Informatio  | <u>n:</u>   | Date of Birth   |  |  |  |  |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| Last Name  | First Name  | M   | I.I Age  |  |  |  |
| Mailing Address  | City  | State   | Zip code   |  |  |  |
| Physical Address   | City  | State   | Zip Code   |  |  |  |
| Phone #  | Cell phone #  | Social Security#  |  |  |  |  |
| Ethnicity / Race   | Employer  | Phone #   |  |  |  |  |
| Pt. Email Address  | Marital S   | Marital Status Single, Married, Divorced, Widowed                                 |  |  |  |  |
| Spouse's Name  | Spouse's DOB  | Spouse's DOB Spouse's SS#   |  |  |  |  |
| Spouse's Phone   | Spouse's Emplo  | Spouse's Employee   |  |  |  |  |
| <u>Emergency Contact (</u> ne  | earest relative not living with you)  |   |  |  |  |  |
| Name   | Relationship _  | Phone   | #  |  |  |  |
| Primary Insurance: (pl   | ease give picture ID and insuranc   | e card to reception   | ist)   |  |  |  |
| Carrier  | ID#   | Group   | o#:  |  |  |  |
| <u>Secondary Insurance:</u> (  | please give insurance card to rece  | eptionist)  |  |  |  |  |
| Carrier  | ID#   | Grou  | ıp#  |  |  |  |
| my fees are due in full at the t<br>and physicians are under cont<br>responsible for services not co | <b>FEES ARE DUE AND PAYABL</b><br>ime of service. I agree to pay a \$25.00 serv<br>ract, I agree to pay applicable co-payments<br>overed under my policy benefits. In the eve<br>conable attorney fees, court costs and service | vice charge for each NSI<br>as required. I further ur<br>ent my overdue account i | F check issued. If my insurand<br>inderstand that I am fully<br>is place for collection, I agree |  |  |  |

Patient's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Which provider are you scheduled to see today? (Please circle one)

Natchez "Trey" Morice, MD, FACOGAndrew Suire, MD, BEACOGJessica Bell, MD, BEACOGCelina Hargenrader, FNP-C, IBCLCKristin Plaisance, FNP-CCasey Pech, FNP-CLauren Hymel, FNP-C

How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the reason for your visit today? (Please give brief description.)

Thank you for selecting us as your health care provider

#### Consent to Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information for Purposes of Treatment, Payment and Health Care Operations

As a condition of providing treatment to you, Thibodaux Gyn/Ob must obtain your consent to use and disclose protected health information about you to carry out treatment, payment, and the healthcare operations of Thibodaux Gyn/Ob.

You may revoke this consent at any time by notifying Thibodaux Gyn/Ob in writing, except to the extent Thibodaux Gyn/Ob has taken action and reliance on your consent.

Your protected health information may be used and disclosed to carry out treatment, payment, or health care operations.

Please refer to the Notice of Privacy Practices for Protected Health Information ("Privacy Notice" on page 3) for a more complete description of the uses and disclosures that office/staff may use of your protected health information. You have the right to review the Privacy Notice prior to signing the consent.

Thibodaux Gyn/Ob has reserved the right to change its privacy practices described in this Privacy Notice. In accordance with law, the terms of the Privacy Notice may change. At any time, you may obtain a copy of the current Privacy Notice and any revised notice by requesting the Privacy Notice in writing or by requesting a notice in person.

You have the right to request Thibodaux Gyn/Ob to restrict the manner in which your protected health information is used or disclosed to carry out treatment, payment, or health care operations. Thibodaux Gyn/Ob is not required, however, to agree to such requested restrictions. If, however, Thibodaux Gyn/Ob agrees to the requested restriction, office/hospital will honor the request and it will be binding to Thibodaux Gyn/Ob.

I hereby consent to the use and disclosure by Thibodaux Gyn/Ob, its workforce, and its business associates of my protected health information for purposes of treatment, payment, and health care operations.

Signature

Signature of Personal Representative of Patient

Description of Representative's Authority to Act for Patient

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



#### **Request for Confidential Communication of Protected Health Information**

| Patient's Name  | DOB           | Date                         |  |  |  |  |
|---|---------------|------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| As the above referenced patient, I am requesting th<br>Protected Health Information be handled in the fol | •             |                              |  |  |  |  |
| leaving a message to call the doctor's office of  | on my answei  | ering machine at home        |  |  |  |  |
| leaving a message to call the doctor's office v   | with whoever  | er answers the phone at home |  |  |  |  |
| leaving a message to call the doctor's office of  | on my cell ph | hone                         |  |  |  |  |
| leaving a reminder of a scheduled appointme   | nt on my ans  | swering machine at home      |  |  |  |  |
| leaving a reminder of a scheduled appointment with whoever answers the phone at home                      |               |                              |  |  |  |  |
| no restrictions on communicating with me re   | garding Prote | ected Health Information     |  |  |  |  |
| permission to text me regarding appointment   | s and results | Cell#:                       |  |  |  |  |
| permission to email me regarding appointments and results Email:  |               |                              |  |  |  |  |
| other restrictions (please describe below)  |               |                              |  |  |  |  |
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The following person(s) may have information (example: lab results, appointment times) about me:

Please be advised that we may be unable to comply with certain requests for confidential communication of your Protected Health Information. In such an event, we will notify you.

Patient or Responsible Person's Signature

### PLEASE READ AND SIGN ONLY STATEMENTS YOU AGREE TO

Patient's Name

**PATIENT'S, INSURED'S, OR AUTHORIZED PERSON'S SIGNATURE:** I authorize my healthcare provider to obtain my medication history from my pharmacy, my health plans, and my other providers. I authorize the release of any medical or other information necessary to process insurance claims. I also request payment of government benefits either to myself or the party who accepts assignments as a contracted provider. I authorize payment of medical benefits to the physician or supplier for services billed from the contracted provider.

Signature

**SPECIALIZED LABORATORY REQUEST:** I realize the physician regardless of my insurance will order studies that will be sent to a specialized certified laboratory to process for my specific treatment. I agree to assume responsibility for payment of charges for lab tests not covered by my healthcare insurer.

Signature

**NOTICE OF PRIVACY ACT:** By signing, I consent to the use and disclosure of protected health information about me for the purposes of treatment, payment and health care operations. I have the right to revoke this consent, in writing, except where disclosures have already been made in reliance on my prior consent.

I have received a copy of this office's Notice of Privacy Practices.

Signature

### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

We attempted to obtain written acknowledgement of receipt of our Notices of Privacy Practices, but acknowledgement could not be obtained because:

- ( ) Individual refused to sign
- ( ) Communication barriers prohibited obtaining the acknowledgement
- ( ) An emergency situation prevented us from obtaining acknowledgement
- ( ) Other (Please specify)

Date

Date

Date

DOB

Social Security #



|  | Authorization to Release   |  |                                  |   |
|--|--|--|----------------------------------|---|
| I,   | who re   | esides at                                  |                                  |   |
| I,In the city of   | in the state of  |  | he                               | reby authorizes:  |
| Physicians Name  | What year?   | Phone                                      |                                  | Fax   |
| Physicians NameCity  |  | St   | Zip                              | Date Faxed  |
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| Physicians Name  | What year?   | Phone                                      |                                  | Fax   |
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| Physicians Name  | What year?   | Phone                                      |                                  | Fax   |
| Physicians NameCity  |  | St   | Zip                              | Date Faxed  |
| v  |  |  |                                  |   |
| Address: 406<br>City, St., Zip:         Phone: 985-446-2890         For the purpose of:       Continuing Care         My authorization       extends only to those date          Prenatal Records and          Copies of records or rep          Progress notes          Photographs, videotape          Operative Notes & Dis          History and physical ex          All of the above          Mental Health and or al | Deliveries<br>ports provided to the abo<br>s, digital or other images<br>scharge Summary<br>amination<br>smear results<br>cohol and drug abuse tre | Consultation<br>narked belo<br>ve named (h | w:<br>lospital, lał<br>Other (mu | Fax: 985-446-2189<br>Opinion (circle one)<br>o, and clinic. Etc)<br>st be specific)   |
| <ul> <li>This authorization is given freely with the u</li> <li>1. Any and all record, whether written of<br/>authorization, except as otherwise pro</li> <li>2. A photocopy or fax of this authorization</li> </ul>   | oral or in electronic format<br>vided by law.<br>on is as valid as the original.   |  |                                  | ot be disclosed without my prior written<br>ed. This authorization is valid for a one |
| year period from the date it is signed,<br>from the receptionist.  | or sooner if noted below. Th   | e revocation m                             | iust be in wri                   |   |
| <ol> <li>Atcharataya Ob/Gyn, its employees, of<br/>of the above information to the extent</li> <li>Treatment, payment, enrollment, or el</li> </ol>  | indicated and authorized her   | ein.                                       | • •                              |   |
| <ol> <li>6. Information used or disclosed pursuar<br/>protected.</li> </ol>  |  |  |                                  |   |
| Patient's Signature (or guardian, if a m   | inor) D.O.B.   |  | Patient'                         | s Printed Name  |
| Date: Exp I  | Date:  | Social                                     | Security #                       | £   |
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| Patient's Personal Representative<br>Please fax this sheet back with the records. Than   | <u>ks</u>  |  |                                  | Witness   |



| Date                                     |  | Name Birth date              |                              |                            | Birth date                        |  |  |  |
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| Have you ever been hosp                  | italized fo  | or a major i                 | llness or ha                 | d surgery?                 |                                   |  |  |  |
| Date                                     |  |                              |                              |                            |                                   |  |  |  |
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| Are you allergic to any m                | lealcines (  | or 1000s? 11                 | yes, please                  | list them and the <u>r</u> | <u>eaction</u> you na             | a to each one.                               |  |  |
| Medical History (Please of               | circle any   | conditions                   | you current                  | tly have or have ha        | d in the past.)                   |  |  |  |
| Abdominal pain                           | Hair Lo  |                              | -                            | Psoriasis/E                | Psoriasis/Eczema                  |  |  |  |
| Abdominal pain<br>Allergies/Hay fever    | Heada  | ches-Freque                  | ent                          | Rashes/Hi                  |                                   |  |  |  |
| Appetite-Loss of<br>Arthritis/Rheumatism | Heart N  | Aurmur                       |                              |                            | nstrual Problem                   | IS   |  |  |
|  |  |                              |                              | Sinus Trou                 |                                   |  |  |  |
| Asthma/Wheezing                          | Hernia   |                              |                              | Stools-Blo                 | ody/Tarry                         |  |  |  |
| Back Pain-Recurrent<br>Bronchitis        |  | lood Pressu<br>stion/Heartbu |                              | Stroke<br>Thyroid Di       | 20020                             |  |  |  |
| Cancer                                   |  | ce/Hepatitis                 |                              | Urethral Di                |                                   |  |  |  |
| Cancer-Colon                             |  | Stones                       |                              | Urinary P                  |                                   |  |  |  |
| Chest Pain                               | Leg Pa   |                              |                              | loss of co                 |                                   |  |  |  |
| Convulsions/Seizures                     | Memor  |                              |                              |                            | n twice per night                 | t  |  |  |
| Diabetes                                 |  | ,<br>iess-Excess             | ive                          | painful                    |                                   |  |  |  |
| Diarrhea/Constipation                    | Mumps  |                              |                              | Varicose v                 |                                   |  |  |  |
| Dizziness/Fainting                       |  | Weakness                     |                              | Venereal o                 |                                   |  |  |  |
| Fatigue-(recurrent)                      |  | a/Vomiting (                 | recurrent)                   | Weight los                 | s-recent                          |  |  |  |
| Gall Bladder Trouble                     | Osteop   | orosis                       |                              |                            |                                   |  |  |  |
| Are you programt?                        |  | How                          | mony time                    | a hava yay haan i          | rognont? (inc                     | lude any misserriages (shortions)            |  |  |
| Are you pregnant?                        |  | HOW                          |                              | tions                      |                                   | lude any miscarriages/abortions)<br>e Births |  |  |
| Number of Miscallages                    |  |                              | Abu                          |                            | LIV                               |  |  |  |
| Date of last mammograr                   | m.   |                              |                              | Ν                          | lormal / Abnor                    | mal  |  |  |
| Approximate date of last                 | t nan test   |                              |                              |                            | Normal / A                        | Abnormal                                     |  |  |
| Approximate date of last pap test:       |  | lf ves w                     | _ Normar <i>i, F</i><br>/hen | bhomai                     |                                   |  |  |  |
| Are you currently using a                | anv tvne i   | of birth con                 | rol? Rirth oc                |                            | ntrol method:                     |  |  |  |
|  | uny type v   |                              |                              | Birth oc                   | maon method.                      |  |  |  |
| Family History:                          |  |                              |                              |                            |                                   |  |  |  |
|  | Father   | Mother                       | Siblings                     | Father's Parent            | ts Mother's P                     | arents                                       |  |  |
| Bleeding Disorder                        |  |                              |                              |                            |                                   |  |  |  |
| Breast Cancer                            |  |                              |                              |                            |                                   | age @ diagnosis                              |  |  |
| Colon Cancer                             |  |                              |                              |                            |                                   | age @ diagnosis                              |  |  |
| Diabetes                                 |  |                              |                              |                            |                                   |  |  |  |
| Endometrial Cancer                       |  |                              |                              |                            |                                   | age @ diagnosis                              |  |  |
| Epilepsy                                 |  |                              |                              |                            |                                   |  |  |  |
| Heart Disease                            |  |                              |                              |                            |                                   |  |  |  |
| <b>High Blood Pressure</b>               |  |                              |                              |                            |                                   |  |  |  |
| Kidney Disease                           |  |                              |                              |                            |                                   |  |  |  |
| Ovarian Cancer                           |  |                              |                              |                            |                                   | age @ diagnosis                              |  |  |
| Stroke                                   |  |                              |                              |                            |                                   |  |  |  |
| Thyroid disorder                         |  |                              |                              |                            |                                   |  |  |  |
| Are you married?                         |  |                              | If yes,                      | how long have yo           | u been marrie                     | d?   |  |  |
|  |  |                              |                              |                            |                                   |  |  |  |
|  |  |                              |                              |                            | ong have you been a smoker? years |  |  |  |
|  |  |                              |                              |                            | How often                         |  |  |  |
|  |  |                              |                              |                            |                                   |  |  |  |