

Dear Patient,

As of October 1, 2022, our physicians have decided to no longer provide primary care services to our patients. Over time, primary care and Ob/Gyn care have evolved and many Ob/Gyn physicians are not trained to manage your primary care needs. As we continue to add new physicians to our group we need to adjust our practices and provide you with the best patient care. We appreciate you as our patient and we will continue to be your physician and will continue to see you as specialists in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

You will be required to choose a new primary care physician (PCP). As a specialist in women's care, we will partner with your new PCP to help you stay healthy and to take care of you as your Ob/Gyn specialist. To assure that you understand what some of your PCP options are, we are including a list of PCP physicians that we recommend with this letter.

Most insurance plans customarily include benefits allowing a patient to see both a primary care physician and a gynecologist every year. If you are wondering what the difference is between a PCP and a gynecologist, here is a list to help explain the differences.

**Primary Care Physician (PCP)**

Annual preventative exam  
Preventative testing

Acute illness (i.e. cold, flu)

Chronic illness such as high blood pressure, Diabetes, Asthma, allergies and many other conditions that involve your general health.

Medication management  
Referrals to other specialty care

**OB/GYN Specialist**

Annual gynecological exam

Gynecological Problems or Concerns

Counseling, exams and treatment options for contraception, painful periods, pre-menstrual syndrome, menstrual Migraines, painful intercourse, heavy bleeding, irregular menstrual cycles, breast lumps or pain, prolapse, incontinence and many other GYN conditions.

Gynecological surgery and procedures, fertility and family planning, menopause & hormone replacement management, OB and gynecological ultrasound, prenatal care, full obstetrical care, STD, HIV, HPV screening

For our Priority Health patients, you should receive notification from Priority Health about choosing a new PCP. If you don't receive a letter, you may be automatically assigned to a PCP. If this should occur, you may always make your own choice about your PCP by contacting Priority Health directly. For all other patients not insured through Priority Health, you will need to make a decision about who your primary care physician will be as well. Please make arrangements to transition your primary care to your new PCP.

We look forward to continuing to see you for your obstetric and gynecologic care. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call us at 616-392-5973.

Sincerely,

*The Physicians of Ob/Gyn Associates of Holland PC*